

# 1995-2019

TEXAS A&M ENGINEERING



EXTENSION SERVICE



## 25 Years of Milestones and Moments

# The Early Years

**1919** Texas A&M University offers first Extension course after legislation was passed promoting extension training and public vocational technical education.

**1929** State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association establishes the Firemen's Training School at Texas A&M.

**1940** Industrial Extension Training Service (IES) is founded at Texas A&M.

**1948** The Texas A&M University System is established. IES and Firemen's Training School merge to become the Texas Engineering Extension Service.

**1953** First Municipal Police School is held.

**1960** Construction begins on Brayton Fire Training Field.

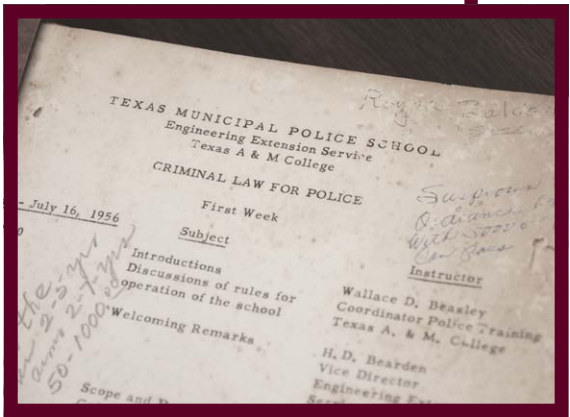
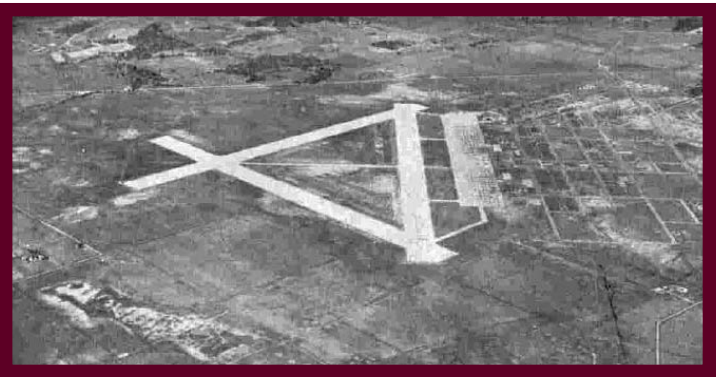
**1962** Texas A&M purchases the former Bryan Air Base and renames it the A&M Riverside Research Annex. TEEX begins to expand programs at the new facility.

**1970** Firefighter Recruit Training Program begins.

**1975** First Regional Training Center opens.

**1982** San Antonio Training Division dedicates complex on S. Presa St.

**1994** TEEX Region VI OSHA Training Institute Education Center is established.





# 1995

Agency Newsletter Highlights 1995-1999



## Center for Marine Training & Safety Unveils Oil Spill Management Simulator System

## Amtrak Train Moves to the Fire Field Nation's First Passenger Train Emergency Response Course Held

## Construction Begins for Unique 'Disaster City'

This may sound unusual but TEEX is building a city so we can knock it down. The city is named "Disaster City," and it's being built adjacent to Brayton Fire Training Field. When completed, this realistic city will have paved streets and include a strip mall, a single-family dwelling, an apartment building and a movie theater – all in various stages of collapse. Disaster City will be used for urban search and rescue, weapons of mass destruction (WMD), and chemical and biological training.

## Emergency Operations Training Center Under Construction

Emergency responders in the 21st century will benefit from the high-tech training and instructional delivery options available at the Emergency Operations Training Center under construction. The EOTC will provide first responders with training in the decision-making process of a unified command system, as well as advanced management training.

## TMAC Grant Awarded

TEEX is Major Partner in Texas  
Manufacturing Assistance  
Center Consortium



## Knowledge Engineering Center Established with Approval from the Board of Regents

## National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center Established by Congress

TEEX has taken two giant steps forward in the national fight against terrorism. Congress passed legislation in the 1998 Appropriations Bill for the Department of Justice, establishing the National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center (NERRTC) at TEEX. Subsequently, NERRTC joined a powerful national domestic counterterrorism consortium, the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium, and TEEX Director Dr. Kem Bennett was elected chair of the consortium. TEEX will now qualify for federal funding to train first responders in cutting-edge technologies related to terrorism, and this will impact many TEEX divisions.

