



TEXAS TASK FORCE 2 URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE

Information Update

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RESCUE DEPT.

Participating Agencies

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FIRE DEPT.

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DEPT.

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BRANCH FIRE
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ASSOCIATES

MOBEX

I want to thank all of the members who participated in the Texas Task Force 2 Mobilization Exercises last week. I also want to thank all of the members who organized and managed the exercise as well. A special thanks to White team Search Manager, Ken Sutcliff for doing an excellent job with the training. For those of you who were unable to attend the exercise, please make sure that you have all of your equipment and bags ready to go. Unfortunately, we will not be able to issue equipment during a real mobilization. If you still have not picked up your equipment, you will have to make arrangements with the program office to do so. Equipment days are announced when we have enough people in need of equipment to schedule one.

HURRICANE SEASON

Hurricane season began on June 1st. We have already had one Tropical Storm/Hurricane targeted for the Texas coast. The TX-TF2 program office receives updates from the State Operations Center (SOC) continually. We are working on some updates to the TTXTF2 website (www.txtf2.com) that will allow us to post Situation Reports (SITREPS) to the website in a secure area. During these hurricane events, please check the website for updates. As the events get closer to Texas and when the Task Force is on alert, we will send out notifications via email through this list server. When we receive STAND UP notifications, we will be using the Communicator NXT system to notify you more directly.

Note: Please do not call the program office for updates during times of high activity. We understand your need to know all that you can. The posting of SITREPS on the website and through the list server is our way of trying to keep you informed. If we have events such as the tornado in Lancaster, you are welcome to come to Hensley Field and we will put you to work either assisting the coordination team or assisting Logistics or Comms in making preparations. Please do not put yourself at risk by trying to travel through dangerous weather areas to come to Hensley Field.

CALENDAR

The TTXTF2 website now has an online Calendar of Events. Please check the Calendar periodically for upcoming events affecting TX-TF2.

COMMUNICATOR NXT

We still have a number of people on the Task Force who have not completed the registration for Communicator NXT. July 1st is the last time we will send out notifications through the IAMRESPONDING system. If you have not registered



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on the new system by then, you will NOT receive deployment notifications. To register, go to www.txtf2.com and go to the MEMBERS page. From there, go to the Communicator NXT page and follow the directions. If you are having problems or have questions, please contact the program office.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

Stuart Grant- Blue Team Task Force Leader has just been promoted to Deputy Chief over the Dallas Fire-Rescue Special Operations Division. Texas Task Force 2 and the Dallas Urban Search and Rescue program fall under his command. We are lucky to have Stuart in this position and look forward to much more progress in the development of the team under his leadership.

Roy Ferguson- White Team Task Force Leader is retiring after over 41 years of service to the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department. Roy (Scooby) will continue to be an active member of Texas Task Force 2, but he will be more active fishing on Cedar Creek Lake.

Tim Mock - ATFL (Red Team) retired from Richardson Fire Department and assumed the position of Assistant Chief with the McKinney Fire Department. We are proud of Tim's accomplishments and look forward to his continued involvement with TX-TF2.

McKinney Fire Department- The City of McKinney City Council has recently approved a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Dallas to participate on Texas Task Force 2. Keri Grant has been a long time member of the Task Force as a canine handler, but has had to do so as a civilian. With this new agreement signed, she and Tim Mock will be able to participate under the MOA. This is a huge step forward and will hopefully open the door for more participation from members of the McKinney Fire Department.