



**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 15, 2024
<b>Time</b>	10:00 AM
<b>Operational Period</b>	8:00 AM January 14 to 8:00 AM January 15, 2024
<b>Report Number</b>	7

Regions Affected	
<b>TDEM Regions Affected</b>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
<b>DDs Active</b>	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24

**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) in response to the winter weather throughout the state. [Local and state agencies are responding to freezing weather conditions.](#) [State agencies continue to coordinate resources as the weather evolves.](#)

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

- **Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** TxDOT works to maintain safe roadways for the traveling public during adverse winter weather conditions.
- **Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service -Texas - Task Force 1&2 (TX-TF2):** TX-TF1 and TX-TF2 are on standby, and a liaison officer has been assigned to the SOC.
- **Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):** [16 TAMFS personnel are assisting TxDOT Paris District with winter weather operations.](#)
- **Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) -Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (TX-EMTF):** [DSHS has two liaison officers assigned to the SOC on January 14.](#)
- **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):** TCEQ is monitoring air, water, and wastewater.
- **Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (Agrilife):** [Agrilife Extension has two liaison officers assigned to the SOC.](#)
- **Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service - Texas Public Works Response Team (TEEX/TX-PWRT):** [Strike teams are rostered, generator](#)

contractors are available and the TEEEX Region 2 Manager has reported to DDEOC 16 (Houston).

- **Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC):** Power outages are being monitored and coordinated with utility providers across the threat area.
- **Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC):** The TAHC Public Information Officer is providing communications on animals and livestock for winter weather preparedness.
- **Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS):** TXDPS has 500 Troopers available and is ready to respond to the winter weather event.
- **Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):** HHSC has a liaison officer assigned to the SOC and Long-term Care Regulation has alerted facilities.
- **Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD):** TPWD has prepared resources consisting of Texas Game Wardens and State Park Police Officers for support.
- **Texas Military Department (TMD):** TMD has activated five Mission Ready Packages (MRPs) for winter weather response.
- **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.
- **The Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC):** Monitoring of the state's natural gas supply with communication to the oil and gas industry.

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 and 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:** Mass Care 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. ISTF has assigned 4 personnel to the SOC. HQ and regional staff are actively assessing the weather and communicating with locals for any unmet needs. [As of 3:30 AM, 419 Seasonal Relief Centers have been identified to be opened by local officials during this winter weather event.](#)

<b>Seasonal Relief Centers as of 3:30 AM</b>	
<b>Region</b>	<b># Open</b>
1	71
2	108
3	46
4	41
5	36
6	37
7	9
8	<a href="#">71</a>
<b>Total</b>	<b><a href="#">419</a></b>

**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service – Texas Task Force 1 (TEEX/TX-TF1) / Texas Task Force 2 (TEEX/TX-TF2):** TEEX is supporting the State Operations Center with one liaison officer. TX-TF1 and TX-TF2 are prepared to assist with search and rescue operations. TX-TF2 activated a Type 3 Task Force consisting of 41 personnel 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. [Strike teams are rostered, and generator contractors are available.](#) TEEX Extension Managers are available for Disaster District Emergency Operations Center (DDEOC) activations. The TEEX Region 2 Manager is reporting to DDEOC 16 (Houston) on January 15.

**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.

[Agrilife Extension has two liaisons providing 24/7 coverage at the SOC through January 17. Agrilife Extension DDEOC representatives continue to monitor DDEOC activations virtually and Agrilife Extension liaisons began supporting the DD 18 activation on January 14.](#)

**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.

On January 14, 16 TAMFS personnel began assisting TxDOT Paris District with winter weather operations on Interstate Highway (IH) 30, from east of Hunt County to Franklin County. TAMFS crews are working with TxDOT, operating TxDOT brine trucks and maintainers to keep traffic flowing on IH-30. TAMFS representatives are virtually monitoring the situation in DDEOC's 5 and 6.

**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. [DSHS has assigned two liaison officers to the SOC on January 14.](#)

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

[The TAHC Public Information Officer is providing communications on animal and livestock winter weather preparedness to the public on social media outlets.](#)

**Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):** HHSC has a liaison assigned to the SOC. Long-term Care Regulation has alerted facilities instructing them to notify of any unmet needs. Ice, water, and freight vendors are on standby to respond.

