Hurricane Harvey Inspires BSEE’s Lake Jackson District Heroes

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ANGLETON, Texas. – In the midst of tremendous loss and suffering in the wake of Hurricane Harvey, several Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement employees in the Lake Jackson District have joined the “Texas Navy” while other employees are providing direct aid to those in need of help. Some of these heroic BSEE employees have already suffered losses of their own, but that has not deterred them from joining with relief agencies and volunteer rescuers to provide assistance to the victims of this historic storm.

Harvey unleashed its wrath on a wide swath of Texas and Louisiana, leaving thousands stranded in flooded homes and forcing thousands more to seek shelter elsewhere. As this story plays out on national television networks, most of us watch the extent of the damage and suffering from afar. In the area south of Houston, BSEE employees are part of the story. In spite of the tremendous impact of the disaster, the work of these heroes, as well as the massive outpouring of aid and relief from all parts of the nation, is inspiring.

Inspector Joe Trevino helps cook and serve food to displaced people and first responders.

Inspector Jacob Trevino used his lifted truck to rescue a family member from the second house on the right during flooding from Harvey in Dickinson, Texas.
Not all stories make headlines: Michelle Shockley, Operations Assistant, rescued a puppy and is trying to locate the owner or find a home for him. The puppy looks to be about 8-10 weeks old and may be a lab breed. Michelle is former Air Force and a guard dog trainer.

Inspector Kirby Calhoun volunteered his boat and time to conduct 24 rescue operations that saved about 75 lives in one day. He continues to conduct rescues.