



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

### New Information in Blue Text

<b>Event Name</b>	<b>24-0002 07 JAN Severe Weather</b>
<b>Date</b>	January 9, 2024
<b>Time</b>	10:00 AM
<b>Operational Period</b>	8:00 AM January 8 to 8:00 AM January 9, 2024
<b>Report Number</b>	1

### Regions Affected

<b>TDEM Regions Affected</b>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
<b>DDs Active</b>	1,2

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** On January 7, 2024, Governor Greg Abbott directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to raise the readiness level of the Texas State Operations Center (SOC) to Level II (Escalated Response) ahead of multiple weather threats.

The National Weather Service (NWS) stated a system of storms began impacting the state on Monday, January 8, 2024. These storms include strong winds, snow, critical fire weather conditions, and severe thunderstorms. Snowfall and dangerous wind chills are expected to impact the Panhandle. Fire weather conditions are anticipated in West and Southwest Texas. Severe thunderstorms with large hail, heavy rainfall, and flash flooding threats are expected to impact East and Southeast Texas. Strong winds are possible across the state with gusts reaching 60-70 miles per. Texans are encouraged to monitor local weather forecasts.

At the direction of Governor Abbott, TDEM requested the following agencies report to the SOC and ensure their resources are standing by to deploy as needed:

- **Texas Department of Transportation:** Pre-treating and treating of roadways and monitoring road conditions has begun.
- **Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (Texas A&M Task Force 1):** Urban Search & Rescue Teams, Swiftwater Boat Squads, and a Water Group Supervisor have been called up.
- **Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):** Firefighting personnel, heavy equipment (including motor graders for snow removal), saw crews, and Incident Management Teams are on standby.

- **Texas Department of State Health Services (Texas Emergency Medical Task Force):** Are ready to provide Winter and Severe Weather Packages.
- **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):** TCEQ is monitoring air, water, and wastewater.
- **Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service:** 22 Disaster assessment and recovery agents are on standby.
- **Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC):** TAHC is coordinating animal and agricultural resources.
- **Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC):** Power outages are being monitored and coordination has begun with utility providers across the threat area.
- **The Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC):** Monitoring of the state’s natural gas supply has begun with communication to the oil and gas industry.
- **Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS):** Texas Highway Patrol Troopers and the Tactical Marine Units are on standby.
- **Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD):** Game Wardens and Boat Squads are on standby.
- **Texas National Guard:** Personnel and equipment to support response efforts are on standby.
- **Texas Department of Information Resources:** Technology infrastructure is being monitored.
- **Texas Education Agency:** School districts across the state are being monitored.
- **Texas Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (Texas VOAD):** Coordination of volunteer organizations across the state for response has begun.

Texans are urged to make an emergency plan, follow instructions from local officials and first responders, and keep an emergency supply kit. Texans can access weather safety information by visiting [TexasReady.gov](https://TexasReady.gov), locate warming centers at [tdem.texas.gov/warm](https://tdem.texas.gov/warm), check road conditions at [DriveTexas.org](https://DriveTexas.org), and obtain flood tracking information at [TexasFlood.org](https://TexasFlood.org).

### **OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:**

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

### **Region 1 (Includes DDs 1, 2, and 7)**

DD 1 – Amarillo (Includes Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, and Wheeler Counties)

DD 1 – Amarillo: DDEOC 1 has been activated to Level III.

TxDOT and TPWD: There have been 2 calls for stranded motorists and both agencies continue to search for stranded motorists..

**Warming Centers:**

Textline Methodist Church 301 E. Walnut St. Textline, TX 79087

Dallam County Sheriff’s Office 1202 E. 16<sup>th</sup> St. Dalhart, TX 79022 (standby)

Code Blue 207 North Tyler St. Amarillo, TX opens at 7:00 PM / POC 806-414-2343

DD 2 – Lubbock (Includes Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry, and Yoakum Counties)

DD 2 – Lubbock: DDEOC 2 has been activated to Level III.

DD 7 – Abilene (Includes Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, and Taylor Counties)

**Region 2 (Includes DDs 3, 4, and 22)**

DD 3 – Wichita Falls (Includes Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Wichita, Wilbarger, and Young Counties)

DD 4 – Dallas/Ft. Worth (Includes Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Erath, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Somervell, Tarrant, and Wise Counties)

DD 22 – Sherman (Includes Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties)

**Region 3 (Includes DDs 5, 6, 14, and 15)**

DD 5 – Mt. Pleasant (Includes Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, and Titus Counties)

DD 6 – Tyler (Includes Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties)

DD 14 – Lufkin (Includes Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, and Tyler Counties)

DD 15 – Beaumont (Includes Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange Counties)

#### **Region 4 (Includes DD 16)**

DD 16 – Houston (Includes Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton Counties)

#### **Region 5 (Includes DDs 19-21)**

DD 19 – Laredo (Includes Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb, and Zapata, Counties)

DD 20 – Corpus Christi (Includes Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patricio Counties)

DD 21 – Weslaco (Includes Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties)

#### **Region 6 (Includes DDs 17, 18, and 24)**

DD 17 – Victoria (Includes Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Lavaca, Jackson, and Victoria Counties)

DD 18 – San Antonio (Includes Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, McMullen, Medina, and Wilson Counties)

