



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

New Information in Blue Text

Event Name	24-0004 21JAN Severe Weather
Date	January 29, 2024
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM January 28 to 8:00 AM January 29, 2024
Report Number	7

Regions Affected

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

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: TDEM continues to urge Texans to report property damage by submitting an online damage assessment survey.

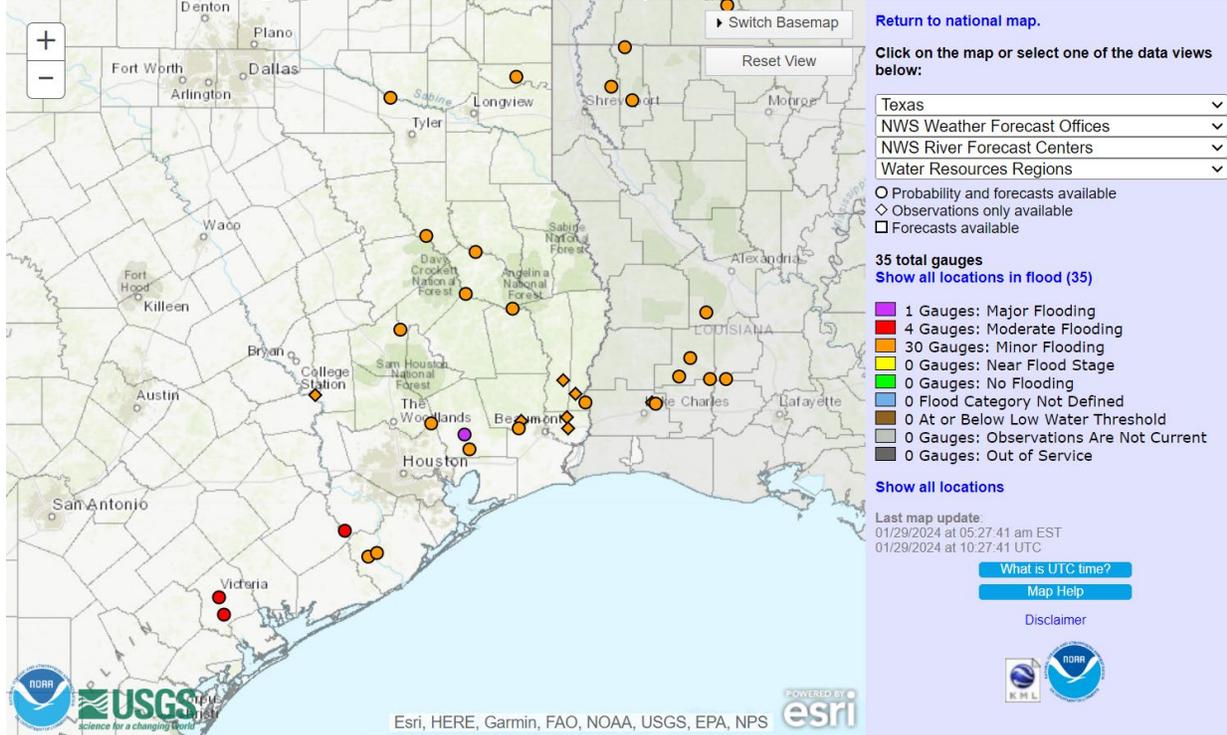
Texans can report weather damage to homes and businesses using the Individual State of Texas Assessment Tool (iSTAT) damage survey. The iSTAT damage survey can be filled out in English and Spanish online by visiting damage.tdem.texas.gov and clicking on "January 21st - Ongoing Flooding Event." The details provided to TDEM in the iSTAT damage survey help emergency management officials gain an understanding of damages that have occurred and identify any immediate resource needs. Survey information also aids officials in determining whether the state meets federal requirements for various forms of disaster assistance.

Reporting damage through the iSTAT tool is a voluntary activity and is not a substitute for reporting damage to your insurance agency. It does not guarantee disaster relief assistance. English and Spanish tutorial videos explaining how to fill out iSTAT surveys are available at <https://damage.tdem.texas.gov/>.