## North Texas Regional Training Center Dedicates New Mesquite facility

## New Masterpiece/Net Financial Information System Goes Online

## TX-TF1 and TEEX Employees Assist in Search and Rescue at Aggie Bonfire Site

## Website Goes Online 5,677 Visitors First Month



## Texas Task Force 1 Becomes First Statewide Urban Search & Rescue team

Texas Task Force 1 assembled at TEEX for its kickoff meeting on Feb. 14, 1997. The state's first urban search and rescue team includes 124 members. TEEX has allocated \$700,000 to begin procuring the necessary search and rescue equipment for the team. Additional funding is being sought from the Texas Legislature to equip, train and operate the task force.

The team was formed after TEEX called together an Urban Search and Rescue Advisory Board last year to discuss how Texas could prepare for an event of the proportions of the Murrah Federal Building bombing in Oklahoma City. TEEX is the primary agency responsible for coordinating urban search and rescue (US&R) efforts under the State of Texas Emergency Management Plan.

Divisions Develop Computer-based Training

# 1999

# 2000

Agency Newsletter Highlights 2000-2004

## TX-TF1 Joins Rescue and Recovery Effort at World Trade Center

Texas Task Force 1 was deployed to New York City to assist in rescue and recovery efforts at the site of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. It was the team's first national call-out by the Federal Emergency Management Agency after joining the federal system.

Approximately 72 team members, including four canines, left for New York City on Sept. 17, 2001, to replace emergency workers who had been at the site since the Sept. 11th attack. TX-TF1 includes rescue specialists, hazardous material specialists, structural engineers, medical personnel and logistics specialists.

"Texas Task Force 1 stands ready to serve this nation," said TEEX Director G. Kemble Bennett. "We carry the hopes and prayers of all Texans with us as we depart to serve our country."



## TX-TF1 receives FEMA designation

## Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Prop Will Provide Realistic Training



## TEEX Completes New Firing Range at Texas A&M Riverside Campus

It takes a lot to stop a bullet speeding at 3,000 feet per second, but TEEX has done just that with the agency's newly rebuilt gun range, located at the Texas A&M Riverside Campus. The range is steel-fortified with a "bullet trap" device capable of stopping up to a 50-caliber round. Cadets in the Central Texas Police Academy train at 20 separate shooting stations with turning targets. The range is also used for training by Brazos Valley law enforcement agencies.

## OSHA Training Institute First to Offer Construction Safety Classes in Spanish

## 50th Basic Economic Development Course Delivered

## EMS Program to Offer Paramedic Training

## Virtual Incident Command Training Introduced at the Emergency Operations Training Center

## Maggie is First Canine Member of Texas Task Force 1

## Curriculum Review and Revision \$8 Million Initiative Launched

## One of World's Largest Liquefied Natural Gas Training Props Built at Brayton Fire Training Field



## 75th Anniversary Celebration of the Municipal Fire School

More than 4,500 people celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Texas Municipal Fire Training School at the Brayton Fire Training Field on July 28, 2004. The evening celebration was the capstone of the week-long school, which drew more than 2,200 firefighters representing 734 fire departments from every corner of the state and beyond, along with nearly 500 volunteer guest instructors.

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Les Bunte, Division Director of the Emergency Services Training Institute, in recognition of the 75th anniversary and the contributions of the Texas Municipal Fire Training School. The first Municipal School was held in 1930 as part of the Texas A&M Chemistry Department and attracted 196 firefighters.

# 2004



# 2005

Agency Newsletter Highlights 2005-2009

## Texas Task Force 1 Deploys to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina

FEMA deployed Texas Task Force 1 to Louisiana twice in response Hurricane Katrina. Approximately 200 TX-TF1 members were involved in the two missions, and they assisted with 13,000 rescues and evacuations from the New Orleans floodwaters. The team returned from the second mission to prepare for the landfall of Hurricane Rita along the Texas Coast. They were deployed 27 days over a five-week period.

## TEEX Wellness Program Announced



## TEEX helps to prepare state, nation for Pandemic H1N1 Flu Outbreak

## Groundbreaking Held for EOTC Expansion

## State of Texas and TEEX Develop a Public Works Response Team

## TEEX and Qatar Petroleum Building Emergency Services Training Campus in Ras Laffan

## World War II Hangar Converted to Utilities Training Facility

A vintage World War II hangar at the Riverside Campus has been transformed into TEEX's state-of-the-art training facility for utility workers. The 20,000-square-foot training venue was unveiled at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Oct. 17, 2005, in conjunction with the opening of the Southwest Electrical Metering School.



## Forensic Science Academy Established, Offers Certificate Programs

TEEX Public Safety & Security has established the Forensic Science Academy, a comprehensive program to train law enforcement personnel and civilians who process crime scenes. Certificate programs will be offered, including Forensic Technician, Forensic Investigator and more.

