



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	24-0002 07 JAN Severe Weather
Date	January 13, 2024
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM January 12 to 8:00 AM January 13, 2024
Report Number	5

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

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 winter weather throughout the state. Local and state agencies continue to prepare for the forecast cold front. Roads and structures are being pre-treated to mitigate the anticipated freezing conditions.

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):** TX-TF2 activated a Type 3 Task Force.
- **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 remain 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, locate warming centers at tdem.texas.gov/warm, check road conditions at DriveTexas.org, and obtain flood tracking information at 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:

Mass Care ESF 6 and the Incident Support Task Force (ISTF) continues to ensure that Texas Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD), mass care agencies, and disaster nonprofit partners receive regular weather updates and preparedness resources. Communication with Texas VOAD’s remains open and as of 5:00AM today, 220 seasonal relief centers are open.

Warming Centers as of 5:00 AM	
Region	# Open
1	50
2	89
3	4
4	0
5	0
6	10
7	10
8	57
Total	220

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service - Texas Task Force 2 (TEEX/TX-TF2): TX-TF2 activated a Type 3 Task Force consisting of 41 personnel and has pre-positioned in Region2.

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 `Texas Animal Health Commission (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): TAMFS is prepared to provide support with Incident Management Teams, 4x4 vehicles, Motor Graders, Saw Crews, and Fire Engines to backfill fire stations.

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

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): DSHS Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) continues to monitor the current weather conditions and is ready to elevate their readiness as the situation evolves. DSHS Oxygen vendor has been placed on standby and the End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) network contacted dialysis facilities to update their status.

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC): A TAHC representative has been assigned to participate in the weather calls and attend all necessary meetings. The TAHC is monitoring the weather forecasts and will communicate to regional staff as appropriate. Any delays or closures will be announced on the TAHC website.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD has activated 96 personnel and 40 vehicles. Units are staged in Lubbock, Wylie, Wichita Falls, Round Rock, Brownwood, Abilene, and a SOC Support Team in Austin.

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.

Amarillo area Texas Game Wardens have responded to numerous vehicle accidents, blocking of highways, driving stranded motorists to local hotels, and assisting stranded motorists along the roadways.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):

TxDOT EMC & SOC liaison are assigned to the SOC and is prepared for a 24-hour response.

TxDOT Amarillo & Lubbock Districts worked overnight Friday responding to the winter weather in the Panhandle and impacted roads were cleared by midnight. Additional equipment has been rented in anticipation of the inclement weather.

TxDOT EOC is activated virtually and all impacted TxDOT district EOCs are staffed.

TxDOT Fleet Operations Division (FOD) is providing mechanical support in affected areas throughout weather event.

Crews from the West and Central districts have been reassigned to assist the impacted districts.

TxDOT has coordinated with TAMFS in regions 1 & 2 to support crews in impacted areas.

TxDOT and TDEM have coordinated with TMD with winter weather mission readiness packages (MRPs).

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	2	0	Assigned	SOC
TDEM	ISTF HQ Staff	4	0	Assigned	SOC
TEEX PWRT	ESF3 SOC LNO	1	1	Assigned	Austin
TEEX TX-TF2	Type 3 US&R	46	14	Released	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
TAHC	SOC Representative	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TAHC	TAHC Emergency Management	2	0	Available, On-Call	Virtual
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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