Texans are encouraged to remain prepared and informed, continue to monitor local weather reports, and follow instructions from local officials. Texans can access additional flood safety information by visiting www.TexasReady.gov.

While the bulk of the forecasted rain has ended, runoff is expected to continue to create moderate-to-major flood stages across Texas rivers, which could impact Texas communities and property owners. To view the latest flood gauge data visit www.TexasFlood.org.

NWS Flood Gauges: as of 4:30AM January 29.



River Flooding:

A moderate flood stage is being reported along the Brazos, Guadalupe, Lavaca, Navidad, Neches, San Bernard, San Jacinto, and Trinity Rivers.

A minor flood stage is being reported along the Angelina, Brazos, Guadalupe, Navidad, Neches, Sabine, San Bernard, San Jacinto, and the Trinity Rivers.

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 DD 16)

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

Austin County: Austin County OEM continues to coordinate with TxDOT and county resources about the roadways affected by the Mill Creek flooding.

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

Residents evacuated from the East Fork RV Resort in Cleveland, TX, who were evacuated on January 26 from flooding, have started to return. The water has subsided, and the power has been restored.

Montgomery County: The County has increased its EOC to Level I (Emergency Conditions). Montgomery County Judge issued a Disaster Declaration on January 25. Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is reporting water over several roads and bridges in the county.

On January 28, the San Jacinto River Authority stated that Lake Conroe is discharging at 2,665 cfs.

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

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

The TDEM District Chief reported several road closures throughout the district due to flooding.

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

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.

The state and VOAD partners remain on standby ready to support Mass Care services at the local level.

The Incident Support Task Force (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 and coordinate operations remotely. Standing by and monitoring WebEOC to fulfill any STAR requests for service.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Texas Task Force 1 & 2 (TX-TF1 / TX-TF2):

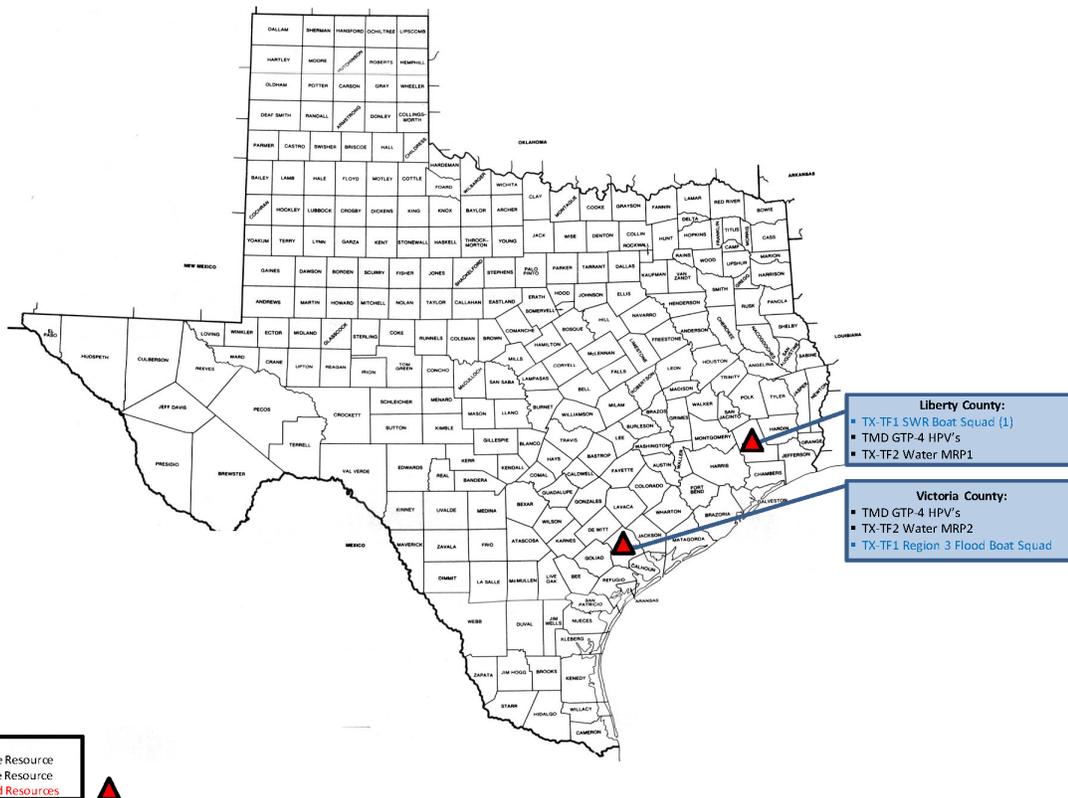
On January 24, to support TMD GTP High Profile Vehicles, TX-TF2 activated two Water Mission Ready Packages (MRPs), and TX-TF1 Region 3 activated a flood boat squad.

