



## 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 21, 2024
<b>Time</b>	10:00 AM
<b>Operational Period</b>	8:00 AM January 20 to 8:00 AM January 21, 2024
<b>Report Number</b>	12

<b>Regions Affected</b>	
<b>TDEM Regions Affected</b>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
<b>DDs Active</b>	21

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** On January 18, the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), State Operations Center (SOC), reduced the activation level from Level II (Escalated Response) to Level III (Increased Readiness Condition). Local and state agencies continue damage assessments caused by the freezing temperatures.

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](https://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: On January 18, the city of Cumby issued a local disaster declaration. Multiple water lines breaks are affecting 700 residents. The city has procured four pallets of bottled water and TDEM Logistics has filled a State of Texas Assistance Request (STAR) for an additional four pallets.

**Region 5 (Includes DDs 19-21)**

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

Webb County: On January 18, the city of Laredo issued a local disaster declaration.

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

Nueces County: [On January 20, the city of Corpus Christi EOC returned to level IV \(normal conditions\) and has closed their seasonal relief centers. The Texas State Aquarium Wildlife Rescue has rescued 315 sea turtles from 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 winter weather event.

**Seasonal Relief Centers:** [As of 4:30 AM, January 20, 290 seasonal relief centers have been identified to be opened by local officials as needed during this winter weather event.](#)

<b>Seasonal Relief Centers as of 4:30 AM</b>	
<b>Region</b>	<b># Identified</b>
1	40
2	99
3	3

4	36
5	10
6	32
7	7
8	63
<b>Total</b>	<b>290</b>

**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service - Texas Public Works Response Team (TEEX/TX-PWRT):** The TEEX LNO is working with TCEQ with water outages and Boil Water Notice's (BWN) and TEEX Extension Managers have contacted services with water outages. TEEX is working with TDEM Logistics to support the Texas A&M Prairie View University on locating heating units for 11 buildings.

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):** TCEQ is tracking 67 drinking water systems on BWN's that have affected 111,832 residents.

**Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS):** TXDPS Highway Patrol (THP) is providing state-wide support and personnel at several DDEOC's and the SOC.

On January 16, TXDPS Director McCraw renewed their emergency declaration. The renewal will remain in effect for the next five days or for the duration of the winter weather event.

**Texas Military Department (TMD):** On January 20, TMD has five personnel assigned to the SOC Support Team.

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

**Texas Baptist Men (TBM):** TBM continues to collaborate with other volunteer agencies to provide hot meals and feed the homeless 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	5	0	Assigned	Austin

**FINAL COMMENTS:** On January 18, the SOC reduced from activation Level II (Escalated Response) to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions). The SOC will continue to provide 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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