



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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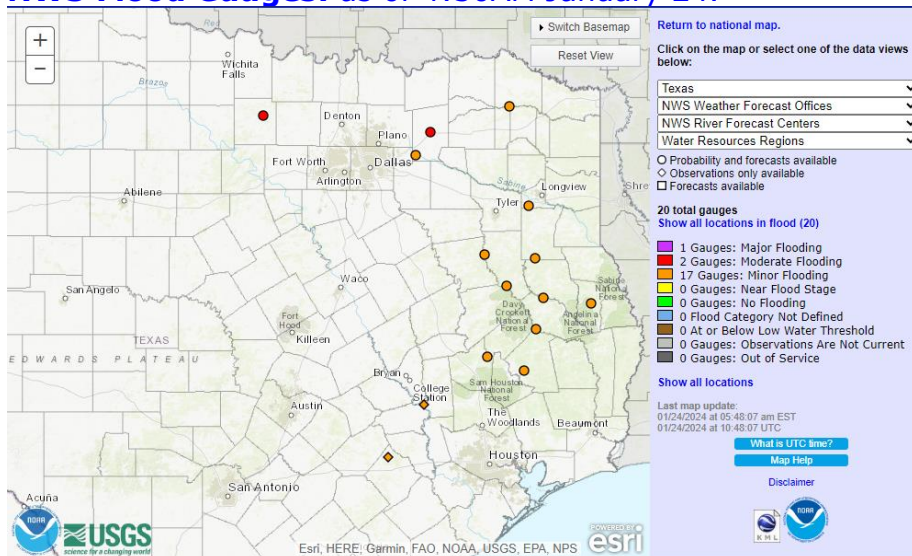
Event Name	24-0004 21JAN Severe Weather
Date	January 24, 2024
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM January 23 to 8:00 AM January 24, 2024
Report Number	2

Regions Affected

TDEM Regions Affected	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8
DDs Active	5, 6, 14, 15, 16, 17, 22

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: A line of severe thunderstorms continues to move through Texas, following a path from the Rio Grande Valley (RGV), traveling northeast, and exiting through East Texas. This system has brought many inches of flooding rains, affecting the Sabine, Sulfur, Anglina, Neches, and Trinity Rivers, which are showing gauges in minor flood stage. Two flood gauges in North Texas are reporting moderate flood stage. State agencies continue to mobilize resources for emergency response and support rescue operations.

NWS Flood Gauges: as of 4:30AM January 24.



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.

Region 4 (Includes DDs 16)

DD 16 – Houston (Includes Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton Counties)

Harris County: The County has activated their Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

Montgomery County: The County has activated their EOC to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions). Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is reporting water over several roads and bridges in the county.

Region 6 (Includes DDs 17, 18, and 24)

DD 17 – Victoria (Includes Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Lavaca, Jackson, and Victoria Counties)

Lavaca County: Lavaca County OEM is reported flooded roads in the cities of Shiner and Hallettsville, as well as some county roads.

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.

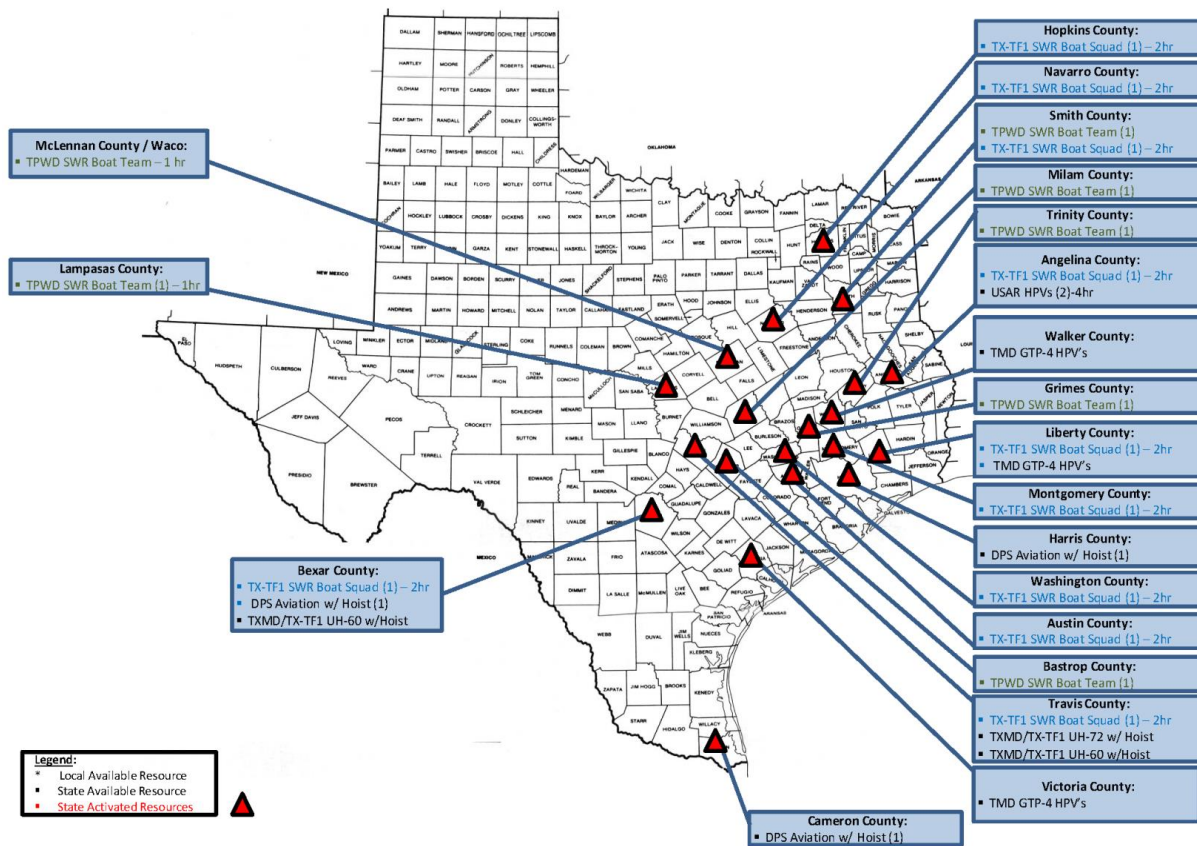
Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Texas Task Force 1 & 2 (TX-TF1 / TX-TF2): TEEX activated ten TX-TF1 Type III Swift Water Boat Squads, two high-profile vehicles (HPV), and two water group supervisors.

On January 23, TDEM requested TX-TF1 to activate five rescue swimmers and a Helicopter Search and Rescue Technician (HSART) manager to support the TMD Helo rescue missions. TX-TF1 will lead a Joint Air Ground Coordination Team (JAGCT) to coordinate aerial rescue missions performed within the state by TXDPS and TMD.

On Tuesday night, TX-TF1 responded to assist in the evacuation of one residence in the Fisherman’s Trail area of northeast of Huntsville, west of Riverside, in Walker County.

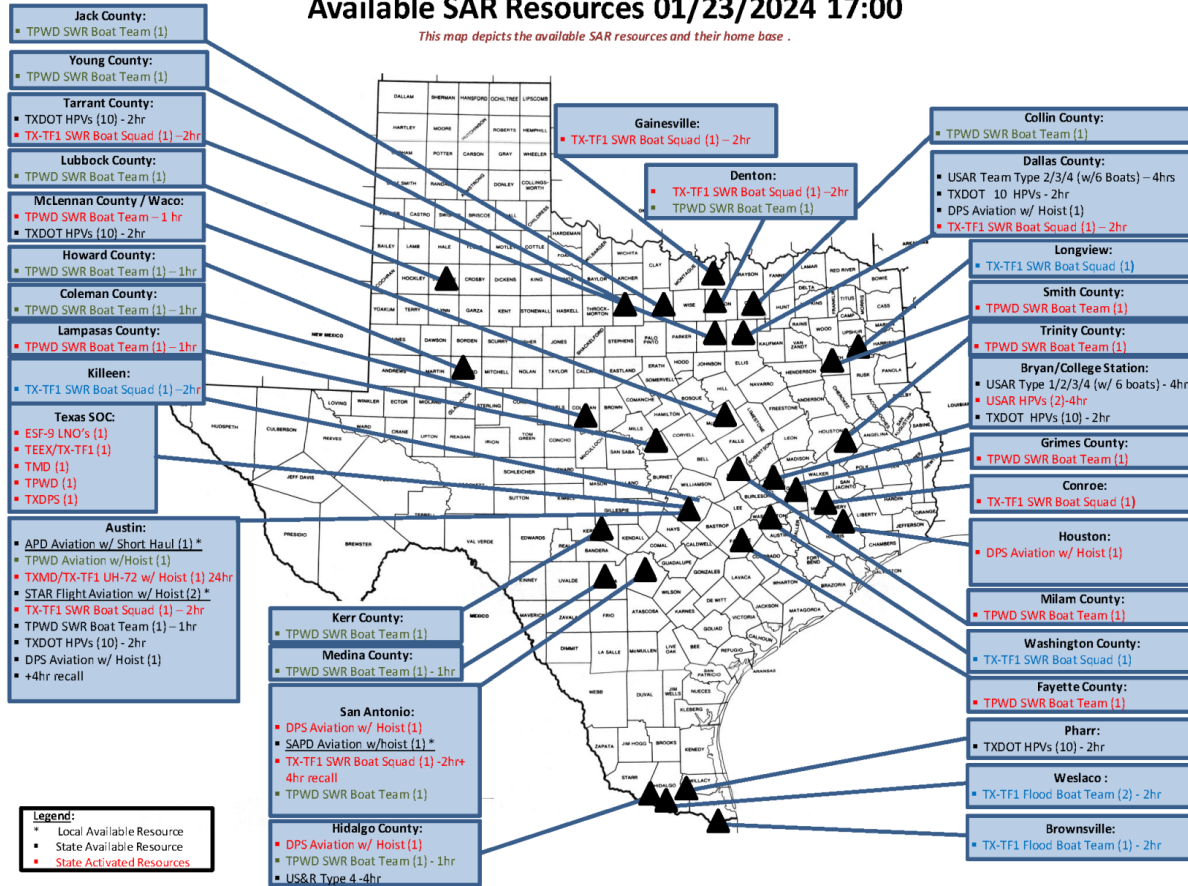
Assigned SAR Resources Location 01/23/2024 17:00

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



Available SAR Resources 01/23/2024 17:00

This map depicts the available SAR resources and their home base .



Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS): TXDPS has 500 Troopers ready to respond and is coordinating with TX-TF1 and TMD for aviation and marine unit response.

TXDPS Aviation Operations Division (AOD) has three H-125 hoist-equipped helicopters stationed in Houston, San Antonio, and Edinburg are ready for immediate response.

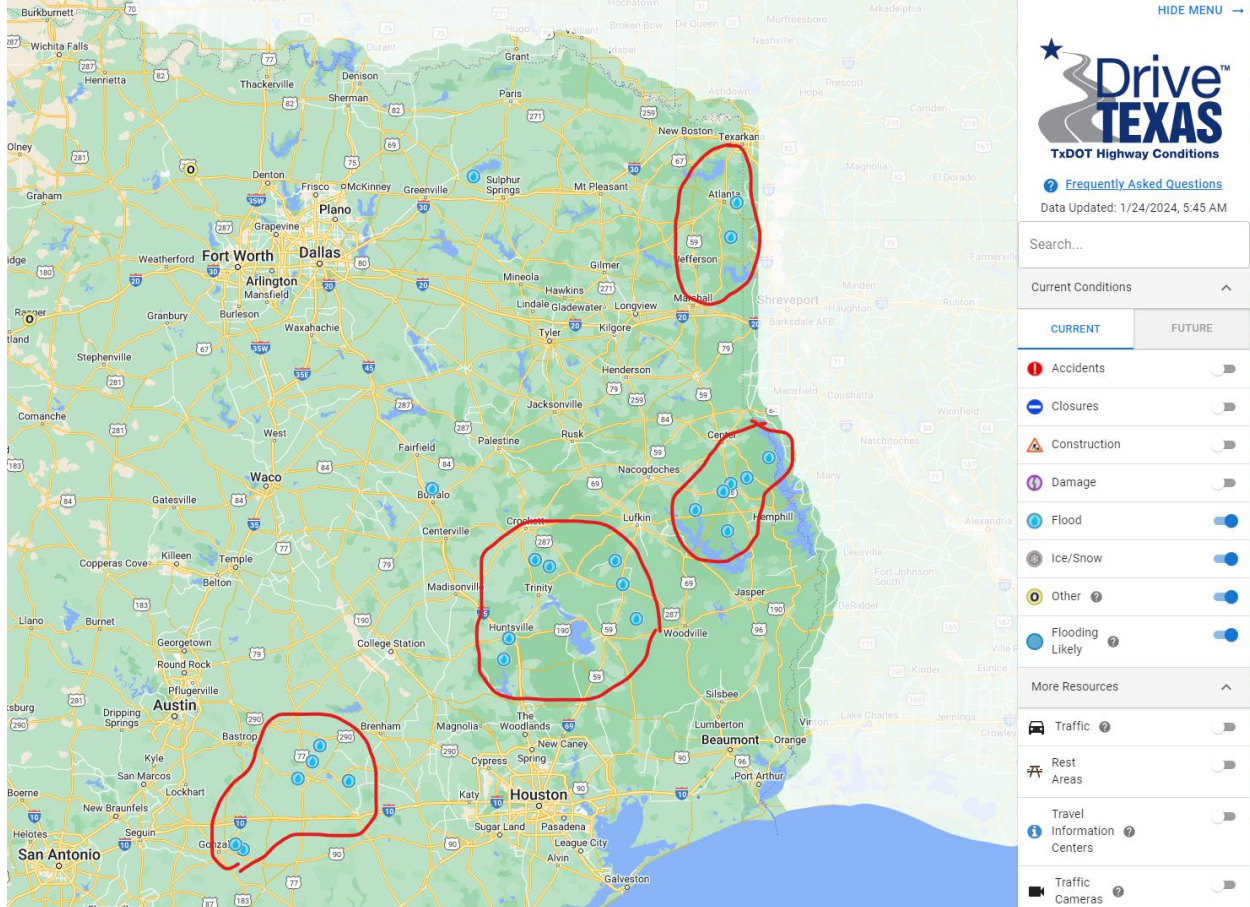
The Texas Highway Patrol (THP) Tactical Marine Unit (TMU) has flat bottom boats available in the following counties: three in Hidalgo County, one in Aransas County, one in Victoria County, one in Galveston County, three in Montgomery County, one in McLennan County, and one in Medina County.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): DSHS has assigned one LNO to the SOC.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): On January 23, TxDOT assigned one Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) and one SOC LNO to the Austin SOC. Crews are treating and monitoring roadways, and Tier III and IV roads will be

treated as resources become available. TxDOT San Antonio District has reopened the lower-level lanes of IH-35 and IH-10.

TxDOT is reporting water over the roadways in the following areas: As of 5:45AM January 24. More up to date information can be found at www.drivetexas.org



Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD has activated one SOC Support Team at the SOC and three Ground Transportation Platoons to support TX-TF1. TMD has activated 59 personnel, 15 vehicles, and three aircraft. Units are staged in Huntsville, La Marque, and Houston.

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

TPWD has Texas Game Wardens and State Park Police Officers prepared to respond and support boat rescue operations. State Parks will not close, but sections of State Parks may close due to flooding.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TDEM	ESF 6 Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TDEM	ISTF HQ Staff	3	0	Assigned	Austin
TEEX TX-TF1	Swift Water Boat Squad	6	2	Assigned	Travis County
TEEX TX-TF1	Swift Water Boat Squad	6	2	Assigned	Bexar County
TEEX TX-TF1	Swift Water Boat Squad	6	2	Assigned	Navarro County
TEEX TX-TF1	Swift Water Boat Squad	6	2	Assigned	Smith County
TEEX TX-TF1	Swift Water Boat Squad	6	2	Assigned	McLennan County
TEEX TX-TF1	Swift Water Boat Squad	6	2	Assigned	Angelina County
TEEX TX-TF1	Swift Water Boat Squad	6	2	Assigned	Brazos County
TEEX TX-TF1	Swift Water Boat Squad	6	2	Assigned	Austin County
TEEX TX-TF1	Swift Water Boat Squad	6	2	Assigned	Liberty County
TEEX TX-TF1	Swift Water Boat Squad	6	2	Assigned	Montgomery County
TEEX TX-TF1	Water Group Supervisor	2	1	Assigned	TDEM Region 2
TEEX TX-TF1	Water Group Supervisor	2	1	Assigned	TDEM Region 8
TEEX TX-TF1	HPV	7	2	Assigned	Liberty County
TEEX TX-TF1	ESF 9 Overhead	4	0	Assigned	Brazos County
TEEX TX-TF1	ESF 9 SOC LNO	1	0	Assigned	Austin
DSHS	SOC LNO	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TXDPS	Troopers	500	0	Assigned	Statewide
TxDOT	EMC	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	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

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TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon	10	5	Activated	Houston
TMD	1.5 Rotary Wing	22	3	Activated	Austin/San Antonio
TMD	Air Ops Support	1	0	Activated	Austin
TPWD	SWR Boat Team	2	1	Assigned	Austin County
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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