

Legislative Exceptional Items: Texas A&M Task Force 1 (TX-TF1), Search and Rescue Enhancements



EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS

Purchase four high-profile water evacuation vehicles

Existing vehicles are unreliable and frequently break down, impacting mission effectiveness

New high-profile vehicles are purpose-built and will increase life-saving mission capability

Allows responders to evacuate large groups of people out of a flood or hurricane disaster

Create and support a regional task force in the Rio Grande Valley region

Response time for trained personnel to respond from College Station would be reduced by a locally available resource

More lives can be saved during disasters by supporting personnel and equipment in the region

Purchase twelve inflatable rescue boats with trailers and motors

Provide more available rescue boats across the state to increase water rescue capabilities

Additional local jurisdictions would have access to boats during disaster emergencies to conduct rapid response to save lives



2018

**TX-TF1 DEPLOYED 18 TIMES, SAVING LIVES
DURING WIDE-SPREAD HURRICANES AND
EVACUATING THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FROM
DANGEROUS FLOOD WATERS**

583

Personnel
Deployed

97

Texas Counties
Served

5

US&R Task Forces Deployed

57

Water Rescue Squads
Deployed

2,252,712

Work Hours Deployed

35

Helicopter Rescue Swimmers
Deployed

TEXAS COUNTIES SERVED

Bee x2, Bexar x4, Brazos x4, Brown, Burnet x2, Cameron x2, Collin, Coryell, Dallas x3, Denton x3, Ellis x2, Fayette, Foard, Fort Bend, Galveston x3, Gillespie x2, Grayson, Grimes, Hayes, Hidalgo x4, Hill x2, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble x2, Kleberg x2, Live Oak, Llano x4, Live Oak, Mason, McLennan x2, Medina, Menard, Midland, Navarro x2, Nueces x3, Parker, San Patricio, San Saba, Starr, Tarrant x3, Taylor, Throckmorton, Travis x6, Trinity, Uvalde x2, Victoria x5, Walker, Washington x2, Webb, Willacy, Williamson x2, Wise, Wichita

BRIEF SUMMARY OF DEPLOYMENTS

During 2018 Texas A&M Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) responded to 18 deployments. TX-TF1 responded in support of the Texas Division of Emergency Management 10 times, and was deployed by FEMA 8 times. TX-TF1 and its members deployed to severe weather, wild fires, historic floods, building explosions & fires, and hurricanes. TX-TF1 members deployed to Hawaii, California, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and 97 Texas counties saving lives and helping to do the most good for the most people in the least amount of time.