



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

### New Information in Blue Text

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| <b>Event Name</b>         | <b>24-0004 21JAN Severe Weather</b>            |
| <b>Date</b>               | January 23, 2024                               |
| <b>Time</b>               | 10:00 AM                                       |
| <b>Operational Period</b> | 8:00 AM January 22 to 8:00 AM January 23, 2024 |
| <b>Report Number</b>      | 1  |

| Regions Affected             |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>TDEM Regions Affected</b> | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 |
| <b>DDs Active</b>            | 5, 6, 16, 22     |

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** On January 22, the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) increased the readiness level of the Texas State Emergency Operations Center to Level II (Escalated Response) and activated additional state emergency response resources as the state prepares for continued heavy rainfall and flash flooding threats this week.

TDEM has assembled the following state agencies at the SOC to coordinate the state's emergency response:

- Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)
- Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX)
- Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS)
- Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
- Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC)
- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife)
- Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC)
- Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC)
- Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS)
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)
- Texas Military Department (TMD)
- Texas Education Agency (TEA)
- Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR)
- Texas Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (Texas VOAD)

Additionally, TDEM activated an additional number of state emergency response resources to support flood response operations:

- Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) - Texas Task Force 1&2 (TX-TF1 & TX-TF2): Swiftwater Boat Squads
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): Game Wardens and boat squads
- Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS): Tactical Marine Unit and helicopters with hoist capabilities
- Texas Military Department (TMD): Personnel and high-profile vehicles

These resources are deploying in addition to [state emergency response resources activated over the weekend](#). TDEM has also placed a number of resources on standby in anticipation of supporting any requests for assistance from local officials.

### **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, Texas A&M University System (TDEM):**

**TDEM Mass Care:** State and VOAD partners remain on standby ready to support Mass Care services at the local level.

**TDEM Incident Support Task Force (ISTF):** ISTF assigned two personnel to the SOC. HQ and regional staff are actively assessing the weather and communicating with locals for any unmet needs.

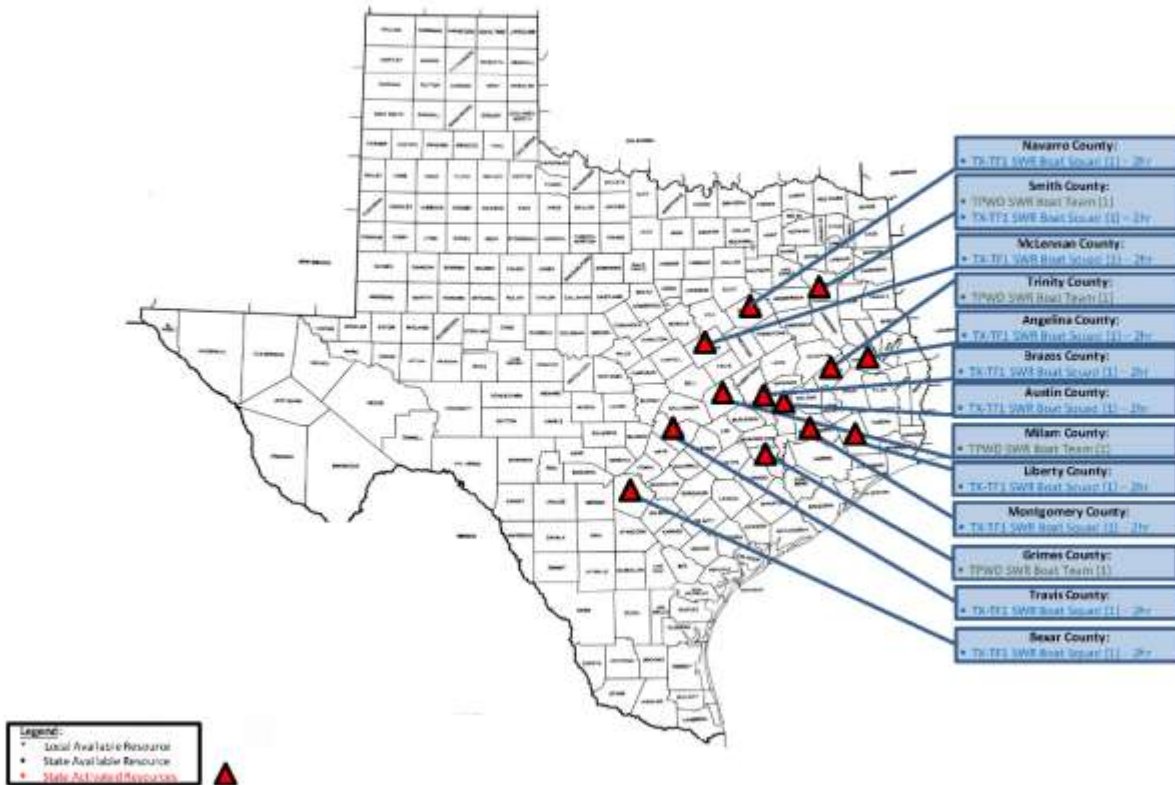
**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) / Texas A&M Public Works Response Team (TX-PWRT):** TX-PWRT continues to support local jurisdictions as needed, and monitors for State of Texas Assistance Requests (STAR). Strike Teams (ST) are available for deployment.

