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## TX-TF1 leaves for Winter Olympics

By Christina Hoffman

The Texas Task Force-1 (TX-TF1) emergency rescue team flew out of Easterwood Airport Monday for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt

Lake City.
"The Olympic games are classified by the government as a National Security Event, which means that special forces are often called into help with security," said Mike Donoho, assistant fire chief for the Bryan Fire Department and a member of TX-TF1. "This was planned before the Sept. 11 tragedies, but after Sept. 11, national awareness is even higher.'

TX-TF1 is one of six national task force teams designated to protect the Olympics. Seventytwo emergency response professionals from across Texas make up the team, lead by Tim

The task force is trained to respond to any situation involv-

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HOUSTON (AP) -

Beginning this week,

motorists with a lead

foot in the nation's

fourth-largest city are

being told to put on the

Texas Department of

Transportation workers

on Monday were sched-

uled to erect the first 55-mph speed limit

sign under the state's new air pollution plan.

The slower speed lim-

brakes instead.

Members of the team deployed to the World Center in New York Co September to assist in

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