



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

New Information in Blue Text

Event Name	24-0011 08APR Severe Weather
Date	April 17, 2024
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM April 16 to 8:00 AM April 17, 2024
Report Number	8

Regions Affected	
TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 4, 6 & 7
DDs Active	1, 2, 5, 7, 9 & 14

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On April 15, Governor Abbott issued a disaster declaration for the severe storms and flooding in East Texas, including Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Newton, Panola, Shelby, and Tyler Counties.

On April 9, Governor Abbott directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to deploy additional state emergency response resources ahead of severe storms and flash flooding, including large hail and possible tornadoes, expected to move across Texas.

The Governor directed TDEM to mobilize state emergency response resources and increase the readiness level of the State Emergency Operations Center to Level II (Escalated Response) in preparation for severe weather.

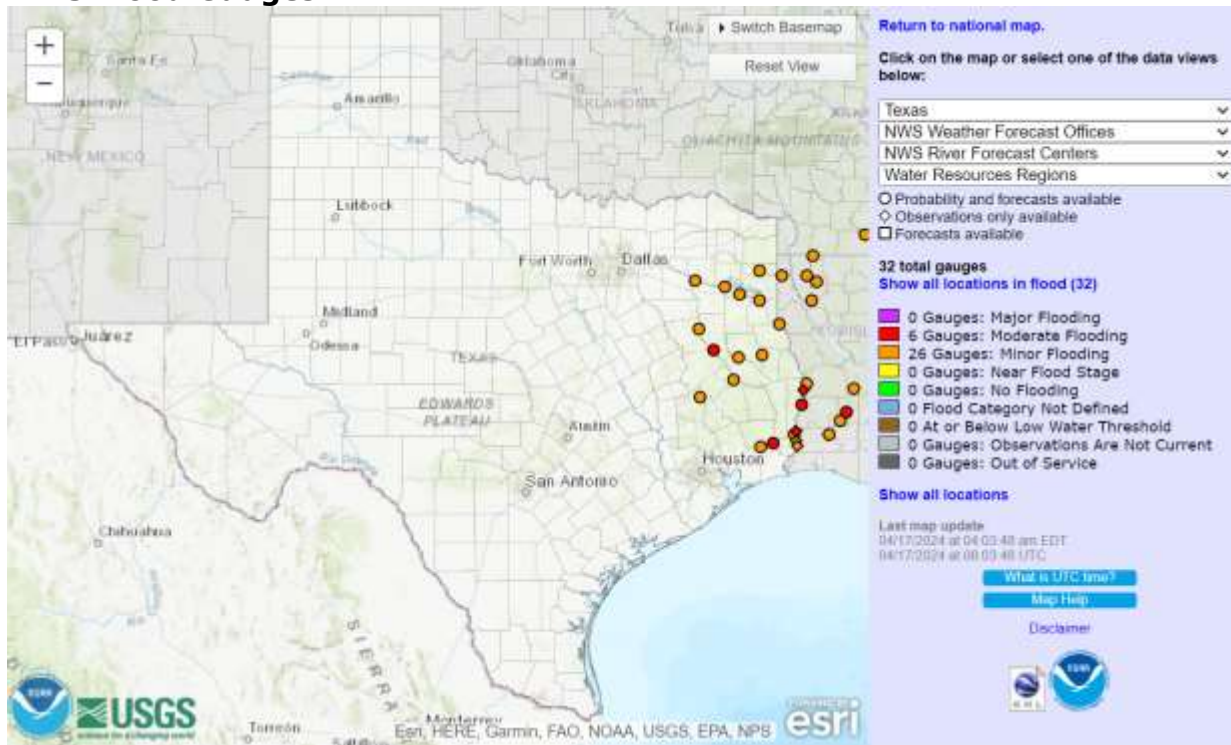
At the Governor's direction, TDEM has mobilized the following additional resources across the state to support local emergency response operations:

- **Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (Texas A&M Task Force 1 and Texas Task Force 2):** Urban Search & Rescue Teams and Boat Squads
- **Texas A&M Forest Service:** All-Hazard Incident Management Teams and Saw Crews
- **Texas Parks and Wildlife Department:** Game Wardens, Park Police Officers, and Swiftwater Rescue Boat Squads
- **Texas Department of Public Safety:** Tactical Marine Unit and Helicopters with Hoist Capabilities
- **Texas Military Department:** Ground Transportation Platoons