**Texas Military Department (TMD):** TMD activated a SOC Support Team of six personnel, January 11.

TMD has activated Winter Weather Mission Ready Packages (MRPs) consisting of 90 personnel and 40 high profile vehicles. Units are staged in Lubbock, Abilene, Mineral Wells (Fort Wolters), Dallas, and Round Rock.

**Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS):** TXDPS has 500 Troopers available and is ready to respond to the winter weather event. TXDPS is actively monitoring roadway conditions and responding to requests for assistance. TXDPS Highway Patrol (THP) is providing state-wide support and personnel at several DDEOC's and the SOC.

**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 Games Wardens in Amarillo have assisted with numerous vehicle accidents, blocking of highways, driving stranded motorists to hotels, and assisting stranded motorists.

TPWD has been in communication with activated Disaster Districts (DD). Texas Game Wardens in Parker, Wise and Palo Pinto counties are ready to support in response to the severe weather threat.

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

TxDOT EMC & SOC liaison are assigned to the SOC for a 24-hour response. TxDOT Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is activated virtually and all impacted TxDOT district EOCs are staffed.

TxDOT districts in TDEM Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, northern parts of 5 and eastern portions 7 have pretreated roads, are closely monitoring road conditions and are prepared for a 24-hour response.

TxDOT Fleet Operations Division has shops open 24 hours for mechanical support and additional equipment has been rented. TxDOT has moved internal crews from West and Central districts for reassignment to assist impacted districts.

TxDOT has coordinated with Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS) in TDEM Regions 1 & 3 for support crews to assist in impacted areas. TxDOT and TDEM have also coordinated with the Texas Military Department (TMD) with winter weather MRP's the Kilgore area.

TxDOT Communications Division has partnered with TDEM Communications to provide information for social media. TxDOT Traffic Division is utilizing Dynamic Message Signs to alert the public of travel conditions and road closures. Ferry Boat operations could be temporarily halted on Monday and Tuesday if the coast receives gale force winds.

State of Texas Assistance Requests (STAR) to treat routes leading to critical infrastructure and other emergency service locations continue to be submitted and filled by TxDOT. A STAR for a heavy-duty wrecker from TMD will be dispatched to the city of Boerne area to move tractor trailers from the travel lanes to the shoulders on IH 10.

**Texas Salvation Army (TSA):** TSA has [Seasonal Relief Centers](#) open across the State of Texas.

**Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR):** DIR continues to monitor the situation. [No requests for network or technology have been made and no cyber threats have been identified.](#)

**STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Resource Kind and Type</b>	<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Location</b>
TDEM	Mass Care ESF6	2	0	Assigned	SOC
TDEM	ISTF HQ Staff	1	0	Assigned	SOC
AgriLife	SOC Liaisons	2	0	Assigned	Austin
AgriLife	Admin	3	0	Available	College Station
AgriLife	Marketing/ Communications	1	0	Available	College Station
AgriLife	DAR Agents	22	22	Available	Statewide
AgriLife	DDEOC Representatives	70	0	Available	Statewide
AgriLife	DDEOC Representatives	2	0	Assigned	DD 18
TEEX TX-TF2	Type 3 US&R	41	0	Activated	Dallas/ Fort Worth
TEEX PWRT	ESF3 SOC LNO	1	1	Assigned	Austin
TAMFS	Vehicle Operators	16	0	Assigned	Paris
DSHS	SOC LNO	2	0	Assigned	Austin
HHSC	SOC LNO	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TAHC	SOC Representative	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TAHC	TAHC Emergency Management	2	0	Available	Virtual
TCEQ	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TMD	SOC MRP	6	0	Assigned	Austin
TMD	WW MRP A	18	8	Assigned	Ft Wolters
TMD	WW MRP B	18	8	Assigned	Kilgore
TMD	WW MRP C	18	8	Assigned	Round Rock
TMD	WW MRP E	18	8	Assigned	Dallas
TMD	WW MRP F	18	8	Assigned	Abilene
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

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TxDOT	SOC Liaisons	1	0	Activated	Austin
TxDOT	EMC	1	0	Activated	Austin
TXDPS	State Trooper	2	1	Assigned	Austin
TXDPS	State Troopers	500	500	Available	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-3>

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