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To provide a coordinated effort including the necessary personnel and equipment to locate, extricate, rescue and provide immediate medical treatment to victims trapped as a result of a natural or manmade disaster.

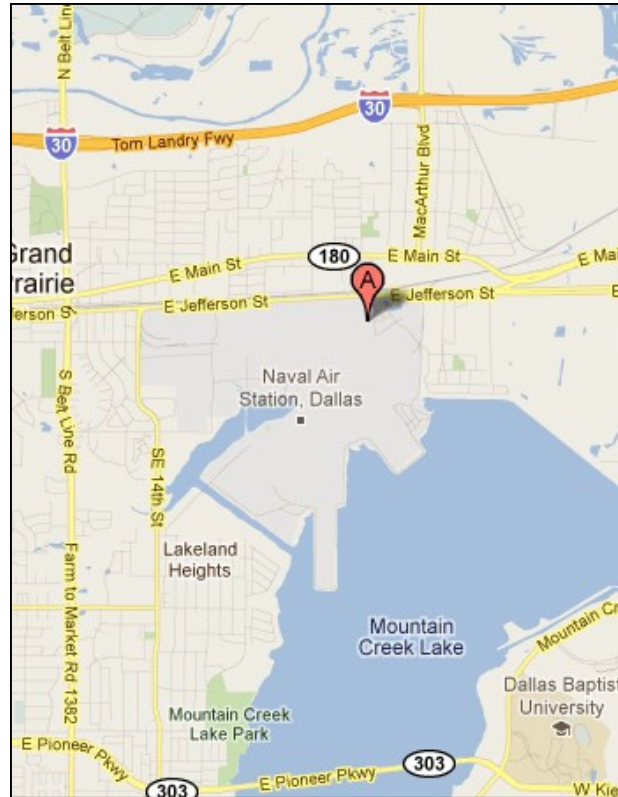
The Texas Task Force 2 Urban Search & Rescue Team will rapidly mobilize to assist municipal, state, and federal agencies when called upon.

HISTORY

In 2004, the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department proposed the concept of a regional Urban Search and Rescue Task Force to the North Central Texas Council of Governments. The team would have the capability of responding anywhere in the 16 county area of the NCTCOG.

The team became active on April 1, 2007 as Texas Task Force 2 (TX-TF2) as a FEMA equivalent Type 3 Urban Search and Rescue Team. In that same year, the team became an asset to the State of Texas and deployed to Hurricane Dean. Over the succeeding years, the team deployed to six State of Texas deployments.

In 2009 the team received funding from the State of Texas to enhance the teams development to a FEMA equivalent Type 1 team. A number of participating agencies joined in the development of the team. Along with the City of Dallas, the team is made up of over 200 members from DFW Airport, Richardson Fire Department, Irving Fire Department, Garland Fire Department, Haltom City Fire Department, Farmers Branch Fire Department, Bedford Fire Department, Burleson Fire Department, University of Texas Health Science Center Dallas, Commerce Fire Department, McKinney Fire Department, and Travis County Emergency Services District.



Texas Task Force 2 headquarters are located off 8200 W. Jefferson Blvd, Dallas, Texas at the Hensley Field Operations Center.

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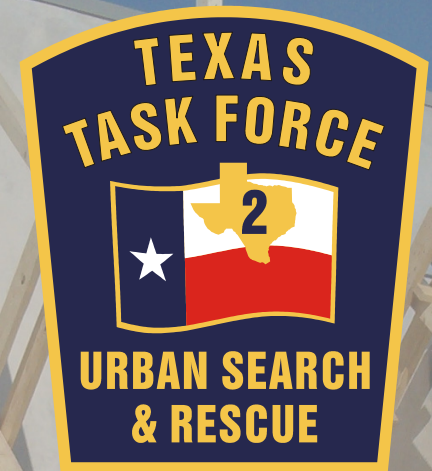
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TEXAS TASK FORCE 2 FACT SHEET

Texas Task Force 2 is a Type I and Type III, Urban Search and Rescue Task Force that serves the citizens of Texas and the counties of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

The Task Force provides immediate Search and Rescue response with three teams of 70 members ready to respond in six hours plus an on-duty compliment of 28 members ready to respond in one hour.

Team members are trained in all aspects of technical search and rescue along with tactical medical support and structural assessment.

COMPOSITION

- 70-person tactical unit for search and rescue operations.
 - ◇ Multi-disciplinary organization:
 - ◇ Search element
 - ◇ Medical element
 - ◇ Rescue element
 - ◇ Technical support element, including hazardous materials
 - ◇ Command element.
- Totally self-sufficient for the first 72 hours of operation.
- Full equipment cache to support the Task Force's operations.

CAPABILITIES

- Capable of round-the-clock search and rescue operations (two 12-hour shifts).
- Search operations:
 - ◇ Physical
 - ◇ Canine
 - ◇ Electronic.
- Rescue operations in various types of structures:
 - ◇ Wood frame
 - ◇ Steel frame
 - ◇ Un-reinforced masonry
 - ◇ Reinforced concrete.
- Sophisticated medical treatment capabilities limited to:
 - ◇ Injured Task Force members; and
 - ◇ Initial treatment of victims encountered during operations.
- Technical support capabilities for Task Force operations:
 - ◇ Structural integrity assessments;
 - ◇ Liaison with heavy equipment/crane operators
 - ◇ On and off site communication capabilities within Task Force, the Incident Support Team, and the local jurisdiction; and
 - ◇ Hazardous materials assessments and decontamination



TASK FORCE SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

- Transportation
 - ◇ Vehicles/aircraft needed for the movement of the Task Force and cache;
 - ◇ Medical transport required for extricated victims; and
 - ◇ Evacuation required for any injured Task Force member.
- Communications
 - ◇ It would be advantageous to provide the Task Force with a radio from the host jurisdiction;
 - ◇ Reporting requirements need to be identified (how/when); and
 - ◇ Secure communications with the medical transport and to member evacuation systems.
- Initial strategic/tactical briefing
 - ◇ If available, copies of past, current, and future Incident Action Plans should be provided; and
 - ◇ Strategic/tactical assignment clearly identified for the Task Force.
- Media considerations
 - ◇ The local jurisdiction's Public Information Officer (PIO) should be identified; and
 - ◇ The local jurisdiction's media procedures (info release, interviews, etc.) should be identified.
- Appropriate area maps, building plans, or other information should be provided.