



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	24-0004 21JAN Severe Weather
Date	January 31, 2024
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM January 30 to 8:00 AM January 31, 2024
Report Number	9

Regions Affected

TDEM Regions Affected	3, 4
DDs Active	14, 16

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: The Texas Division of Emergency Management (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.

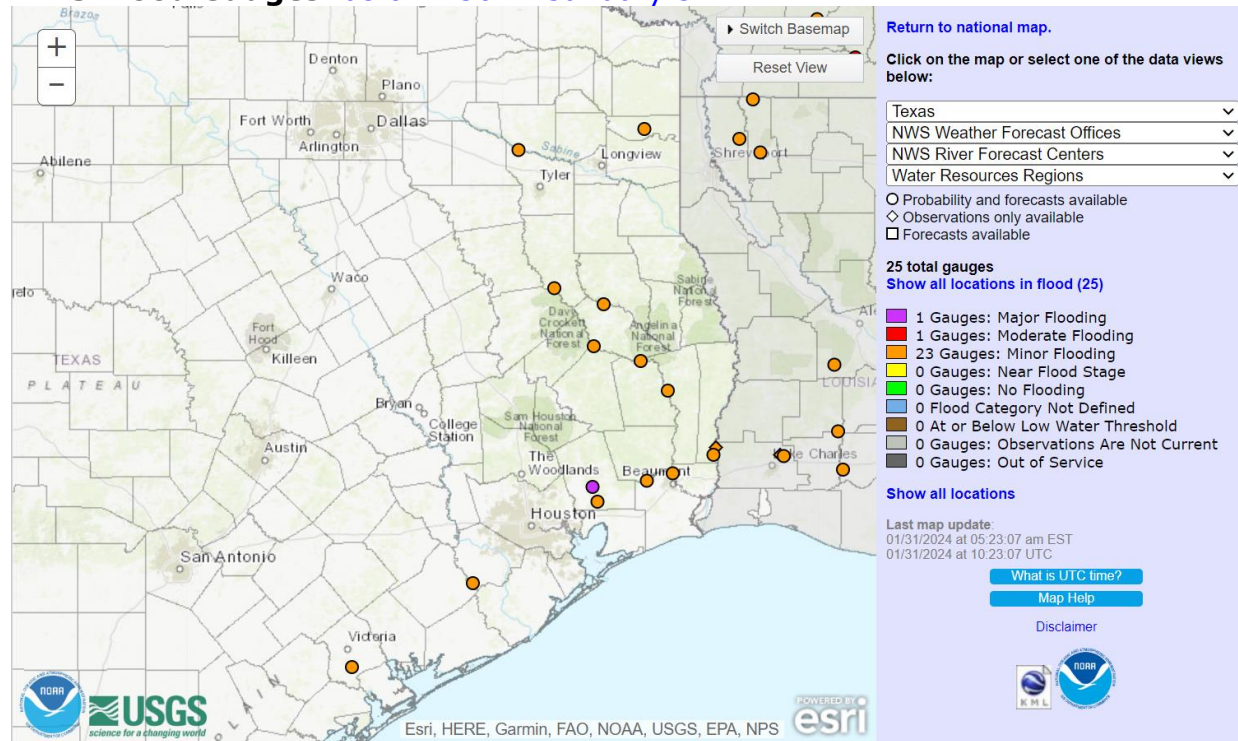
Reporting damage through the iSTAT tool is a voluntary activity and is not a substitute for reporting damage to your insurance agency. It does not guarantee disaster relief assistance. English and Spanish tutorial videos explaining how to fill out iSTAT surveys are available at <https://damage.tdem.texas.gov/>.

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 31.



River Flooding:

A major flood stage is being reported along the Trinity River at Liberty in Liberty County. At this stage, major lowland flooding begins as homes in several subdivisions above Liberty begin flooding. Extensive flooding over much of Liberty County can be expected.

A minor flood stage is being reported along the Angelina, Neches, Sabine, San Bernard, and 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)

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

Montgomery County: The County EOC remains at Level I (Emergency Conditions). Montgomery County Judge issued a Disaster Declaration on January 25.

On January 30, the San Jacinto River Authority stated that the Lake Conroe dam is discharging at a rate of 1,060 cubic feet per second (cfs).

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.

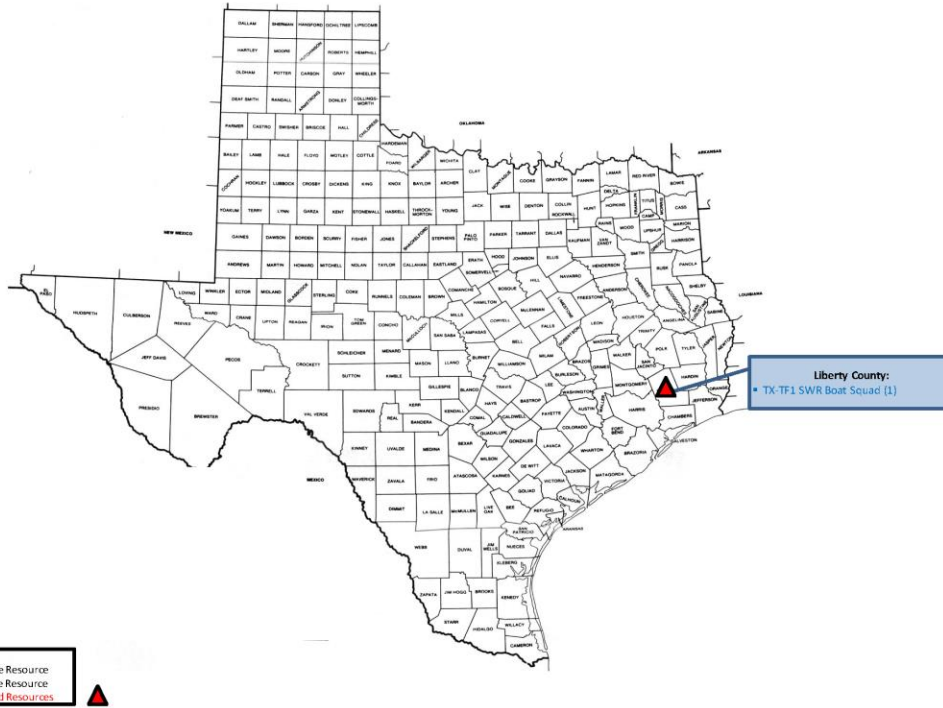
The Incident Support Task Force (ISTF) is activated at the SOC with two personnel. HQ and regional staff are actively assessing the weather and communicating with locals for any unmet needs.

