

# 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



# 2020

**TX-TF1 DEPLOYED A RECORD-BREAKING  
21 TIMES, SAVING LIVES IN THE MIDDLE OF  
HURRICANES AND EVACUATING HUNDREDS  
OF PEOPLE FROM DANGEROUS SITUATIONS**

**950**

Personnel  
Deployed

**56**

Texas Counties  
Served

**11**

US&R Task Forces Deployed

**47**

Water Rescue Squads  
Deployed

**3,237,600**

Work Hours Deployed

**11**

Helicopter Rescue Swimmers  
Deployed

## TEXAS COUNTIES SERVED

Atascosa, Bexar x2, Brazoria, Brazos x5, Calhoun, Chambers x2, Dallas x4, Denton, Fort Bend x2, Galveston x3, Gregg, Hardin x2, Harris x4, Hidalgo, Jasper x2, Jefferson x3, Kleberg, Live Oak, Matagorda, Newton x2, Nueces, Orange x3, Polk, Refugio, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Tarrant x2, Travis, Tyler, Victoria x3, Walker x2, Washington

## BRIEF SUMMARY OF DEPLOYMENTS

During 2020 Texas A&M Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) responded a record breaking 21 deployments in a single year. TX-TF1 responded in support of the Texas Division of Emergency Management 8 times, and was deployed by FEMA 13 times. TX-TF1 and its members deployed to tornados, an earthquake, flash floods, wild fires, and the most active hurricane season in North Atlantic history. TX-TF1 members deployed to Puerto Rico, Louisiana, Oregon, and 56 Texas counties saving lives and helping to do the most good for the most people in the least amount of time.