



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

New Information in Blue Text

Event Name	24-0011 08APR Severe Weather
Date	April 22, 2024
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM April 21 to 8:00 AM April 22, 2024
Report Number	13

Regions Affected	
TDEM Regions Affected	2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 8
DDs Active	5

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.

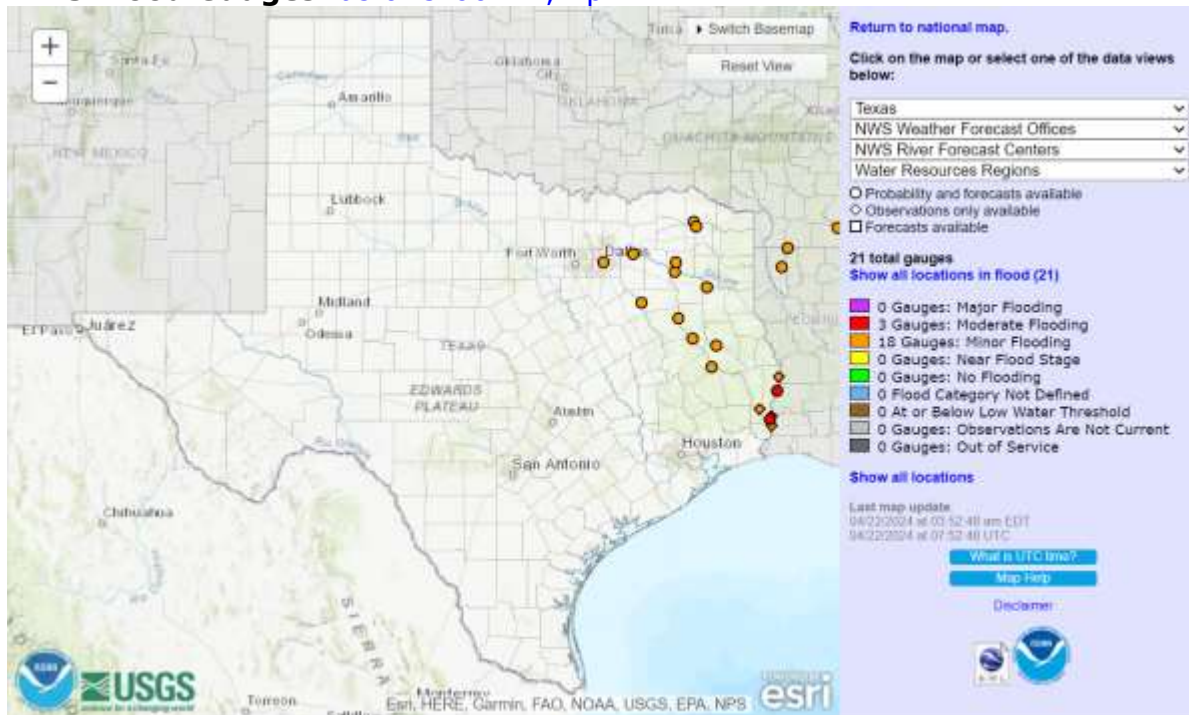
On April 9, Governor Abbott directed TDEM to deploy additional state emergency response resources ahead of severe storms and flash flooding, including large hail and possible tornadoes, expected to move across Texas.

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.

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 3:00 AM, April 22.



River Flooding: as of 3:00 AM, April 22.

Moderate River flooding is being reported at the Sabine River near Deweyville and Bon Weir.

Minor River flooding is being reported at the Sabine River near Mineola, Quinlan, and Kilgore.

Minor River flooding is being reported at the Trinity River near Dallas, Trinidad.

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

Minor River flooding is being reported at the Angelina River near Lufkin.

Minor River flooding is being reported at the Sulfur River near Talco.

The San Jacinto River Authority is discharging 530.0 cubic feet per second from the Lake Conroe Dam.

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, 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): Level IV (Normal Conditions)

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: Damages were confirmed by the National Weather Service (NWS) from an F-1 Tornado.

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 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. TPWD 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. 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.

American Red Cross (ARC): The ARC has one shelter opened in Kirbyville and has sheltered a total 48 people as of April 21. [The ARC has provided 1,966 meals, distributed emergency supplies \(DES\) to 76 households, and 200 clean up kits as of April 22.](#)

The Salvation Army (TSA): [As of April 21, the TSA has provided 1,811 meals, 5,036 drinks, 3,342 snacks, 78 clean-up kits, 50 toddler kits, 135 cases of water, 159 Emotional and Spiritual Care \(ESC\) contacts, and has 22 volunteers deployed.](#)

TSA Jasper Service Unit will hand over the shelter's feeding support to the ARC on April 21.

Southern Baptist Texas Convention (SBTC): The SBTC has provided 257 showers, 668 meals, 63 messages were handled by the Communications Team, and provided 2,210 total volunteer hours as of April 19.

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
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-3>

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