

Local Game Warden Provides TX Flood Assistance

(KAIR)--A Jefferson County game warden is among a 14-member Kansas Department of Wildlife Parks, and Tourism team assisting with Hurricane Harvey search and rescue efforts.

According to Ron Kaufman, spokesman for the department, Ryan Smidt was among the 13 other game wardens who departed from Wichita early Thursday morning en route to Texas.

The team will use seven boats consisting of four flat-bottom jon boats, two enclosed rescue air boats and one open air boat, as well as their mobile command trailer.

Upon arrival, the game wardens received their working assignments at College Station, Texas.

their objectives will be search and rescue, providing basic life support medical care, transporting people and animals to the nearest location for secondary air or land transport, providing shore-based and boat-based water rescue, and support helicopter and urban search and water rescue.

The boats they are equipped with will allow the game wardens to enter waters too shallow for conventional watercraft.

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