On January 28, a TX-TF1 swift water boat squad in Liberty County rescued a child and two adults from a vehicle submerged in flood water.

As of January 28, 61 personnel have been assigned to this activation.

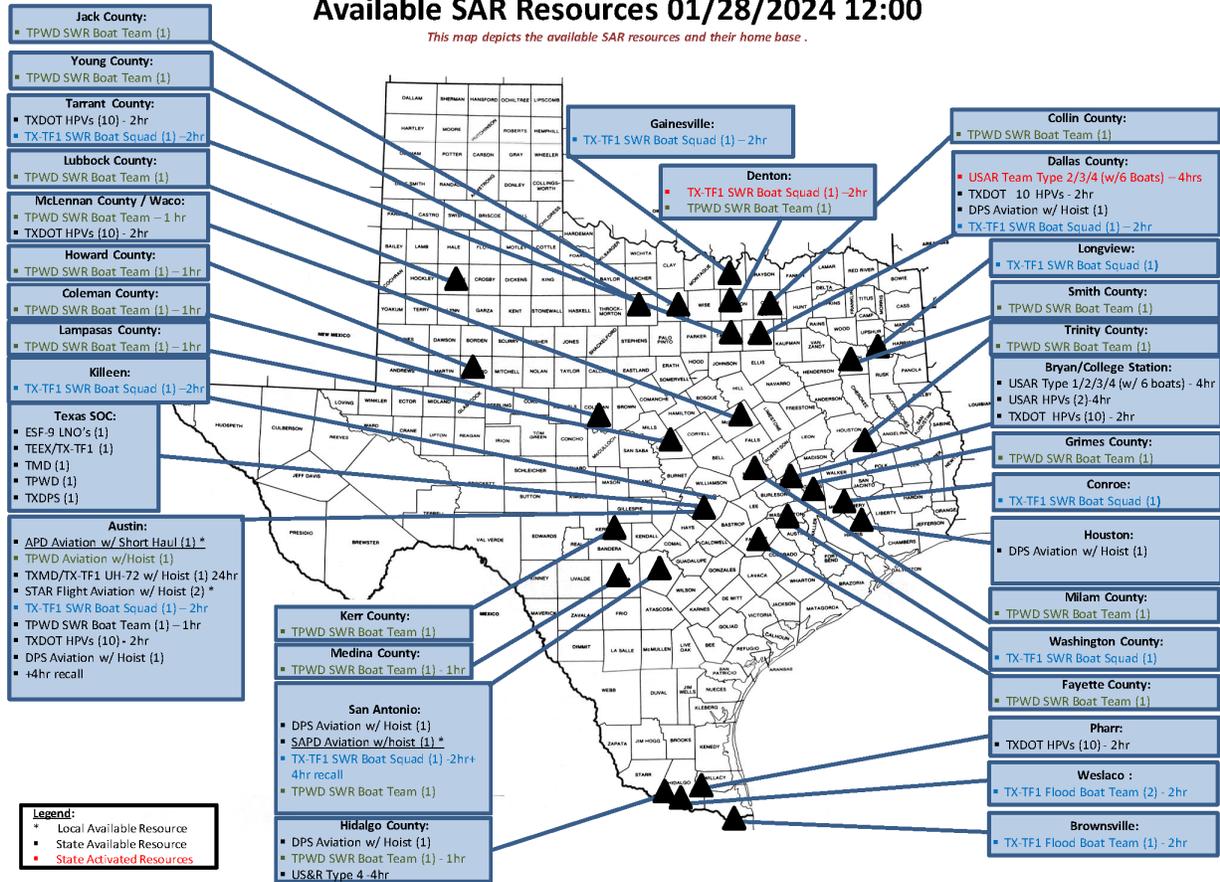
Assigned SAR Resources Location 01/28/2024 12:00

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 01/28/2024 12:00

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



Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC): TAHC began staffing the SOC for this event on January 22. TAHC will continue to monitor impacts from rising waters and flooding in areas where livestock may be affected. TAHC has not received any requests for resources.

