

# 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



# 2019

TX-TF1 DEPLOYED 17 TIMES, SAVING  
HUNDREDS OF LIVES DURING RECORD  
FLOODING AND EVACUATING THOUSANDS  
OF PEOPLE FROM DANGEROUS SITUATIONS

**577**

Personnel  
Deployed

**61**

Texas Counties  
Served

**6**

US&R Task Forces Deployed

**55**

Water Rescue Squads  
Deployed

**1,647,912**

Work Hours Deployed

**12**

Helicopter Rescue Swimmers  
Deployed

## TEXAS COUNTIES SERVED

Austin x2, Bastrop, Bexar x2, Blanco, Brazoria x2, Brazos x6, Brown, Cameron x3, Chambers, Comal, Dallas, Dallas, Fort Bend, Galveston x3, Hardin, Harris x2, Hidalgo, Hill x2, Jefferson x3, Liberty, Llano, McLennan x4, Montgomery, Navarro x3, Nueces, Orange, Smith, Taylor x2, Tom Green x2, Travis x2, Uvalde, Victoria x2, Walker, Washington, Wichita, Willacy

## BRIEF SUMMARY OF DEPLOYMENTS

During 2019 Texas A&M Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) responded to 17 deployments. TX-TF1 responded in support of the Texas Division of Emergency Management 11 times, and was deployed by FEMA 6 times. TX-TF1 and its members deployed to severe weather, historic floods, tropical storms, and hurricanes. TX-TF1 members deployed to Louisiana, Oklahoma, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and 60 Texas counties saving lives and helping to do the most good for the most people in the least amount of time.