



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	24-0002 07 JAN Severe Weather
Date	January 18, 2024
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM January 17 to 8:00 AM January 18, 2024
Report Number	10

Regions Affected	
TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
DDs Active	16, 21, 22, 23

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 continues working to maintain safe roadways for the traveling public during adverse winter weather conditions, focusing on Northeast Texas roadways.
- **Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service -Texas - Task Force 1&2 (TX-TF1 & TX-TF2):** TX-TF1 and TX-TF2 are on standby, and a liaison officer (LNO) has been assigned to the SOC.
- **Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):** 16 TAMFS personnel that assisted the TxDOT Paris District have been released back to their home station.
- **Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF):** DSHS has released the five EMTFs and an AMBUS back to normal operations.
- **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):** TCEQ is monitoring air, water, and wastewater.
- **Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife):** AgriLife Extension has released two LNOs assigned to the SOC.

- **Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service - Texas Public Works Response Team (TEEX/TX-PWRT):** Strike teams are available; generator contractors are available.
- **Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC):** [Power outages and the grid continue being monitored.](#)
- **Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC):** The TAHC provided 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 an LNO assigned to the SOC.
- **Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD):** [TPWD released activated resources back to normal operations on January 17.](#)
- **Texas Military Department (TMD):** [TMD has released the five Mission Ready Packages \(MRPs\) for winter weather response.](#)
- **Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR):** [Technology infrastructure continues to be monitored.](#)
- **Texas Education Agency (TEA):** School districts across the state continue being monitored.
- **Texas Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (Texas VOAD):** Coordination of volunteer organizations continues across the state for the winter weather 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://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 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.

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

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

Gregg and Smith County EOCs remain activated. [Multiple secondary roads continue to be an issue.](#)

Region 5 (Includes DDs 19-21)

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

The city of Laredo issued a local disaster declaration on January 16. [Three water main breaks were repaired on January 16-17, and there are no issues regarding repairs or service.](#)

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

The city of Corpus Christi EOC is activated. The city will close seasonal relief centers after the morning of January 20, and libraries will resume regular business hours.

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

The Hidalgo County EOC is activated.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management:

TDEM Communications Coordination Group (CCG): TDEM CCG partners continue to monitor the situation and are prepared in the event of any communications outages. Partners across the public, private and volunteer sectors are assessing and adjusting their resources in accordance with the situation.

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.

Sheltering: [As of 4:30 AM, January 18, 373 seasonal relief centers have been identified to be opened by local officials during this winter weather event.](#)

American Red Cross (ARC):

- [ARC continues working with governmental and non-governmental partners to deliver relief services during the winter storm.](#)
- [Overnight Tuesday ARC supported 11 seasonal relief centers with a population of 471.](#)
- [Most of these centers were expected to close on Wednesday as the weather conditions improve.](#)
- [ARC continues to provide supplies to seasonal relief centers on request.](#)
- [ARC teams are on standby to support the expected cold weather this weekend.](#)

Seasonal Relief Centers as of 4:30 AM	
Region	# Identified
1	40
2	100
3	34
4	44
5	48
6	34
7	7
8	66
Total	373

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services (AgriLife): AgriLife has 22 Disaster Assessment and Recovery agents, County Extension Strike Team members, and the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) are on standby to provide support for animal response and recovery efforts.

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.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service - Texas Public Works Response Team (TEEX/TX-PWRT): The SOC Liaison is working with TCEQ on situational updates of water outages and boil water notices. TEEX Extension Managers have made positive contact with many services with outages to assist as needed. TEEX is working with TDEM logistics to support the Texas A&M Prairie View University on locating heating units for 11 buildings lacking heat.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS): TAMFS provided support with Incident Management Teams, 4x4 vehicles, Motor Graders, Saw Crews, and Fire Engines to backfill fire stations. All TAMFS resources were released on January 15.

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC): As of January 17, Regional Livestock Inspectors have communicated with local officials throughout this event and are reporting improved conditions in their area with no known/expected animal issues.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): TCEQ is currently tracking 71 drinking water systems that are on a Boil Water Notice (BWN) serving a population of 100,610. Two boil water notices have been rescinded.

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.

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.

TXDPS Director McCraw renewed the emergency declaration on January 16 which justifies certain exemptions for motor carriers in Texas. The emergency declaration first took effect on January 11, and the renewal will remain in effect for the duration of the emergency or for five days, whichever is less.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): DSHS Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) EMTF 1 (Panhandle), EMTF 2 (North Texas), EMTF 4 (East Texas), EMTF 7 (Central Texas), EMTF 9 (West Texas) and an AMBUS were removed from standby to resume normal operations on January 17.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): TxDOT EMC and a SOC liaison assigned to the SOC were released on January 17. TxDOT EOC and all impacted District EOCs have begun stand down from 24-hour operations.

The Texarkana Travel Center on IH-30 and Wasco Travel Center on IH-20 re-opened on January 17.

As of 2:15 PM January 17, 244 roads in northeast Texas remain impacted with no road closures due to weather. TxDOT continues to treat and monitor roads in TDEM Region 3; Tier I and Tier II remain priority. Tier III and Tier IV roads will be treated/monitored as resources become available.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC): HHSC has an LNO assigned to the SOC. 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 released the five Winter Weather Mission Ready Packages (MRPs) on January 17.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): All TPWD offices returned to normal operations on January 17. TPWD State Parks are returning to normal operating hours.

Texas Salvation Army (TSA): TSA has Seasonal Relief Centers 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	2	0	Assigned	SOC
AgriLife	SOC Liaisons	2	0	Released	Austin
AgriLife	Admin	3	0	Released	College Station
AgriLife	Marketing/ Communications	1	0	Released	College Station
AgriLife	DAR Agents	22	22	Released	Statewide
AgriLife	DDEOC Representatives	70	0	Released	Statewide
AgriLife	DDEOC Representatives	2	0	Released	DD 18
TEEX TX-TF2	Type 3 US&R	41	0	Activated	Dallas/ Fort Worth
TEEX PWRT	DDEOC 16	1	1	Released	Houston
TEEX PWRT	ESF3 SOC LNO	1	1	Assigned	Austin
TEEX PWRT	Strike Teams	26	0	Available	Statewide
TEEX PWRT	DDEOC Members	7	7	Available	Statewide
TAMFS	Motor Grader with crew	0	2	Released	TDEM Region 1
TAMFS	Motor Grader with Crew	0	2	Released	TDEM Region 8
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
TxDOT	SOC Liaisons	1	0	Released	Austin
TxDOT	EMC	1	0	Released	Austin
TxDOT	EOC-HQs	10	0	Activated	Austin
TxDOT	Districts	3,079	2,169	Activated	Statewide
TxDOT	Fleet Division	129	99	Activated	Statewide
TxDOT	Support Services	2	0	Activated	Statewide

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TXDPS	State Trooper	2	1	Assigned	Austin
TXDPS	State Troopers	500	500	Available	Statewide
TMD	SOC MRP	6	0	Assigned	Austin
TMD	WW MRP A	18	8	Released	Lubbock
TMD	WW MRP B	18	8	Released	Ft Wolters
TMD	WW MRP C	18	8	Released	Round Rock
TMD	WW MRP E	18	8	Released	Dallas
TMD	WW MRP F	18	8	Released	Abilene
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Available	Austin
TPWD	All-Terrain Vehicle	20	20	Released	Statewide
TPWD	Game Wardens & State Park Police Officers	500	500	Released	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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