DD 24 – Del Rio (Includes Dimmit, Edwards, La Salle, Kinney, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala Counties)

#### **Region 7 (Includes DDs 8, 9, and 10)**

DD 8 – El Paso (Includes Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, and Presidio Counties)

DD 9 – Midland/Ft. Stockton (Includes Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Reeves, Terrell, Upton, Ward, and Winkler Counties)

DD 10 – San Angelo (Includes Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, and Tom Green Counties)

#### **Region 8 (Includes DDs 11, 12, 13, and 23)**

DD 11 – Waco (Includes Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone, and McLennan Counties)

DD 12 – Austin (Includes Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis, and Williamson Counties)

DD 13 – Bryan (Includes Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson, and Washington Counties)

Leon County: Wind has blown a radio antenna onto adjacent power lines causing a temporary power outage in the Hilltop Lakes area.

DD 23 – Killeen (Includes Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba Counties)

Hamilton Municipal Airport incurred damages from the severe weather. Several buildings were destroyed.

## RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

### STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

#### Texas Division of Emergency Management:

**Mass Care ESF6:** was activated at 10:00 hours, on January 8, 2024.

**Sheltering:** 31 seasonal relief centers have been open as of 1300hrs, January 9, 2024.

**Food Services:** None.

**Distribution of Supplies:** None.

**Reunification:** None.

State and VOAD partners remain on standby ready to support Mass Care services at the local level.

**Incident Support Task Force (I.S.T.F):** HQ and regional staff are actively assessing the weather and communicating with locals for any unmet needs.

<b>Warming Centers as of 5:00 AM</b>	
<b>Region</b>	<b># Open</b>
1	31
2	0
3	0
4	0
5	0
6	0
7	0
8	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>

## **Texas A&M University System Agencies listed next in Alphabetical Order**

### **Texas A&M University Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (TAMU-CVM)**

#### **Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX):**

At the request of TDEM, Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) has activated Texas A&M Task Force 1(TX-TF1) for Type 3 US&R teams, Type 3 Swift Water Boat Squads (consisting of 4 boats), and a Water Group Supervisor Package. 63 personnel are assigned.

**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Texas Task Force 1 (TEEX/TX-TF1):** TX-TF1 activated on January 8, 2024, and will pre-position in College Station.

**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Texas Task Force 2 (TEEX/TX-TF2):** TX-TF2 is on standby.

**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Texas Public Works Response Team (TEEX/TX-PWRT):** TX-PWRT continues to support and coordinate operations.

#### **Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services:**

22 Disaster Assessment and Recovery agents, County Extension Strike Team members, and the Texas Animal Health Commission, are on standby to support ESF11 for animal response and recovery efforts.

Texas A&M AgriLife Marketing and Communications has distributed preparedness and educational resources through the Texas EDEN website and the county agent network to support local governments.

Slide sets were pushed out to State, Regional and District Extension Administration for situational awareness.

#### **Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):**

TAMFS has activated the Amarillo Office for snow removal and response operations. TxDOT Amarillo District and the local TFS Office are clearing roads.

## **Texas State Agencies listed in Alphabetical Order**

#### **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):**

TCEQ has staff available for air, water (including potable water), and waste response.

**Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS):**

TXDPS Troopers in the Panhandle area are actively monitoring road conditions as temperatures drop and anticipate an increase in calls for service. TXDPS stands ready to provide assistance.

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):**

TPWD has prepared resources consisting of Texas Game Wardens and State Park Police Officers to support as needed.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):**

- Amarillo, Lubbock, and Childress districts are currently staffed for 24-hour operations. Crews have pretreated the roadways.
- Amarillo District is currently snowplowing.
- Crews are assisting motorists on closed roads and redirecting them to other communities.
- Interstate 40 and several other major US highways are closed due to blizzard conditions. TxDOT is using DMS to provide travel information and alternate routes for motorists.
- All districts are monitoring weather conditions and have crews ready to respond.
- TxDOT district EOCs are staffed.

**STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED**

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TEEX	Type 3 US&R	45	14	Assigned	Brazos County
TEEX	Swift Water Boat Squads	12	4	Assigned	Brazos County
TEEX	Water Group Supervisor	2	1	Assigned	TDEM Region 8
TEEX	ESF9 Overhead	3	0	Assigned	Brazos County
TEEX	ESF9 SOC LNO	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TEEX	ESF3 SOC LNO	1	1	Assigned	Austin
TDEM	Mass Care ESF6	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TDEM	ISTF HQ Staff	3	0	Assigned	SOC
AgriLife	SOC Liaisons	2	0	Activated	Austin
AgriLife	Admin	3	0	Activated	College Station
AgriLife	Marketing/ Communications	1	0	Activated	College Station
AgriLife	DAR Agents	22	22	Activated	statewide
TAMFS	Motor Grader with crew	5	2	Available	Amarillo

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
DPS	State Troopers	1	1	Assigned	Dallam County
DPS	State Troopers	4	4	Assigned	Amarillo
TxDOT	SOC Liaisons	2	0	Assigned	Austin
TCEQ	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The SOC remains at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) and continues to monitor the situation. The SOC will provide additional situation reports as needed.

**The four levels of SOC activation are:**

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

*This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:*  
<https://tdem.texas.gov/response/state-operations-center#tab-2>

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