



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	24-0002 07 JAN Severe Weather
Date	January 11, 2024
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM January 10 to 8:00 AM January 11, 2024
Report Number	3

Regions Affected

TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
DDs Active	

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On January 7, Governor Greg Abbott directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), State Operations Center (SOC), to Level II (Escalated Response) as the state prepares for multiple weather threats.

The National Weather Service (NWS) stated a system of storms will begin Monday, January 8. These storms will 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.

TDEM has requested the following agencies report to the SOC for emergency support services.

- **Texas Department of Transportation:** Pre-treating and treating of roadways and monitoring road conditions.
- **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 released and remain on stand-by.
- **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 with utility providers across the threat area.
- **The Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC):** Monitoring of the state's natural gas supply 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 (TEA):** 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.

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://www.texasready.gov), locate warming centers at tdem.texas.gov/warm, check road conditions at [DriveTexas.org](https://www.drive-texas.org), and obtain flood tracking information at [TexasFlood.org](https://www.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 returned to Level IV on January 9.

TxDOT and TPWD: There were 2 calls on January 8 for stranded motorists.

Warming Centers:

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

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 returned to Level IV on January 10.

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

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

Leon County: Wind blew 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)

The Hamilton Municipal Airport incurred damage from severe weather with multiple buildings destroyed on January 8.

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.

Sheltering: 30 seasonal relief centers are open as of 11:45 PM, January 9.

Food Services: None.

Distribution of Supplies: None.

Reunification: None.

State and VOAD: partners remain on standby ready to support Mass Care services.

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.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX):

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) released Texas A&M Task Force 1(TX-TF1) on January 9.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):

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

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Texas Task Force 1 (TEEX/TX-TF1): TX-TF1 demobilized on January 9.

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.

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 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 for support.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):

- Crews in Amarillo, Lubbock, and Childress have cleared and reopened all road closures.
- Amarillo District cleared all Tier I and Tier II roadways and continued clearing the FM/RM roads on January 9. Minor roadways are anticipated to be cleared by afternoon on January 10.
- All EOCs stood down the afternoon of January 10.
- Crews in Amarillo and Lubbock districts are planning to pretreat roadways starting January 11.
- All 25 districts are monitoring lingering weather threats and have crews ready to respond.
- Impacted districts are replenishing winter weather supplies.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
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
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
TPWD	SOC Liaison	1	1	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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