

Deployment Statistics

Lasted a total of 10 days

147 Personnel activated supporting the following resources:

- 24 Water Rescue Squads
- 15 Helicopter Search and Rescue Technicians

Teams completed:

- 10 Rescues
- 25 Evacuations
- 105 Shelter-in-place

Type – **RAIN**



From Oct. 16-20, 2018, Texas A&M Task Force 1 deployed Water Rescue Squads in response to torrential rains and historic flooding of rivers across much of Texas. At the request of the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), TX-TF1 deployed twelve Water Rescue Squads, four Water Group Supervisors, and three Support Specialists. The main concern was flooding along the Colorado River as well as the surrounding Rio Grande valley. Governor Abbot declared a state of emergency in 18 counties.

In addition, TX-TF 1 deployed nine Helicopter Search & Rescue Technicians (HSART), one HSART Manager, and HSART working with the Air Coordination group. The teams were operating from Texas Military Department Blackhawk and Lakota helicopters to provide hoist-rescue capabilities in the affected areas. On October 20, most resources were demobilized leaving only a few HSART personnel and the South Division.

On October 23, nine Water Rescue Teams, three Water Group Supervisors, and three Support Specialists were re-activated and sent to new divisions in Central, East, and West Texas in preparation for more flooding. TX-TF1 and TX-TF2 each deployed a Search Mission Ready Package to support search operations for the missing person in the Junction Area, along the Llano River. They also performed multiple other searches and damage assessments.

TX-TF1 and TX-TF2 teams demobilized on Oct. 25, and returned to their home stations after no requests for assistance were made. Texas had its wettest October on record with 6.86 inches of precipitation.