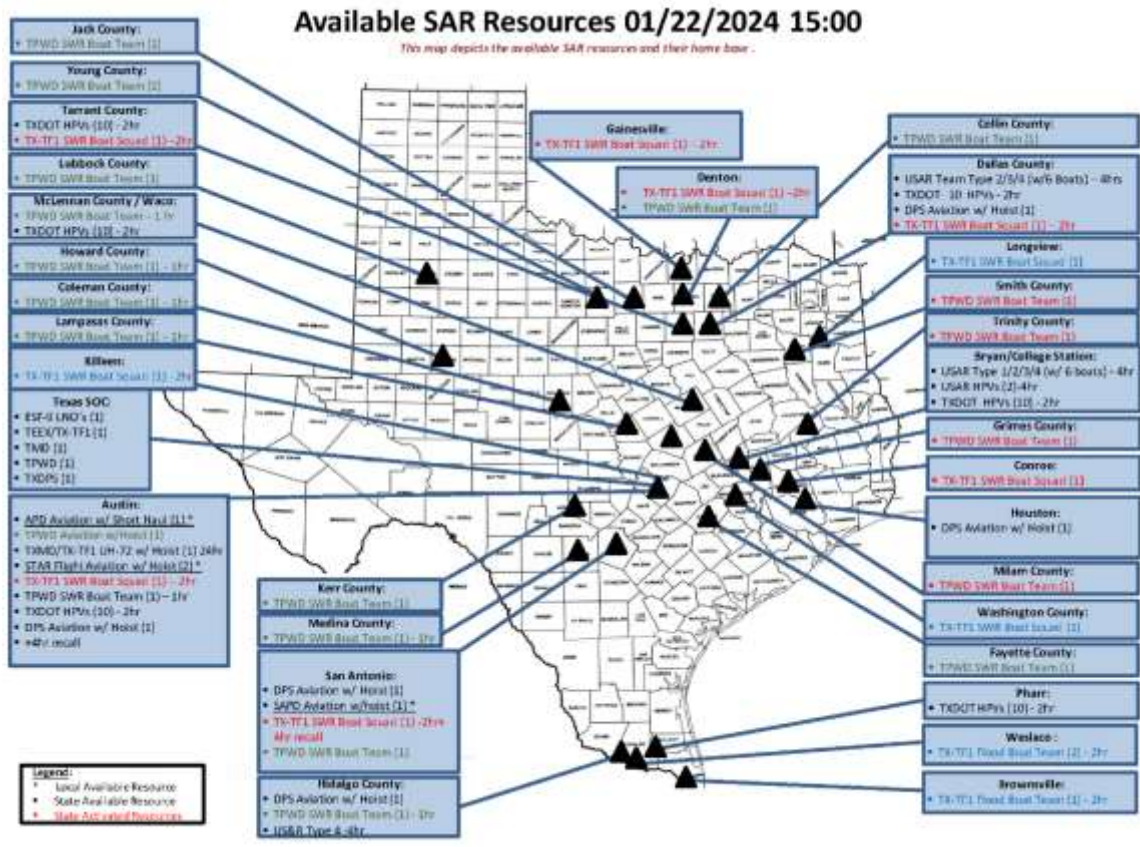
**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Texas Task Force 1 & 2 (TX-TF1 / TX-TF2):** TEEX activated ten TX-TF1 Type III Swift Water Boat Squads, two high-profile vehicles (HPV), and two water group supervisors.

