



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

New Information in Blue Text

Event Name	24-0002 07 JAN Severe Weather
Date	January 20, 2024
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM January 18 to 8:00 AM January 20, 2024
Report Number	11

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

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On January 18, the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), State Operations Center (SOC), reduced the readiness level from Level II (Escalated Response) to readiness Level III (Increased Readiness Condition). Local and state agencies continue conducting assessments for any damage caused by the freezing temperatures. Several jurisdictions have identified issues with their water systems caused by the freezing temperatures. State agencies continue to coordinate resources as the effects of the winter weather evolves.

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 seasonal relief 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 Disaster Districts (DD) 5, 6, 14, and 15)

DD 5 – Mt. Pleasant (Includes Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, and Titus Counties)

Hopkins County: The city of Cumby issued a local disaster declaration on January 18. Multiple water line breaks are affecting 700 residents. The city has procured four pallets of bottled water, and TDEM Logistics is filling a State of Texas Assistance Request (STAR) submitted by the county for four additional pallets of water.

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 deactivated on January 17.

Region 5 (Includes DDs 19-21)

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

Webb County: The city of Laredo issued a local disaster declaration on January 16.

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

Nueces County: 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. [The Texas State Aquarium Wildlife Rescue was able to rescue 125 sea turtles that were stunned by the freezing temperatures.](#)

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management:

Mass Care: Mass Care and the Incident Support Task Force (ISTF) continue to ensure that Texas Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD), mass care agencies, and disaster nonprofit partners receive regular weather updates and preparedness resources.

American Red Cross (ARC):

- 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, January 20, 292 seasonal relief centers have been identified to be opened by local officials as needed during this winter weather event.

Seasonal Relief Centers as of 4:30 AM	
Region	# Identified
1	40
2	99
3	3
4	38
5	10
6	32
7	7
8	63
Total	292

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 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 Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): TCEQ is currently tracking 91 drinking water systems that are on a Boil Water Notice (BWN) serving a population of 148,188. There have been 23 boil water notices rescinded.

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

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

Texas Baptist Men (TBM): TBM continues to work with other volunteer agencies to provide hot meals and feed the homeless and those in seasonal relief centers.

- Volunteer Hours: 818
- Meals Prepared: 15,145
- Showers Provided: 22
- Laundry Loads: 15

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TMD	SOC MRP	6	0	Assigned	Austin

FINAL COMMENTS: On January 18, the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), State Operations Center (SOC), reduced the readiness level from Level II (Escalated Response) to readiness Level III (Increased Readiness 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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