TAHC, Texas A&M Veterinary, and Texas A&M AgriLife have assisted Liberty County with pre-identifying locations in their plan to shelter large animals. With several waterways in the county, a shelter location may be appropriately selected at the fairgrounds or sale barns, as needed.

On January 26, the water rescue of a horse and a goat in Montgomery County was tracked by TAHC. The animals were reunited with their owner by first responders and taken to a temporary pasture.

Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS): TXDPS is coordinating with TX-TF1 and TMD for aviation and marine unit response.

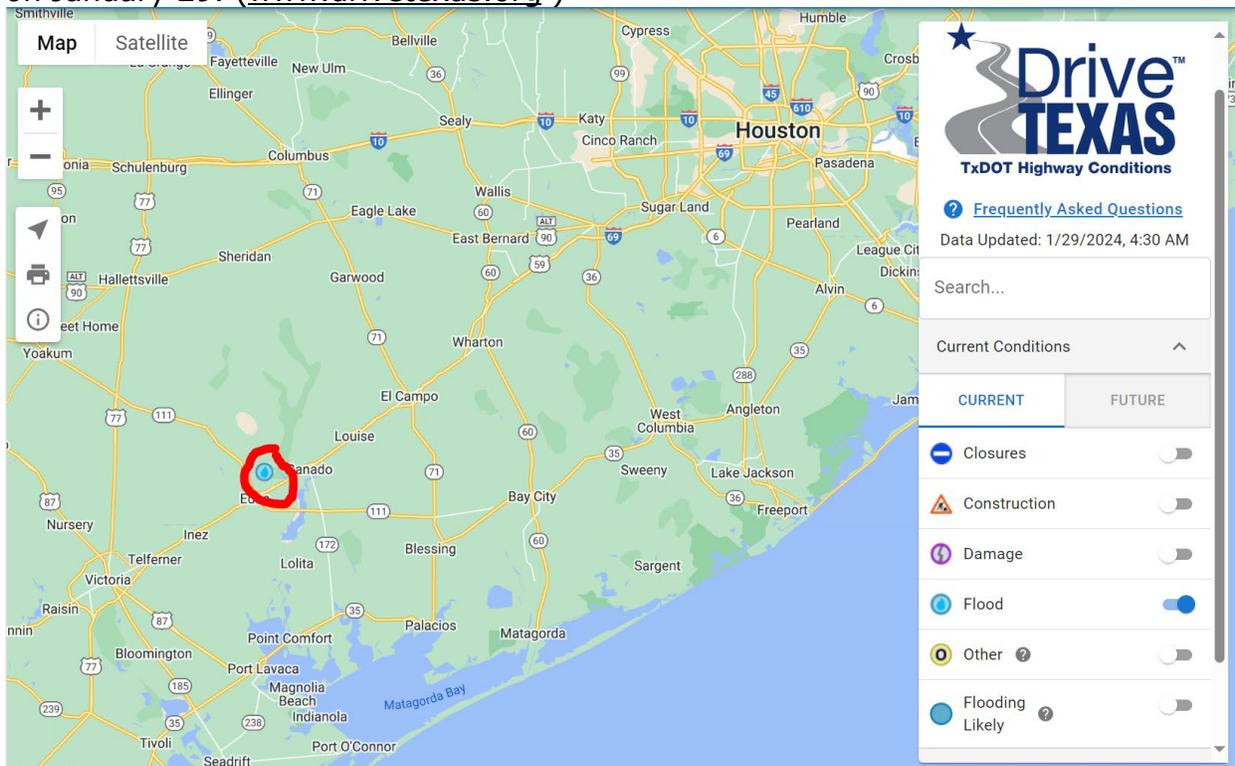
TXDPS Aviation Operations Division (AOD) has three H-125 hoist-equipped helicopters stationed in Houston, San Antonio, and Edinburg are ready for immediate response.