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): As of January 30, 19 personnel are assigned to this incident.

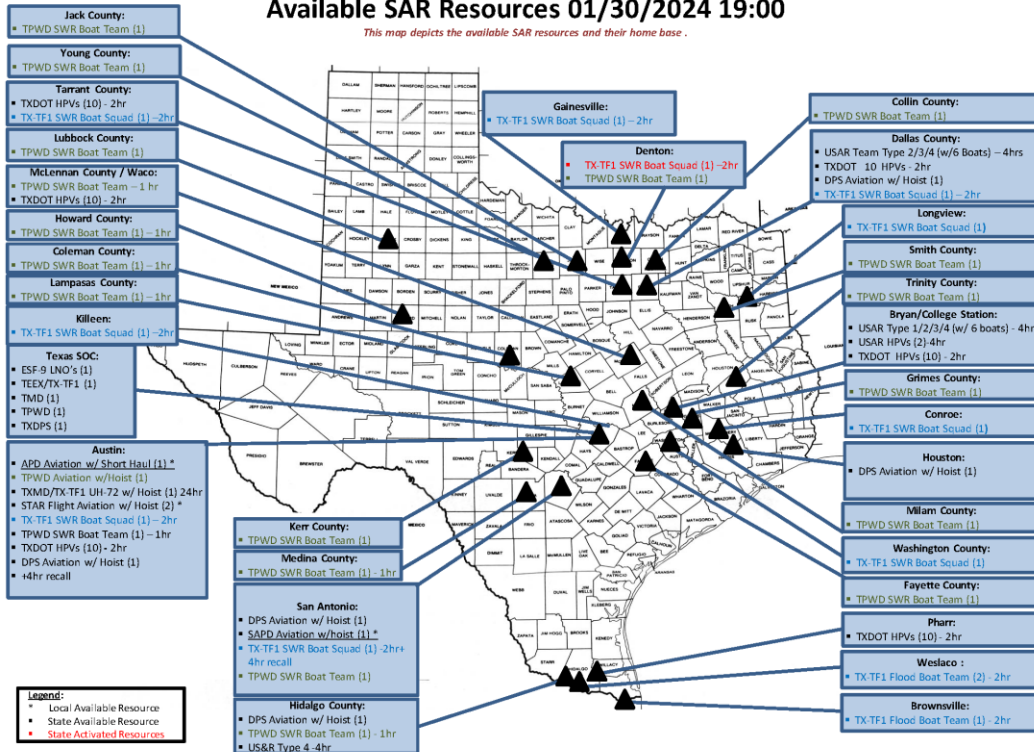
Assigned SAR Resources Location 01/30/2024 19:00

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 01/30/2024 19:00

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



Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC): TAHC will continue to monitor impacts from flooding in areas where livestock may be affected. TAHC has not received any requests for resources.

Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS): 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 LNOs to the SOC.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): TxDOT has a SOC Liaison and an EMC in the SOC since January 22.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD has 13 personnel and five vehicles assigned to this incident. TMD released the Ground Transportation Platoon in Victoria on January 29.

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.

American Red Cross (ARC): The ARC continues to operate a Point of Distribution (POD) in Montgomery County, in collaboration with local and governmental partners.

ARC has provided shelter for residents impacted by the flooding in Montgomery County and continues the distribution of emergency supplies. Damage Assessment Teams have been deployed to San Jacinto and Montgomery Counties.

The Salvation Army (TSA) concluded response operations in Montgomery County at end of day on January 30.

TSA operations on January 29:

- Staff/Volunteer Hours: 36
- Meals Prepared: 308
- Cases of Water: 40
- Clean-up Kits: 50

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	Assigned	Liberty County
TEEX TX-TF1	Water Group Supervisor	2	1	Assigned	TDEM Region 4
TEEX TX-TF1	ESF 9 Overhead	10	0	Assigned	Brazos County
TEEX TX-TF1	ESF 9 SOC LNO	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TEEX TX-TF1	TX-TF2 Water MRP	17	3	Assigned	Liberty County
TEEX TX-TF1	TX-TF2 Water MRP	17	3	Released	Victoria County
DSHS	SOC LNO	2	0	Assigned	Austin
TXDPS	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	Austin
TXDPS	Helicopter w/hoist	9	3	Available	Houston, San Antonio, Edinburg
TXDPS	Flat Bottom Boats	22	11	Available	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 B	10	5	Released	Victoria
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon C	10	5	Assigned	Liberty
TPWD	SOC Liason	2	2	Assigned	Austin
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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