On January 22, TX-TF1 supported Bexar County first responders with search and rescue (SAR) operations for vehicles stranded by flooding.

## Assigned SAR Resources Location 01/22/2024 15:00

*This map depicts a snapshot in time. Resource locations are fluid based on response needs. Use normal resource request process for SAR assistance.*





**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):** Tactical Marine Unit and helicopters with hoist capabilities are available for deployment.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** On January 22, TxDOT District San Antonio closed Interstate Highway (IH) 35 northbound, from IH-10 to San Pedro Ave, and IH-10 westbound, from IH-35 to Culebra Road in Bexar County. Upper-level lanes on both corridors have remained open.

**Texas Military Department (TMD):** TMD has activated one SOC Support Team at the SOC and three Ground Transportation Platoons to support TX-TF1.

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):** TPWD has activated four swift water rescue (SWR) boat teams in Central and East Texas.

**STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED**

| <b>Agency</b>  | <b>Resource Kind and Type</b> | <b>Personnel</b> | <b>Equip</b> | <b>Status</b> | <b>Location</b>   |
|----------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|
| TDEM           | ESF 6 Liaison                 | 1                | 0            | Assigned      | Austin            |
| TDEM           | ISTF HQ Staff                 | 2                | 0            | Assigned      | Austin            |
| TEEX<br>TX-TF1 | Swift Water Boat Squad        | 6                | 2            | Assigned      | Travis County     |
| TEEX<br>TX-TF1 | Swift Water Boat Squad        | 6                | 2            | Assigned      | Bexar County      |
| TEEX<br>TX-TF1 | Swift Water Boat Squad        | 6                | 2            | Assigned      | Navarro County    |
| TEEX<br>TX-TF1 | Swift Water Boat Squad        | 6                | 2            | Assigned      | Smith County      |
| TEEX<br>TX-TF1 | Swift Water Boat Squad        | 6                | 2            | Assigned      | McLennan County   |
| TEEX<br>TX-TF1 | Swift Water Boat Squad        | 6                | 2            | Assigned      | Angelina County   |
| TEEX<br>TX-TF1 | Swift Water Boat Squad        | 6                | 2            | Assigned      | Brazos County     |
| TEEX<br>TX-TF1 | Swift Water Boat Squad        | 6                | 2            | Assigned      | Austin County     |
| TEEX<br>TX-TF1 | Swift Water Boat Squad        | 6                | 2            | Assigned      | Liberty County    |
| TEEX<br>TX-TF1 | Swift Water Boat Squad        | 6                | 2            | Assigned      | Montgomery County |
| TEEX<br>TX-TF1 | Water Group Supervisor        | 2                | 1            | Assigned      | TDEM Region 2     |
| TEEX<br>TX-TF1 | Water Group Supervisor        | 2                | 1            | Assigned      | TDEM Region 8     |
| TEEX<br>TX-TF1 | HPV                           | 7                | 2            | Assigned      | Liberty County    |
| TEEX<br>TX-TF1 | ESF 9 Overhead                | 4                | 0            | Assigned      | Brazos County     |
| TEEX<br>TX-TF1 | ESF 9 SOC LNO                 | 1                | 0            | Assigned      | Austin            |
| TMD            | SOC MRP                       | 6                | 0            | Assigned      | Austin            |
| TMD            | Ground Transportation Platoon | 10               | 5            | Activated     | La Marque         |
| TMD            | Ground Transportation Platoon | 10               | 5            | Activated     | Huntsville        |
| TMD            | Ground Transportation Platoon | 10               | 5            | Activated     | Houston           |
| TPWD           | SWR Boat Team                 | 2                | 1            | Assigned      | Austin County     |

| Agency | Resource Kind and Type | Personnel | Equip | Status   | Location       |
|--------|------------------------|-----------|-------|----------|----------------|
| TPWD   | SWR Boat Team          | 2         | 1     | Assigned | Milam County   |
| TPWD   | SWR Boat Team          | 2         | 1     | Assigned | Smith County   |
| TPWD   | SWR Boat Team          | 2         | 1     | Assigned | Trinity County |

**FINAL COMMENTS:** On January 22, at 12:00 PM, the SOC increased the activation level to Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) in response to the heavy rainfall and flash flooding threats for this week. 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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