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 two LNO to the SOC.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): TxDOT SOC Liaison and the EMC have been staffing the SOC since January 22.

TxDOT is reporting roadways affected by high water due to flooding: As of 4:30 AM on January 29. (www.drivetexas.org)



Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD has activated three Ground Transportation Platoons to support TX-TF1. TMD has activated 41 personnel, 15 vehicles, and two aircraft. Units are staged in Huntsville, Liberty, and Victoria. Rotary Wing Mission Ready Package 1x UH-60 (Conroe), 1 UH-60 (Ellington Field), and One Air Operation Support. TMD is also supporting the State Operation Center.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD continues to have Texas Game Wardens and State Park Police Officers respond to affected areas and support boat rescue or evacuation operations as needed. 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.

The American Red Cross (ARC): the ARC will operate a [Point of Distribution \(POD\)](#) in Montgomery County, in collaboration with local and governmental partners.

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
TDEM	VOAD	1	0	Assigned	Virtual
TEEX PWRT	SOC Liaison Remote	1	1	Assigned	College Station
TEEX PWRT	PWRT Strike Teams	16	0	Available	Statewide
TEEX TX-TF1	Swift Water Boat Squad	6	2	Released	Montgomery County
TEEX TX-TF1	Swift Water Boat Squad	6	2	Released	Washington County
TEEX TX-TF1	Swift Water Boat Squad	6	2	Released	Austin County
TEEX TX-TF1	Swift Water Boat Squad	6	2	Released	Tyler County
TEEX TX-TF1	Swift Water Boat Squad	24	8	Assigned	Liberty County
TEEX TX-TF1	Water Group Supervisor	2	1	Assigned	TDEM Region 4
TEEX TX-TF1	Water Group Supervisor	2	1	Assigned	TDEM Region 6
TEEX TX-TF1	HPV	7	2	Assigned	Montgomery County
TEEX TX-TF1	ESF 9 Overhead	10	0	Assigned	Brazos County
TEEX TX-TF1	ESF 9 SOC LNO	2	0	Assigned	Austin
TEEX TX-TF1	TX-TF1 Rescue Swimmers	3	0	Released	Travis County
TEEX TX-TF1	TX-TF1 Rescue Swimmers	2	0	Released	Bexar County

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TEEX TX-TF1	HSART Manager	1	0	Released	Brazos County
TEEX TX-TF1	TX-TF2 Water MRP	17	3	Assigned	Liberty County
TEEX TX-TF1	TX-TF2 Water MRP	17	4	Assigned	Victoria County
TEEX TX-TF1	TX-TF1 Region 3 Flood Boats	6	3	Assigned	Victoria County
DSHS	SOC LNO	2	0	Assigned	Austin
TXDPS	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	Austin
TXDPS	Helicopter w/hoist	9	3	Activated	Houston, San Antonio, Edinburg
TXDPS	Flat Bottom Boats	22	11	Activated	Hidalgo, Cameron, Aransas, Victoria, Galveston, Montgomery, McLennan, Medina
TxDOT	EMC	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	SOC LNO	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TMD	SOC MRP	3	0	Assigned	Austin
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon	9	5	Assigned	Huntsville
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon	10	5	Assigned	Victoria
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon	10	5	Assigned	Liberty
TMD	Rotary Wing MRP	8	2	Assigned	Conroe/ Ellington Field
TMD	Air Ops Support	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	SOC Liason	2	2	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	Game Warden SAR	14	21	Available	TPWD Regions 2,3,4,7,8
TPWD	Game Wardens-State Park Police	270	270	Available	TPWD Regions 2,3,4,7,8
TPWD	Swift Water Boats / Airboats		48	Available	TPWD Regions 2,3,4,7,8
TAHC	SOC Representative	1		Assigned On-Call	SOC

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TAHC	TAHC Emergency Management	1		Activated/ on-Call	Virtual

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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