Over the weekend, TDEM mobilized the following emergency response resources across the state at Governor Abbott's direction to support local emergency response operations:

- **Texas A&M Forest Service:** Firefighters and fire engines; heavy equipment such as bulldozers and motor graders; Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) Strike Teams comprised of personnel and fire engines; Firefighting aircraft including large airtankers, multi-engine air tankers, single engine airtankers, aerial supervision modules and air attack platforms
- **Texas Division of Emergency Management:** Emergency response personnel to support requests for state assistance from local officials; Communications Coordination Group is engaging with telecommunications partners
- **Texas National Guard:** UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters
- **Texas Department of State Health Service (Texas Emergency Medical Task Force):** Wildland Fire Support Packages and Severe Weather Support Packages including paramedics and ambulances
- **Texas Department of Transportation:** Personnel and equipment to assist with road closures; motor graders to support emergency response operations
- **Texas Department of Public Safety:** Texas Highway Patrol Troopers to assist with road closures and traffic control
- **Texas Parks and Wildlife Department:** Game Wardens and Park Police Officers to provide law enforcement support
- **Texas A&M AgriLife Extension:** Disaster Assessment and Recovery Agents as well as AgriLife Extension Agents to support agricultural and livestock needs
- **Texas Animal Health Commission:** Personnel to provide livestock support
- **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality:** Air/water/wastewater monitoring
- **Public Utility Commission of Texas:** Personnel to coordinate with utility providers across the threat area.

NWS Flood Gauges



River Flooding: as of 3:00AM, April 17.

Moderate River flooding is being reported at the Neches River near Alto, TX and Saltwater Barrier.

Minor River flooding is being reported at the Sabine River near Beckville, Longview, Mineola, and Gladewater.

Minor River flooding is being reported at the Neches River near Diboll and Neches.

Minor River flooding is being reported at the Trinity River near Riverside.

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 1 (Includes DDs 1, 2, and 7)

DD 1 – Amarillo (Includes Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, and Wheeler Counties): [Level IV \(Normal Conditions\)](#)

DD 2 – Lubbock (Includes Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry, and Yoakum Counties): Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)

DD 7 – Abilene (Includes Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, and Taylor Counties): Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)

Region 2 (Includes DDs 3, 4, and 22)

DD 4 – Dallas/Ft. Worth (Includes Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Erath, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Somervell, Tarrant, and Wise Counties): Level IV (Normal Conditions)

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

DD 5 – Mt. Pleasant (Includes Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, and Titus Counties): Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)

DD 6 – Tyler (Includes Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties): Level IV (Normal Conditions)

Panola County: On April 11, Panola County submitted a Letter to the Governor.

DD 14 – Lufkin (Includes Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, and Tyler Counties): [Level IV \(Normal Conditions\)](#)

Shelby County: On April 10, Shelby County submitted a Disaster Declaration. On April 15, Shelby County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline.

Tyler County: On April 10, Tyler County submitted a Disaster Declaration. On April 14, Tyler County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline. On April 15, Tyler County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline.

Newton County: On April 10, Newton County and the City of Newton both submitted Disaster Declarations. On April 15, Newton County submitted a Letter to the Governor and a Disaster Summary Outline.

DD 15 – Beaumont (Includes Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, and Orange Counties)

Jefferson County: On April 15, Jefferson County submitted a Disaster Declaration. On April 15, Port Arthur, in Jefferson County, submitted a Disaster Declaration.

Jasper County: On April 10, Jasper County submitted a Disaster Declaration. On April 14, Jasper County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline.

Hardin County: On April 10, Harding County submitted a Disaster Declaration.

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): Level IV (Normal Conditions)

Galveston County: The Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL) is coordinating with Texas Gulf Coast Regional Voluntary Organizations in Disaster (TGCRVOAD) for debris cleanup.

Harris County: Assessments are underway for damaged and collapsed commercial structures near Katy. Damages were confirmed by the National Weather Service (NWS) from an F-1 Tornado.

