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Gainesville, Texas Swift Water Rescue Team Supports Ongoing Multi-Agency Flood Response in Central Texas

July 10, 2025 – Six Gainesville Fire-Rescue firefighters deployed on July 7, 2025, with Texas A&M Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) to assist with relief efforts amid catastrophic flooding in Kerr County, Texas. The team is operating in coordination with various local, state, and federal agencies to support affected communities and ensure public safety.

As of Wednesday, July 9, the team was operating in Kerrville, Texas. Members of TX-TF1 are supporting various critical missions, focusing on wide-area searches along the Guadalupe River. This is a complex incident, requiring highly trained teams working in difficult conditions.

The Gainesville Swift Water Rescue Team (SWRT) is part of a massive coordinated response effort, including agencies from across Texas and the nation. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Gainesville Fire-Rescue's Swift Water Rescue Team

Following the deadly and devastating Pecan Creek flood of 2007, the Gainesville Fire-Rescue department developed its specialized rescue capabilities, including the formation of its Swift Water Rescue Team (SWRT).

In 2009, the SWRT was officially accepted by Texas A&M Task Force 1 as a deployable state asset for water rescue operations across Texas. The team typically deploys with two trucks, two boats, and a six-person crew that includes one Water Squad Officer, one Assistant Water Squad Officer, two boat operators, and two boat Bowman.

Texas A&M Task Force 1

Texas A&M Task Force 1 (TXTF1) functions as one of the 28 federal teams under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)'s National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) System and as a statewide urban search and rescue team under direction of the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM). TXTF1 also coordinates the state's swift water rescue program and the helicopter search and rescue team which works in conjunction with Texas Military Department.



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