



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	24-0002 07 JAN Severe Weather
Date	January 12, 2024
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM January 11 to 8:00 AM January 12, 2024
Report Number	4

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

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On January 7, Governor 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.

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

- **Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** Pre-treating and treating of roadways and monitoring road conditions.
- **Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service -Texas - Task Force 2 (TX-TF2):** Urban Search & Rescue Teams in the DFW Metro area.
- **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 (TX-EMTF):** 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 (Agrilife):** 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 Military Department (TMD):** Personnel and equipment to support response efforts are on standby.
- **Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR):** 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.DriveTexas.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.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management:

Mass Care ESF6:

- **Sheltering:** 148 seasonal relief centers are open as of January 12.
- **State and VOAD:** partners are on standby 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.

Warming Centers as of 5:00 AM	
Region	# Open
1	28
2	67
3	0
4	1
5	0
6	3
7	1
8	48
Total	148

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service - Texas Task Force 2 (TEEX/TX-TF2): TX-TF2 activated and staged a Type 3 Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) Task Force in the Dallas-Fort Worth area on January 11.

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 (Agrilife): 22 Disaster Assessment and Recovery agents, County Extension Strike Team members, and the TAHC 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.

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

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS): The TAMFS continues to monitor for severe weather. TAMFS previously activated the Amarillo Office to engage in assisting ESF1/TxDOT in the Amarillo District with snow removal and ice response operations has since been released.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): TCEQ has staff available for air, water (including potable water), and waste response.

Department of State Health Services (DSHS): All DSHS Regional Offices were surveyed for any preparations or activations. Public Health Region 6/5 activated at 8:00 AM on January 12. All Hospital Preparedness Program providers had been contacted - maintaining situational awareness. DSHS will host a call for End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Centers to discuss any changes to service at 10:00 AM on January 12.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD activated a SOC Support Team Mission Ready Package (MRP) on January 11.

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. The Law Enforcement Division will also provide 24/7 personnel to support the SOC and any activated DDEOC.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): TxDOT EMC & SOC liaison manning State Operations Center 24-hour activation.

- The following districts began pretreating roadways and structures today: Amarillo, Lubbock, Wichita Falls, El Paso, Fort Worth and Waco.
- The following districts to begin pretreating roadways and structures on Friday morn: Dallas, Tyler, Paris, Lufkin, and Bryan.
- Crews in Amarillo and Lubbock patrolled and treated roads overnight as needed.
- TxDOT EOC is activated virtually and all impacted TxDOT district EOCs are staffed.
- TxDOT FOD is providing mechanic support in affected areas throughout weather event.
- TxDOT internal crews are on notice for potential reassignment to impacted districts.
- Impacted districts are replenishing winter weather supplies.

Texas Salvation Army (TSA): TSA has [warming stations](#) open across the State of Texas.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TDEM	Mass Care ESF6	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TDEM	ISTF HQ Staff	3	0	Assigned	SOC
TEEX PWRT	ESF3 SOC LNO	1	1	Assigned	Austin
TEEX TX-TF2	Type 3 US&R	41	14	Assigned	Dallas/ Fort Worth
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 w/Crew	5	2	Released	Amarillo
DSHS	SOC Liaisons	2	0	Assigned	Austin
TCEQ	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	EMC	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TXDPS	State Trooper	1	1	Assigned	Dallam County
TXDPS	State Troopers	4	4	Assigned	Amarillo
TMD	SOC MRP	6	0	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	Thermal Imaging Drone w/Operator	30	30	Assigned	Statewide
TPWD	Game Wardens & State Park Police Officers	500	500	Assigned	Statewide
TPWD	All-Terrain Vehicle	20	20	Assigned	Statewide

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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