Region 7 (Includes DDs 8, 9, and 10)

DD 9 – Midland/Ft. Stockton (Includes Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Reeves, Terrell, Upton, Ward, and Winkler Counties): Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System (TDEM): Incident Support Task Force (ISTF) has assigned three personnel to the SOC and are monitoring the current weather conditions.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) / Texas A&M Public Works Response Team (TX-PWRT): TX-PWRT has one Liaison Officer (LNO) assigned to the SOC to coordinate and support operations. Resource availability has been disseminated and the TX-PWRT LNO continues to monitor requests.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD has released five personnel from the SOC. Two Ground Transportation Platoons (GTP) with a total of 20 personnel remain activated.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): Texas Game Warden Officers are prepared to respond and support rescue operations with statewide resources and has assigned two LNOs to the SOC. TWPD officers, boat rescue teams with swift water and shallow running boats, search and rescue (SAR) teams with 4x4 vehicles, a helicopter crew with one rescue swimmer, and one drone operator are available on standby.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): The TxDOT LNO will be at SOC during the day and will operate virtually at night. TxDOT will begin preliminary damage assessments as soon as floodwaters recede.

Texans are urged to monitor local forecast information and make an emergency plan. Additionally, people across the state are encouraged to follow instructions of local officials and keep an emergency supply kit nearby.

Visit [DriveTexas.org](https://www.drive-texas.org) to check road conditions, and locate additional severe storm safety tips at [TexasReady.gov](https://www.texasready.gov).

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) / Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF): EMTF assets have been released.

American Red Cross (ARC): The ARC has identified Disaster Relief Operations (DRO) team leadership and Mass Care Teams have prepositioned supplies. ARC has conducted disaster assessments (DA) in affected areas that are accessible.

ARC is coordinating with local community partners, NGOs, and faith-based organizations to identify the unmet needs of the impacted communities. These organizations are working together to allocate supplies for distribution.

The ARC has opened two shelters at the following locations.

Kirbyville, TX: Assembly of God Church, 101 W. Trout St. with [46 sheltered overnight as of of April 17](#). Joaquin, TX: Pentecostals of Joaquin, 11113 SH-7 opened at noon on April 14.

ARC Services & Supplies delivered to clients.

[The ARC has provided 488 meals as of April 17.](#)

The Salvation Army (TSA): The Salvation Army has deployed the Canteen to Kirbyville to support first responders and those affected by the severe weather with food and hydration. [As of April 17, the TSA has provided 1,080 meals, 2,822 drinks, 1,439 snacks, 25 clean-up kits, 10 toddler kits, 48 cases of water, 105 Emotional and Spiritual Care \(ESC\) contacts, and 22 volunteers.](#)

Southern Baptist Texas Convention (SBTC): SBTC has responded to Kirbyville, and Woodville with Quick Response Feeding Units, a HAM radio communications team, and three shower units. The SBTC has provided 112 showers, 427 meals, two loads of laundry, 42 messages handled by the Communications Team, and provided 1,040 total volunteer hours to date.

Texas Baptist Men (TBM): The TBM has received eight requests from homeowners in Port Arthur for general cleanup and the anticipated start date is Sunday, April 14.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TEEX TX-PWRT	SOC LNO	1	1	Assigned	SOC
DSHS	SOC LNO	1	0	Activated	SOC
DSHS	SCO	1	0	Activated	San Antonio
TxDOT	SOC LNO	1	0	Activated	Austin/SOC
TxDOT	EMC	1	0	Assigned	Austin/TxDOT HQ
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon A	10	5	Activated	Gary
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon B	10	5	Activated	Lumberton
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Activated	SOC
TPWD	Game Wardens/State Park Police	15	15	Available	TPWD Region 3
TPWD	Game Warden SAR	10	10	Available	Smith, Tyler, Jasper, Counties
TPWD	Swift Water Boats/Airboats	X	4	Available	Smith, Tyler, Jasper, Counties
TPWD	Helicopter	3	1	Activated	Austin/Travis County
TPWD	Drone	1	1	Available	Tyler, Jasper, Counties
Mass Care	ESF6 LNO	1	0	Assigned	SOC
Mass Care	ISTF Staff	1	0	Assigned	SOC
Mass Care	VOAD	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TEEX TX-PWRT	SOC LNO	1	1	Assigned	SOC

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional 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-2>

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