



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	24-0014 26APR Severe Weather
Date	May 17, 2024
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM May 15 to 8:00 AM May 16, 2024
Report Number	15

Regions Affected

TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 4, & 8
DDs Active	13, 14, 15 & 16

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

On May 15, Governor Abbott [sent a letter](#) to President Biden requesting a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Texas communities impacted by recent severe weather and flooding that began on April 26. The Governor's letter requests Individual Assistance programs for seven impacted counties and Public Assistance programs for 26 impacted counties.

The request to declare a major disaster for the State of Texas comes after an initial review of damage sustained due to catastrophic flash flooding, historic river flooding, extremely large hail, damaging wind gusts, and destructive tornadoes. Local jurisdictions have reported more than \$58 million in public infrastructure damage estimates thus far, including disaster response costs and debris management.

On May 15, Governor Abbott [amended the states disaster declaration](#) for severe storms and flooding that began on April 26. Additional counties included are Brown, Concho, McCulloch, Menard, San Saba, and Sutton Counties.

On May 7, Governor Abbott further [amended the Disaster Proclamation](#) for severe storms and flooding that began on April 26. Additional counties included are Clay, Coleman, Eastland, and Mills Counties.

On May 6, Governor Abbott held a briefing with state and local officials and provided an update on the state's ongoing response to severe weather and flooding conditions impacting East Texas communities during a press conference in Conroe.

At the press conference, the Governor pledged Texas' continued support to communities that need assistance recovering from these storms and urged impacted Texans to report their damage using the TDEM [Individual State of Texas Assessment Tool \(iSTAT\)](#) tool. Additionally, the Governor thanked the brave first responders and emergency management personnel who are working around-the-clock to protect their fellow Texans.

Communities impacted by severe weather and flooding conditions are encouraged to complete TDEM's [iSTAT](#) self-reporting damage survey to help state and local officials identify damages and determine the state's eligibility for federal and disaster assistance. The survey is available in both English and Spanish and can be accessed by visiting damage.tdem.texas.gov.

On May 2, Governor Abbott [expanded the state's disaster declaration](#) to include 59 additional counties in areas at-risk for severe weather and flooding, with the updated disaster declaration covering 88 counties in total. At the Governor's direction, state agencies continue to support requests for state assistance.

On May 1, Governor Greg Abbott announced that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved his [request for a disaster declaration](#) in Texas communities affected by severe weather and flooding early last month. Texas counties included in the declaration are Angelina, Hardin, Jasper, Newton, Orange, Sabine, San Augustine, and Tyler counties.

On April 30, Governor Greg issued a [disaster declaration](#) for 29 Texas counties impacted by severe storms and flooding that began last week and continues to affect homes, businesses, and the agricultural industry throughout the state

On April 25, Governor Greg Abbott [announced that he directed](#) TDEM to prepare state emergency response resources ahead of critical wildfire danger and severe weather across Texas.

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 [04:00 AM, May 16](#).

Major river flooding is being reported at the Trinity River near Liberty.

Region 1 (Includes DDs 1, 2, and 7)

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)

Jones County: On May 2, there were tornado reports between Hawley and Hodges. Damage assessments have been initiated in the area.

Knox County: On April 26, damage assessments from Knox City reported 20 damaged structures.

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

DD 3 – Wichita Falls (Includes Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Wichita, Wilbarger, and Young Counties)

Baylor County: On April 28, damage to power lines, outbuildings, and farm equipment to the west of Seymour was reported.

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)

DDEOC-5 activated to Level III (Increased Readiness) on May 8th due to the severe weather threat.

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

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

Polk County: As of May 9, the mandatory evacuations were lifted in Polk County. County officials are planning a phased re-entry for homeowners.

Trinity County: As of May 9, the mandatory evacuations were lifted in Trinity County.

Tyler County: On May 2, a voluntary evacuation notice was issued.

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)

DDEOC 16: Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS) operations in New Caney and Conroe will end May 10, and TAMFS personnel will be released at end of shift. One TAMFS and five AHIMT personnel remain in Montgomery County.

Harris County: On May 2, Harris County issued a mandatory evacuation notice for the areas from Farm-to-Market (FM) 1485 to Lake Houston.

Liberty County: The East Fork RV Resort in the city of Cleveland was evacuated and no shelters were needed. On May 2, a voluntary evacuation notice was issued for low-lying subdivisions along the Trinity River.

Montgomery County: On May 2, there were 71 active road closures impacting the County Precincts 1, 2 and 4. A voluntary evacuation notice has been sent to Idle Wild and Idle Glen neighborhoods.

Walker County: On May 2, local fire departments (FD) performed water rescues with the assistance of Texas Task Force (TTF) 1 in affected areas. On May 3, Walker County reported there were two water rescues performed. On May 8, TDEM will send preliminary damage assessment teams to conduct iSTAT and pSTAT in Walker County.

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

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

Calhoun County: On May 13, approximately 10 RVs overturned by the high winds in Port Lavaca [with three injuries reported](#).

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

Guadalupe County: On May 9, reports of significant damage due to a suspected tornado left over 5,000 residents without power. An Incident Command Post (ICP) was established at York Creek Volunteer Fire Department (VFD), and a shelter was established for 50 residents at the Geronimo Community Center in Seguin.

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

DD 11 – Waco (Includes Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone, and McLennan Counties)

On May 12, the Lake Limestone gates were opened for a release of 27,300 cfs of water. Rising water conditions could occur in the communities along the Navasota River in Limestone, Robertson, Leon, Madison, Brazos, and Grimes Counties.

Limestone County: On May 1, there were reports of flooded roadways resulting in stranded motorists. A train derailment occurred due to flooding but there was no HazMat incident, or injuries involved.

Freestone County: On May 1, there were reports of stranded motorists in Teague on Interstate Highway (IH) 45 and rural areas. The Texas Task Force (TTF) 1 boat squad has repositioned to assist for future rescues.

DD 13 – Bryan (Includes Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson, and Washington Counties)

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System (TDEM): Mass Care has begun collaborating with our Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) partners and locally impacted counties.

Incident Support Task Force (ISTF): There are two ISTF members assigned to the SOC with two ESF 6 staff in support. One ISTF member is assigned to the San Jacinto County and one ISTF member is assigned to the Liberty County EOC. One ISTF member has deployed to Polk County to support long term recovery.

Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension (AgriLife): The AgriLife SOC Liaison distributed the TCEQ Carcass Disposal Guidelines to Disaster Assessment and Recovery (DAR) Agents in the field. A STAR was filled to activate up to 20 DAR Agents to assist with damage assessments. Five DAR teams continue to assist DD-11, DD-14, and DD-15 in completing damage assessments. Three additional teams continue to assist with damage assessments in DD-13 and DD-14. The six DAR teams in the city of Atascocita in Harris County completed iSTAT damage assessments. [One DAR Agent is supporting logistics at the RELLIS Incident Support Team \(IST\) until May 23.](#)

The iSTAT portal has received 194 entries from landowners with damages to fencing, crops, livestock, and equipment. There have been 46 requests for assistance from the AgriLife Extension Service.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX): Texas A&M Public Works Response Team (TX-PWRT): The PWRT team is staged in Conroe to support any local or state requests. The TX-PWRT SOC LNO continues to monitor WebEOC for requests and is working with TCEQ on water/wastewater (W/WW). The TX-PWRT drone team completed the aerial damage assessments in Jasper County on May 15.

Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1): TX-TF1 has a mission ready packing (MRP) of six Flood Water Boat Squads, comprising 26 personnel from both TX-TF2 and TX-TF3 in Huntsville. On May 15, TX-TF1 crews assisted various agencies with low water crossing and road condition reconnaissance. No additional requests for assistance were received. TX-TF1 crews will remain pre-positioned in TDEM Regions 2,3,4,6 and 8.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS): TAMFS continues to support the current severe weather operational period, TAMFS has increased response capability throughout TDEM Regions 1, 5, 6, and 7 by implementing State Engine Strike Teams and four Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid Strike Teams to TDEM Region 1. Aviation resources supporting TAMFS include Large Air Tankers, Single Engine Air Tankers, and Air Attack Units. TAMFS and All Hazard Incident Management Team finalized a Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report. On May 14, TAMFS created a transition plan for the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management (EOC) and then was released. TAMFS and the All-Hazard Incident Management Team personnel at the Montgomery County EOC were released. TAMFS continues to monitor weather and maintain situational awareness of fire weather threats.

Texas A&M Veterinary Emergency Team (VET): TAMU VET submitted a final report and stated they have been released from the Texas A&M Task Force.

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC): [On May 15, TAHC is monitoring one animal shelter in San Jacinto County.](#)

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): TCEQ has staff available to respond to any air, water, or waste related issues, including drinking water and wastewater issues and/or emergency response activities. As of May 15, TCEQ is tracking [9](#) drinking water systems that are on a Boil Water Notice (BWN) affecting [6,479](#) residents.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ): Multiple TDCJ Agricultural Operations Units sustained bridge, fence, road, barn, levee, and crop field damage, and a \$550,930.00 crop loss was estimated. The staff and inmate population remain unaffected by the flooding as water levels recede.

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS): The DPS Tactical Marine Unit (TMU) has deployed six flat water boats to Conroe. The DPS Aviation are conducting patrols in low-lying areas in search of possible water rescues needed and identifying high-water areas. The Texas Department of Public Safety is providing the following resources in support of severe weather affecting Texas. DPS Aviation Operations Division has four helicopter teams stationed in Dallas, Austin, El Paso, and Edinburg ready to respond and DPS relocated a helicopter with hoist capabilities from Austin to Houston. Texas Highway Patrol's Tactical Marine Unit (TMU) has rescue specialists assigned to hoist capable helicopters in Austin and Dallas, and flood water boats throughout the state.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): DSHS has LNOs assigned to the SOC and an Ambulance Strike Team (AST) in Hardin County. On May 12, DSHS extended the Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Severe Weather Package (SWX PKG) to May 21. [As of May 15, EMTF 1 is on standby and EMTF 8,9,11 is maintaining situational awareness.](#)

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): TxDOT has assigned an LNO to support the SOC. TxDOT has received STARs from several counties to assist with roadway materials. SH-21 eastbound lanes have been reopened and the westbound lanes will remain closed. TxDOT crews and contractors have completed the repairs on US-84 Cowhouse Bridge in Coryell County. Tx-DOT Maintenance and Bridge crews will perform damage assessments once floodwaters recede, and storm threats have diminished. [As of May 15, 19 state-maintained roads are impacted by weather, including 12 road closures.](#)

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC): HHSC is remotely supporting the State Operations Center. On 14 May, six staff members were deployed to Liberty County to assist with damage assessments.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD has a SOC Support Team in Austin and has activated three Ground Transportation Platoons (GTP), one Ground Transportation Company Headquarters (GTCHQ), and two UH-60s with Crews. Two GTPs are staged in Huntsville, one GTP in Conroe and one GTP in Houston. The Rotary Wing Medium MRPs will be staged in Martindale with two TX TF-1 Rescue Swimmers on each aircraft. A total of 61 personnel, 19 vehicles, and two aircraft have been activated in support of 24-0014 26APR Severe Weather. TMD Military District Coordinators have been released.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD has returned to normal operations and units remain available to support any mission requests. TPWD has performed 260 rescues, 144 evacuations, and 117 animal evacuations for a total of 521 responses for this incident.

Public Utilities Commission of Texas (PUC): On May 4, utilities are returning to normal operations.

Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR): The DIR has one staff member deployed to the SOC. DIR continues to monitor the situation using cybersecurity tooling and threat intelligence feeds. No cyber threats related to this weather event have been identified. There are no requests for network or technology.

American Red Cross (ARC): ARC has [four](#) shelters open and have sheltered 112 people as on May 15. An Incident Management Team (IMT) has deployed a basecamp and a field kitchen to Houston. The ARC has distributed [6,131](#) snacks

and 8,956 meals as of May 15. ARC teams are conducting damage assessments in Montgomery, Liberty, Harris, Trinity, and Walker Counties.

On May 14, The Calvary Baptist Church, Burning Hope Baptist Church, St Joseph's Catholic Chapel, and Parkway Church shelters closed. On May 15, the Dunbar Gym shelter In Polk County, closed and the Life Vine Church remains shelter opened.

The Salvation Army (TSA): TSA is conducting a feeding operation in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Texas Convention (SBTC) at The Salvation Army Houston Area Command Warehouse. TSA will stage two feeding units in Conroe to serve the Huntsville and Cold Spring areas. The Salvation Army has an IMT in Houston. On May 4, TSA is providing community feeding operations at the Santa Fe Admin Building, 1680 CR 3549, Cleveland TX. TSA now has mobile feeding units in Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, Polk, San Jacinto, Trinity, and Walker counties. TSA has set up a base camp operation with the Southern Baptist Texas Convention Kitchen in Houston. The Field kitchen operations is providing 3,500 meals daily.

As of May 14, 17,322 meals, 1,491 snacks and 10,070 drinks have been distributed.

Southern Baptist Texas Convention (SBTC): Central Baptist Church, Livingston. Site setting up. Incident Management Team, Cleanup and Recovery, Assessments. Units and Teams on site: Command Post/IMT, Recovery, Shower, Laundry, Assessments, Feeding team, Refrigeration Unit.

As of May 14, SBTC has provided 2,800 volunteer hours, 18,334 meals, and 61 showers.

TEXANS ON MISSION (TOM): TOM has two Incident Management Teams (IMT) in Conroe and Kingwood. IMT's have provided electrical support, shower, laundry services, boxes, and meals to residents. Three flood recovery teams arrived in Conroe on May 13. Local flood recovery teams are in Rising Star and will have additional support coming to the area in the next few days. TOM has provided 107 showers, 503 meals, 1,356 boxes, 81 loads of laundry, and 2,784.5 volunteer hours.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TDEM	Mass Care ESF6	2	0	Assigned	Austin
TDEM	ISTF HQ staff	2	0	Assigned	Austin
TDEM	ISTF Staff	1	0	Assigned	Austin
AgriLife	DAR Strike Team	12	12	Activated	College Station
AgriLife	SOC Liason	1	0	Assigned	Austin

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AgriLife	Extension Admin	2	0	Activated	College Station
AgriLife	DDEOC 14,15 & 16 Liaisons	3	0	Available	Beaumont, Houston, and Lufkin
AgriLife	County Extension Agents	7	0	Assigned	Hamilton, Lampasas, Liberty, Montgomery, Polk, San Jacinto, and Walker Counties
AgriLife	IST Liaison	1	0	Assigned	RELLIS
AgriLife	IST Logistics	1	1	Assigned	RELLIS
AgriLife	DAR Agents – Damage Assessments	12	12	Available	DD 16
TAMFS	SEATs	0	3	Activated	Dumas
TAMFS	ENG, DZR	11	0	Activated	Alice
TAMFS	ENG, DZR	10	0	Activated	Edinburg
TAMFS	ENG, DZR	8	0	Activated	Uvalde
TAMFS	ST ENGS, DZR, Hand Crew, SEATs, Air Attack	27	4	Activated	Alpine
TAMFS	ST ENGS, DZR, SEATs, Air Attack, ASM	21	4	Activated	Fort Stockton
TAMFS	ENG, DZR, Air Attack	10	1	Activated	San Angelo
TAMFS	Tankers, ASM	0	3	Activated	Abilene
TAMFS	Air Attack	0	1	Activated	Amarillo
TAMFS	EMTF w/ REM	9	0	Activated	Fort Stockton
TX-PWRT	ESF 3 SOC LNO	3	1	Assigned	SOC Austin
TX-PWRT	ESF 3 Rep	1	0	Assigned	IST-RELLIS
TX-PWRT	PWRT 1	10	9	Assigned	Conroe
TX-TF1	HSART Rescue Swimmers	3	0	Assigned	Brazos And Bexar Counties
TX-TF1	SWR Boat Squad	2	4	Assigned	Wharton County WS Fort Worth
TX-TF1	SWR Boat Squad	6	4	Assigned	Tyler County WS Hurst/STRAC
TX-TF1	SWR Boat Squad	6	4	Assigned	Leon County WS El Paso WGS 2
TX-TF1	SWR Boat Squad	2	1	Assigned	Freestone County WS Austin
TX-TF1	SWR Boat Squad	6	4	Assigned	Caldwell and Guadalupe Counties

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					WS Killeen
TX-TF1	SWR Boat Squad	6	2	Assigned	Bexar County WS San Antonio
TX-TF1	Type 4 US&R	28	12	Assigned	Brazos County
TX-TF1	Tx-TF1	17	5	Assigned	Walker County
		2	1		WGS 1
TX-TF1	NC-TF1	16	5	Assigned	Jefferson County
TX-TF1	SC-TF2	16	4	Assigned	Montgomery County
TX-TF1	TX-TF2 MRP	20	6	Assigned	Dallas County
TX-TF1	TN-TF2	16	4	Assigned	Hardin County
TX-TF1	TX-TF1	6	4	Assigned	Jasper County WS Gainesville
TX-TF1	TX-TF1	6	4	Assigned	Liberty County WS Conroe
TX-TF1	HPV	4	2	Activated	Polk County
TX-TF2/ TX-TF3	Water MRP	26	0	Assigned	Montgomery County
DIR	SOC LNO	1	0	Activated	Austin SOC
DPS	SOC	2	2	Assigned	Austin
DPS	Helicopters w/Hoist	9	3	Activated	Austin, Dallas, Houston
DPS	Tactical Marine Unit	23	8	Activated	Montgomery
DSHS	SOC LNO	1	0	Assigned	Austin
DSHS	SCO	1	0	Assigned	Austin
DSHS	MIST	2	0	Assigned	Austin
DSHS	MIST	1	1	Assigned	TDEM IST, RELIS, College Station
DSHS	SWX PKG	21	11	Assigned	TDEM IST, RELIS, College Station
HHSC	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
HHSC	PDA Assistance	6	0	Assigned	Liberty County
PUC	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TAHC	DAR Strike Team	26	6	Activated	College Station
TAHC	SOC Representative	1	0	Available, On-Call	Austin
TAHC	TAHC Emergency Management	1	0	Available, On-Call	Virtual
TAHC	TAHC Emergency Management	1	1	Available, On-Call	Walker County
TAHC	Livestock Inspectors	4	4	Available, On-Call	TDEM Regions 3, 4 & 8

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TAHC	Regional Manager	1	1	Available, On-Call	Erath County
TCEQ	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TCEQ	DDEOC 16 Liaison	2	0	Assigned	Houston
TDCJ	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TMD	SOC Support	5	0	Assigned	Austin
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon A	10	5	Assigned	Huntsville
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon B	10	5	Assigned	Conroe
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon C	10	5	Assigned	Houston
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon HQ	14	4	Assigned	Huntsville
TMD	UH-60 Blackhawk (Alamo 00) & (Alamo 02)	12	2	Assigned	Martindale
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	DDEOC 14 Liaison	1	1	Available	Lufkin
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	EMC	1	0	Assigned	TxDOT HQ
TSA	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TSA	IMT	5	0	Assigned	Dallas / Fort Worth
TSA	SBTC Mobile Field Kitchen	0	1	Assigned	Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, Polk, San Jacinto, Trinity, and Walker Counties
TSA	Mobile Feeding Units	6	3	Assigned	Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, