



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

New Information in Blue Text

Event Name	24-0004 21JAN Severe Weather
Date	January 25, 2024
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM January 24 to 8:00 AM January 25, 2024
Report Number	3

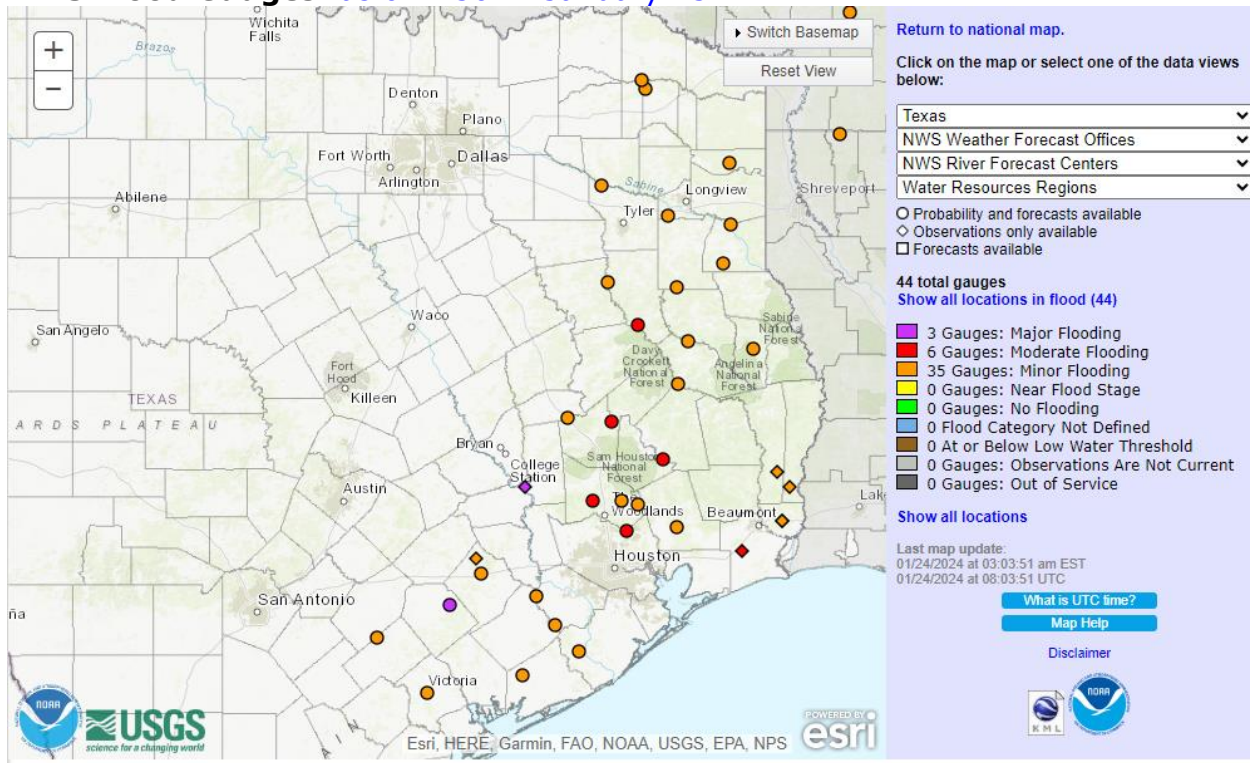
Regions Affected	
TDEM Regions Affected	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8
DDs Active	5, 6, 14, 15, 16, 17, 22

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Another day of severe thunderstorms has continued along the same path through Texas, following a path from the Rio Grande Vally (RGV), traveling northeast, and exiting through east – northeast Texas. This system has brought many inches of flooding rains, affecting the Anglina, Colorado, Navidad, Neches, Sabine, San Bernard, San Jacinto, Sulfur, Tres Palacios, and Trinity Rivers, along with several secondary tributaries which are also showing gauges in minor flood stage. Five flood gauges in southeast Texas are reporting moderate flood stage, and one gauge along the Navidad River at Sublime in Lavaca County and one gauge along the Brazos River at Washington in Washington County are showing in major flood stage. State agencies continue to mobilize resources for emergency response and support rescue operations.

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.

NWS Flood Gauges: as of 4:30AM January 25.



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

DD 14 – Lufkin (Includes Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, and Tyler Counties)

Polk County: The Polk County EOC is at Level III. On January 24, the Polk County Judge issued a voluntary evacuation order for the low-lying areas along the Trinity River below Lake Livingston Dam. Locally heavy rainfall along with increase in discharge from the dam could impact areas below the dam including roadways, impeding ingress and egress into subdivisions and residential areas.

Polk County is urging citizens in these areas to take precautions.

Region 4 (Includes DD 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 increased their EOC to Level I (Emergency Conditions). Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is reporting water over several roads and bridges in the county.

As of 4:00 PM on January 24, Montgomery County ESD 3 Fire Department (FD) and Conroe FD were in the process of evacuating (and assisting citizens) approximately 50 homes on FM 2854 at the San Jacinto River. Residents are being sheltered at the Lone Star Community Center located at 2500 Lone Star Parkway, Montgomery TX 77536. The American Red Cross is managing the shelter.

The Lake Conroe discharge rate was increased from 3,000 cubic feet per sec (cfs) to 16,525 cfs which caused an influx of water into the area. Peach Creek, Caney Creek, and the East Fork of the San Jacinto River will be causing low land flooding. Areas potentially impacted include Plum Grove, Wood Branch Village, River Club Estates, and several other areas as the San Jacinto River continues to swell.

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

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

DeWitt County: The city of Yorktown is reporting 8th and 12th Streets closed due to high water. A few other low water crossings continue to have water over the roadways but are passable.

Gonzales County: Waelder ISD is canceling classes for January 25. Roads are too hazardous for buses, which could become trapped and would be unable to turn around.

Lavaca County: The County OEM continues to report road closures due to flooding, also including some streets in the city of Hallettsville.

DD 18 – San Antonio (Includes Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, McMullen, Medina, and Wilson Counties)

Wilson County: Recent rainfall caused the Cibolo River to rise 1 foot as of 4:00 PM January 24, water was over the roadway surface and the road was closed until water levels receded.

Region 8 (Includes DDs 11,12, 13 and 23)

DD 12 – Austin (Includes Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis, and Williamson Counties)

Lee and Bastrop Counties are reporting several secondary roads closed, but no major roadway closures.

Fayette County: As of 4:00 PM on January 24 Texas DPS reported a water rescue off Josie Lane with the Fayette County Sheriff's Office and Texas Game Wardens. A man capsized his boat and was clinging to a tree.

All Fayette County offices and schools were closed Wednesday January 24 for the day due to the flooded roads and continuing rain.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System (TDEM):

TDEM Mass Care: Mass Care was activated at the SOC.

Sheltering: American Red Cross is in contact with San Jacinto County Emergency Management about opening a shelter with a partner there.

The state and Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) partners remain on standby ready to support Mass Care services at the local level.

TDEM Incident Support Task Force (ISTF): The ISTF is activated at the SOC with two personnel. 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.

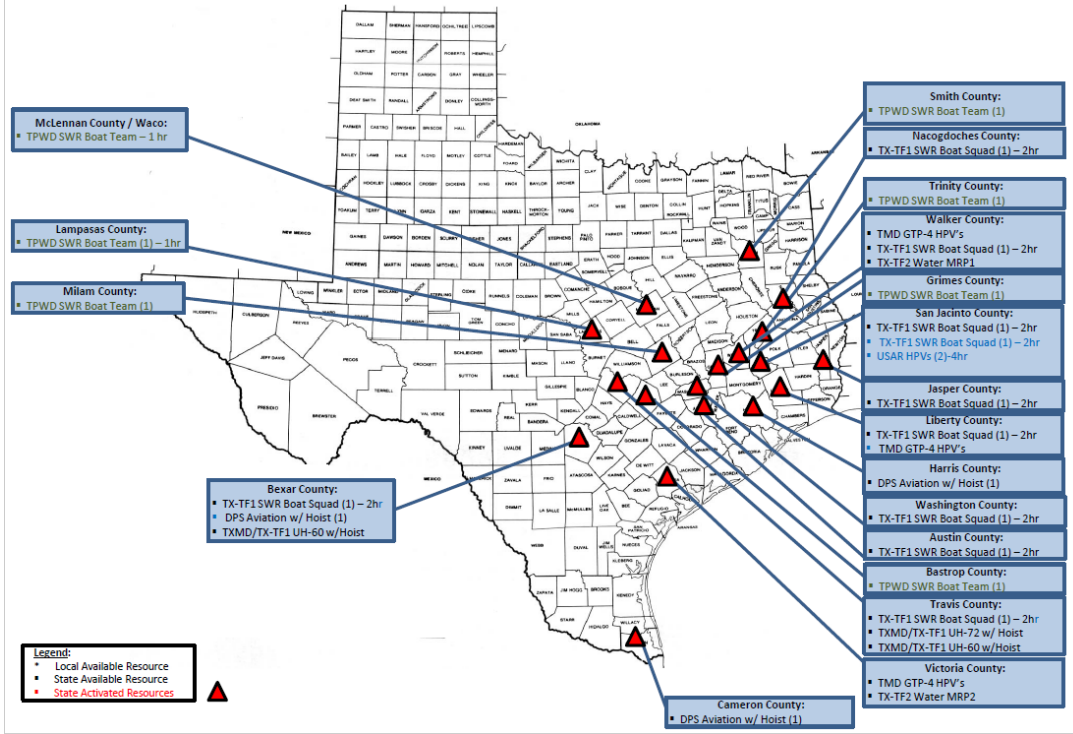
Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Texas Task Force 1 & 2 (TX-TF1 / TX-TF2): TEEX activated ten TX-TF1 Type III Swift Water Boat Squads, two high-profile vehicles (HPV), and two water group supervisors.

On January 24, to support TMD GTP High Profile Vehicles, TX-TF2 activated two Water Mission Ready Packages (MRPs) and TX-TF1 Region 3 activated a flood boat squad.

On January 24, TX-TF1 personnel assisted local resources throughout the state, including the evacuation of 1 adult and 2 pets from a flooded home in TDEM Region 4. There are currently 130 personnel assigned to support this activation.

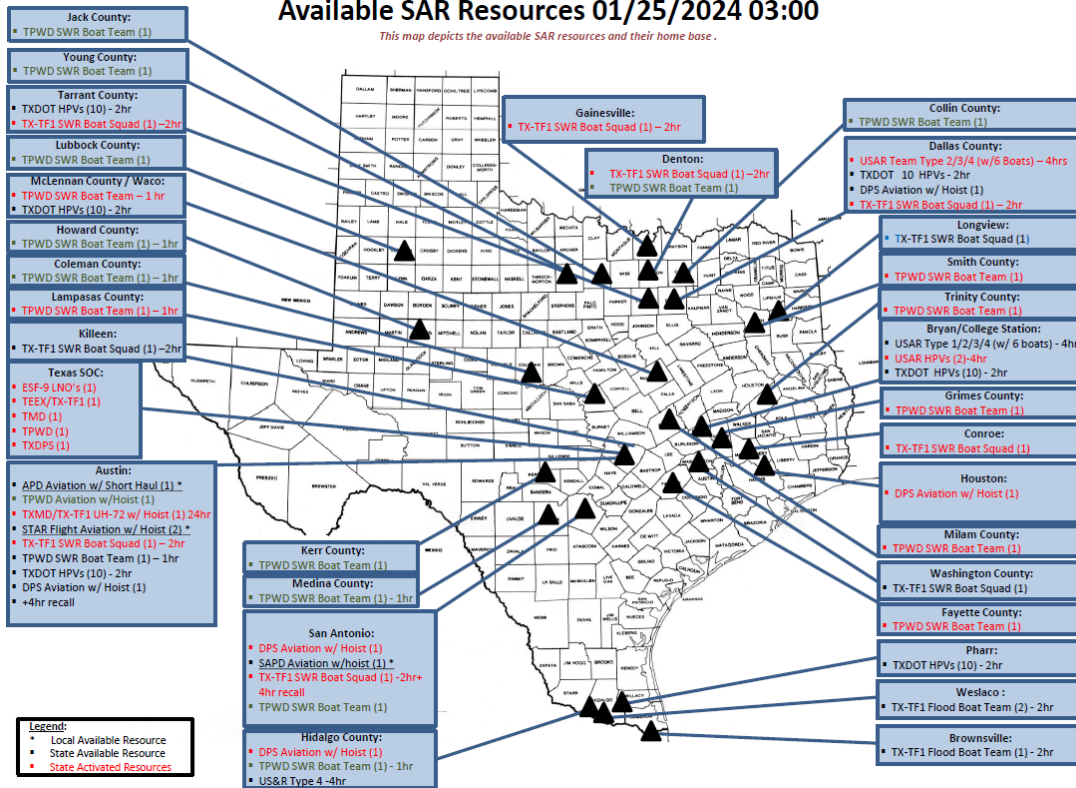
Assigned SAR Resources Location 01/25/2024 03:00

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 01/25/2024 03:00

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): TxDOT SOC Liaison and the EMC have been staffing the SOC since January 22.

Overnight Tuesday heavy rains resulted in flooding in several TxDOT districts in the East / Southeast part of the state.

Local crews worked overnight Tuesday monitoring roads and flood prone areas. Local crews were out inspecting bridges and culverts and monitoring roadways and floodwater throughout the day Wednesday.

Five High Profile Vehicles (HPV) and five two-person teams are in the Bryan District; 10 additional HPVs are available, if needed. (5-Austin; 5-Dallas).

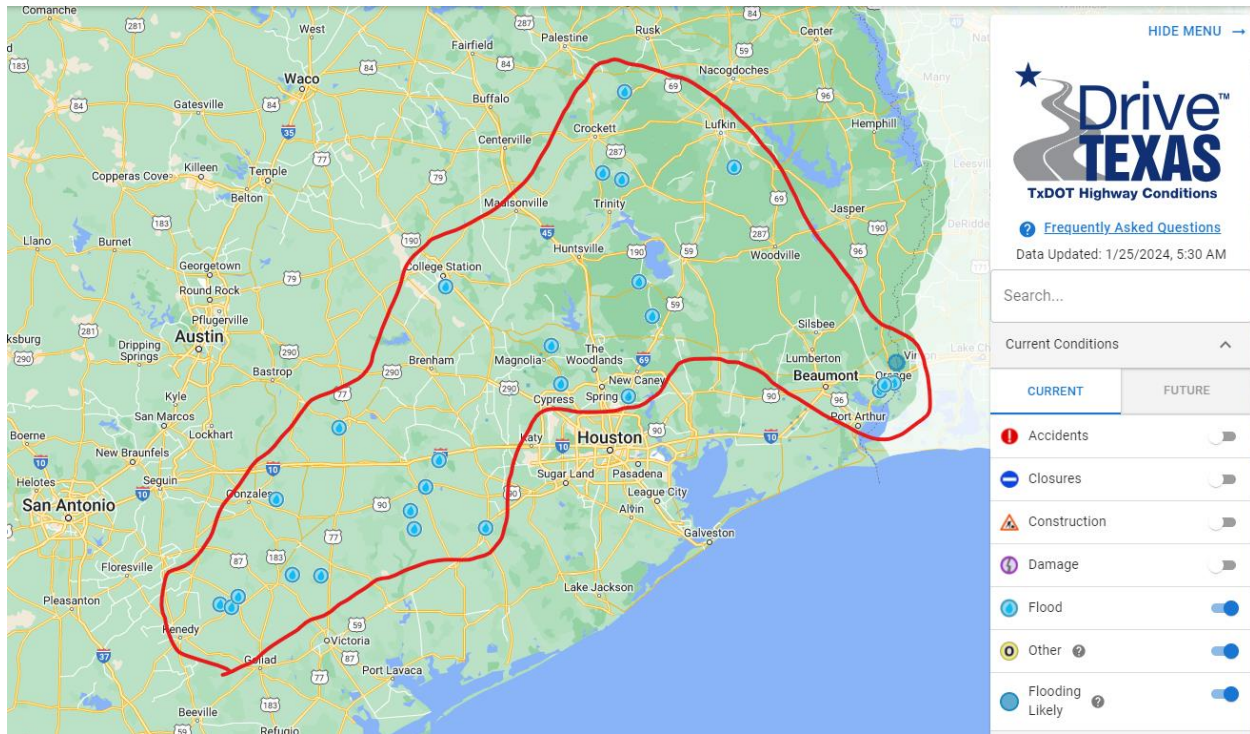
US Highway 59 in the Lufkin District was closed Tuesday night for approximately one-hour due to high water at an underpass; it has since reopened.

Northern Fayette and Colorado Counties in the Yoakum District received close to 7" of rain overnight Tuesday resulting in high water in several areas.

Interstate Highway 45 in Huntsville in Bryan District had water on the highway Wednesday morning; water is draining slowly due to a construction barrier.

Reminder: Do not attempt to go around road barriers. If a road is flooded, 'Turn Around Don't Drown.'

TxDOT is reporting water over the roadways in the following areas: As of 5:30AM January 25. 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 48 personnel, 15 vehicles, and three aircraft. Units are staged in Huntsville, Liberty, and Victoria.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD has prepared department resources consisting of Texas Game Wardens and State Parks Police Officers equipped with swift water boats and shallow water boats to support rescue operations in areas affected by the severe weather event. Also, TPWD personnel are continuing to be advised of the current weather conditions and are maintaining a state of readiness.

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

Caddo Lake and Palmetto State Parks have closed areas due to flooding. Brazos Bend State Park is preparing for minor flooding.

TPWD SAR crews and field personnel have assisted with several incidents and rescues in the affected areas of the state.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TDEM	ESF 6 Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TDEM	ISTF HQ Staff	2	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	Nacogdoches County
TEEX TX-TF1	Swift Water Boat Squad	6	2	Assigned	San Jacinto County
TEEX TX-TF1	Swift Water Boat Squad	6	2	Assigned	Jasper County
TEEX TX-TF1	Swift Water Boat Squad	6	2	Assigned	Angelina County
TEEX TX-TF1	Swift Water Boat Squad	6	2	Assigned	Washington 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	Walker County
TEEX TX-TF1	Water Group Supervisor	2	1	Assigned	TDEM Region 3
TEEX TX-TF1	Water Group Supervisor	2	1	Assigned	TDEM Region 6
TEEX TX-TF1	HPV	7	2	Assigned	Angelina County
TEEX TX-TF1	ESF 9 Overhead	4	0	Assigned	Brazos County
TEEX TX-TF1	ESF 9 SOC LNO	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TEEX TX-TF1	TX-TF1 Rescue Swimmers	3	0	Assigned	Travis County
TEEX TX-TF1	TX-TF1 Rescue Swimmers	2	0	Assigned	Bexar County
TEEX TX-TF1	HSART Manager	1	0	Assigned	Brazos County
TEEX TX-TF1	TX-TF2 Water MRP	18	3	Assigned	Walker County
TEEX TX-TF1	TX-TF2 Water MRP	17	4	Assigned	Victoria County

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TEEX TX-TF1	TX-TF1 Region 3 Flood Boats	6	3	Assigned	Victoria County
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	Victoria
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon	10	5	Activated	Huntsville
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon	10	5	Activated	Liberty
TMD	1.5 Rotary Wing	11	3	Activated	Austin/San Antonio
TMD	Air Ops Support	1	0	Activated	Austin
TPWD	SOC Liason	2	0	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	Game Warden SAR	14	7	Available	TPWD Regions
TPWD	Game Wardens- State Park Police	270	270	Available	TPWD Regions

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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