## NERRTC Assists Texas in Completing Largest Preparedness Exercise in History

## Technology and Economic Development

Division Receives Grant to Study Impact of Hurricane Ike

## H.D. Smith Operations Complex Dedicated at Brayton Fire Training Field



## TEEX Training Helps Rescuers Save Passengers on Jet that Crash Landed in Hudson River

TEEX trained many responders who coordinated the successful rescue operation when a U.S. Airways jet crash landed in the Hudson River in 2009. An official from the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security & Preparedness said: "Please thank the staff of TEEX for their help in preparing our first responders and private sector for this port emergency...Good outcomes during emergencies always start with good training."



## NJ Transit and The Port Authority of NY & NJ Contract with TEEX for Planning, Training & Exercises

## Structural Collapse Project 133 Unveiled at Disaster City

# 2009

# 2010

Agency Newsletter Highlights 2010-2014

## New Cybersecurity Courses Help to Counter Cyber Threats

TEEX, a founding member of the National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium, has added face-to-face cybersecurity courses to its suite of 10 online, no-cost courses aimed at detecting, preventing, responding to and recovering from cyber attacks. The courses, which are designed for non-technical audiences, are eligible for CEUs and certified by the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA. The online courses are also recommended for college credit by the American Council on Education (ACE).

## Self-Aid/Buddy Aid (SABA) Training Offered



## Law Enforcement Training Marks 70th Anniversary

## EMS Lab Opens for Realistic Training with a Working Ambulance



## Wiatt Training Complex Dedicated

TEEX dedicated the Robert E. "Bob" Wiatt Physical Skills Training Complex at a ceremony at the Riverside Campus on May 16, 2013. Named in honor of former FBI agent and Director of Security and Police at Texas A&M University, the 10,500-square-foot facility includes an instructional area along with a weight and cardio training area. It will serve the cadets of TEEX's Central Texas Police Academy, where Wiatt had served as an instructor.

## TEEX OSHA Training Institute Celebrates 20th Anniversary

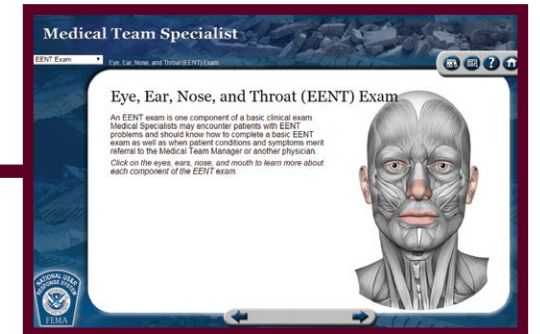
## First Water/Wastewater School at Texas A&M Draws Nearly 200 Participants

## 40 Teens Attend 1st Cybersecurity Camp

## Agency's New Name: Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service

## FEMA selects TEEX to Provide Training for National Urban Search & Rescue Response System

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded TEEX a contract to provide all of the Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) training for the National US&R Response System. In addition to delivering US&R courses, TEEX will develop new courses, update course curriculum, and deploy an online Training Portal and Learning Management System for the national FEMA US&R System. The contract can be extended up to five years for a combined total of \$9.8 million.



## TEEX Partners with National Center for Spectator Sports Safety and Security



## Safety Slogan Contest

In an agency-wide contest, employees submitted and voted on the winning TEEX Safety Slogan.

## Disaster City Robotics Testing Scenarios Parallel Conditions in Japanese Tsunami

# 2014



# 2015

Agency Newsletter Highlights 2015-2019

## Retired TX-TF1 canine Bretagne visits 9/11 Memorial

Retired Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) search canine Bretagne, who deployed to search the site of the World Trade Center in New York City after the 9/11 attacks, received international recognition. Bretagne and her handler Denise Corliss traveled to New York City where they visited the 9/11 Memorial and appeared on the Today Show. Bretagne died peacefully on June 6, 2016, in Cypress, Texas.



## TX-TF1 New Name: Texas A&M Task Force 1



## TMAC Training Center in Houston Holds Open House

TMAC Training Center has opened in Houston to better serve small and mid-sized manufacturers in the Gulf Coast region and expand the reach of TEEEX programs to customers in the Houston metro area. TEEEX and the Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center (TMAC) held a ribbon-cutting and open house on April 12, 2016.

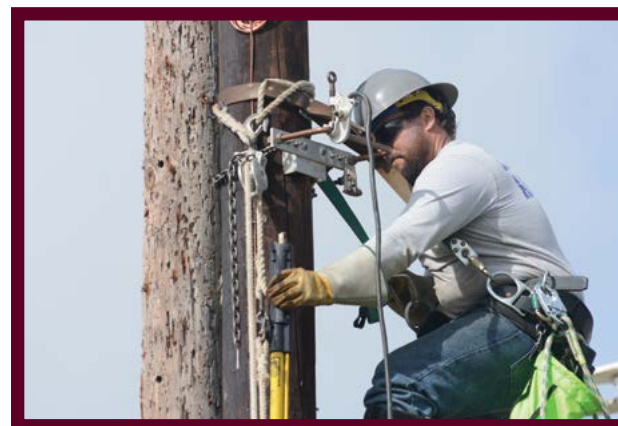
## TEEEX Boosts Local Economy by \$202 Million Annually

## New Program Supports Safe Operation of Unmanned Aerial Systems

## Los Alamos National Laboratory

TEEEX Takes Active Role With System Partners

## First Safety and Equipment Rodeo Roundup Held



## Lineman Academy Launched at RELLIS

A new academy at the RELLIS Campus will train workers for the electric power industry, to fill the need for employees to scale utility poles and keep electricity flowing. The TEEEX Lineman Academy was launched on April 18, 2018, by a joint memorandum of agreement between TEEEX and Blinn College. The 480-hour certificate program will be delivered over a 15-week period, and is approved for VA Education benefits.

## TEEEX Develops Training for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

## Product Development Center Receives \$1.5 Million DoD contract

## TEEEX, Blinn College Partnering to Meet Growing Demand for Workforce Training

## Agency Assists in Response to Hurricane Harvey and Supports the Rebuild Texas Efforts

## TX-TF1 Honored by Legislature on 20th Anniversary

## RELLIS Campus Announcement Chancellor Plans to Invest \$150 Million

The Texas A&M University System has unveiled plans to invest \$150 million to create a new research and development campus to help companies move ideas from the laboratory to the marketplace while also offering a new path toward a college degree. The campus will be located at a revamped and renamed Riverside Campus.



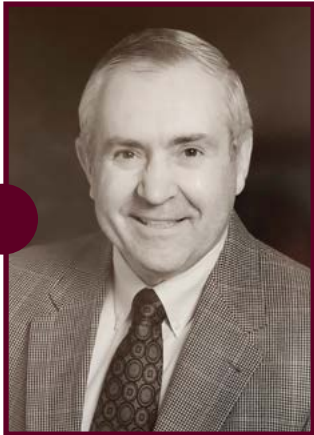
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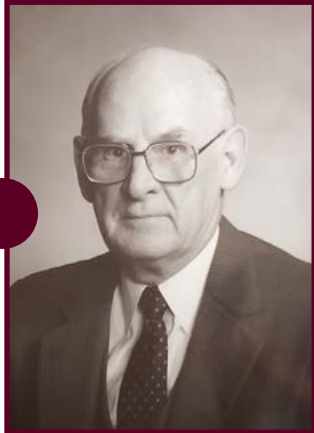
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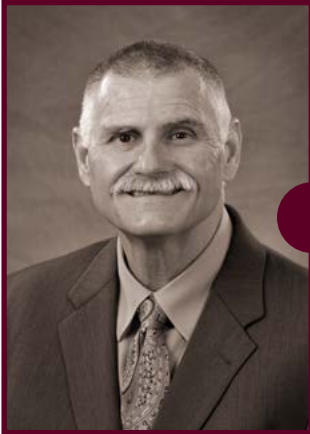
Robert L. "Lanny"  
Smith  
2003-2007



James R. Bradley  
1973-1992



John C. Calhoun  
1955-1957



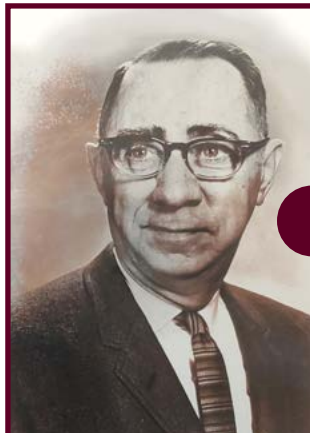
Gary Sera  
2007-2018



G. Kemble  
Bennett  
1992-2002



H. D. Bearden  
1957-1973



H. W. Barlow  
1948-1955

VALUES

- Safety*      *We place safety and well-being above all by focusing on prevention and response.*
- Teamwork*      *We embrace collaboration and encourage involvement.*
- Adaptability*      *We rapidly adjust to the needs of our team members, our customers, and our environment.*
- Respect*      *We value the unique skills and ideas of every individual.*
- Stewardship*      *We commit to the wise management of our human, natural, and material resources.*

MISSION

*TEEX makes a difference by providing training, developing practical solutions, and saving lives.*

