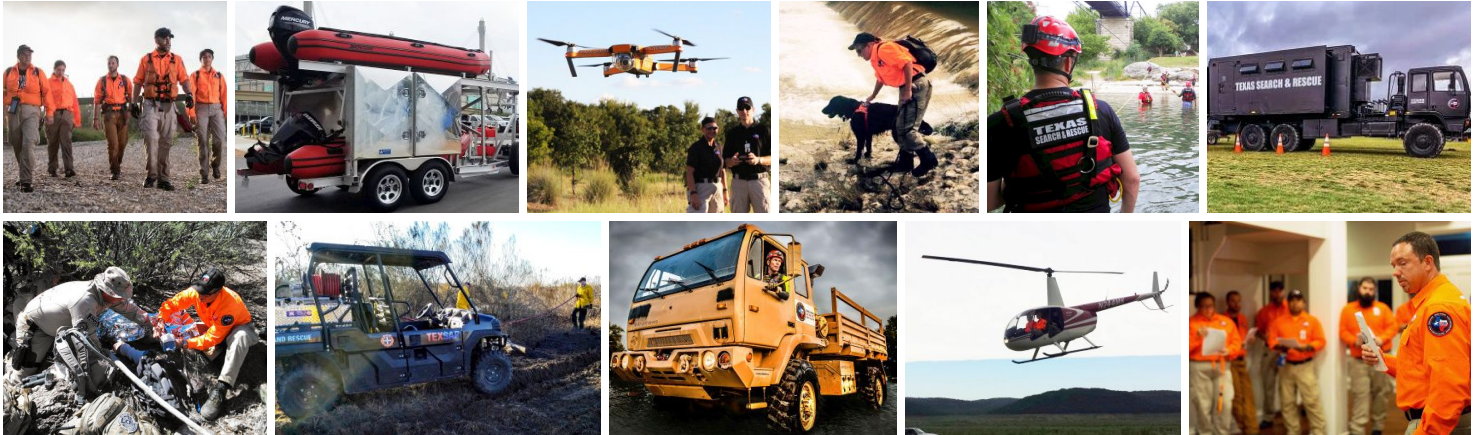




Texas Search and Rescue Capability Statement

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Core Competencies:

- Ground Search and Rescue (GSAR)
- Flood & Swiftwater Rescue (FAST)
- Rescue Boat Operations (RBO)
- Mantracking
- K9 Search and Recovery
- Dive Team Body Recovery
- Lost Person Behavior Analysis
- Incident Management (IMT)
- Aerial Search (Helo and UAV)
- Evidence / Cold Case Search
- Medical Response
- Wildland Fire

Key Differentiators:

- There is never a charge for our services - all services are free to the requesting agency
- TEXSAR only works at the request of law enforcement, fire service, or emergency management
- All TEXSAR personnel are certified technicians in their field of operation (currently over 2000 active certifications)
- TEXSAR responds in all 254 Texas Counties, is fully self-sustainable, and provides all of its operational needs

Organizational Snapshot:

- TEXSAR is an all-volunteer, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization
- Funded by team fundraisers, private donations, and grants
- With over 350 members statewide, TEXSAR is the largest non-paid search and rescue team in Texas
- TEXSAR Equipment: rescue boats (7); evac. boat; high clearance vehicles (5); wildland fire brush truck; ATV's (2); UTV's (5); fire skid; command trailers (2); mobile command units (2); communications trailer; cargo trailers (6)
- TEXSAR has teams located in Central Texas, North Texas, Gulf Coast, and Coastal Bend
- TEXSAR is a GuideStar Gold rated charity and a GreatNonprofits 2017 Top-Rated Nonprofit

Notable Deployments:

- **2019 Tropical Storm Imelda** – Responded to multiple Texas counties with High Clearance Vehicles, FAST, and RBO
- **2017 Hurricane Harvey Flooding** – At the request of 15 separate counties and agencies, provided FAST, RBO, K9, Medical, IMT, and disaster relief resources along the coastal areas of Texas
- **2016 Zuzu Verk Missing Person Case** – Requested by the Texas Rangers; provided GSAR, K9, and Search Mgmt.
- **2016 Lockhart Hot Air Balloon Crash** – Requested by Caldwell Co OEM; provided GSAR and IMT resources
- **2015 Memorial Day Flooding** – Requested by Hays Co OEM; provided FAST, K9, and GSAR resources
- **2014 Onion Creek Flooding** – Requested by Travis Co SO; provided FAST, GSAR, IMT, and Helo resources
- **2013 Big Bend Cathy Frye Rescue** – Requested by TPWD; provided GSAR and Search Planning resources
- **Galveston County Safe and Sound** – Requested by Galveston Co SO and OEM; provides FAST, Medical, and Fire support on the Bolivar Peninsula annually throughout the major holiday weekends

Lost Person Behavior Quick Reference Guide

Lost Person Behavior and Immediate Response Recommendations

Lost Children

- When lost, children seek familiarity, landmarks, or pathways they have experienced
- Focused on endpoints and often neglect routes
- Drawn to animals, water, friends, following older children, and imaginative play
- Follow tracks, trails, and shortcuts that may not make sense to adults; look from a child's perspective
- Hiding in structures or yards is highly common in urban environments
- May hide in trunks, boxes, appliances, outbuildings, and main structures
- Search High Probability Targets:
 - Check historical and previous lost locations
 - Check high hazard areas, water, appliances, trunks, boxes, and inside vehicles (and recheck)
 - Check brush a child may use for cover
 - Perform hasty searches of trails, roads, drainages, and all routes leading away from point last seen
 - Recheck areas near point last seen and missing child's home, including all possible hiding spaces

Lost Cognitively Impaired (Dementia) Adults

- "They go until they get stuck" - often push into impassable areas beyond where one might expect
- Typically non-responsive
- Crossing roads likely, but may also travel great distances along a road or path without deviating
- Memory reverts to a previous time; brief on where in the past they might be living and past activities
- Brush, briars, thick vegetation, and drainages likely find locations
- Search High Probability Targets:
 - Check historical and previous lost locations
 - Check high hazard areas
 - Check previous homes, places of employment, or areas they knew well when younger
 - Ensure heavy brush is searched
 - Perform hasty searches of trails, roads, drainages, and all routes leading away from point last seen
 - Recheck areas near point last seen and missing person's home

TEXSAR's services are always free, and agencies can receive Lost Person Behavior analysis, search planning and management information, SAR resource availability, or deploy any of our resources with one quick call.

If you need assistance, we will be glad to provide initial search consultation for any missing persons case. Please call 24/7 for immediate assistance:

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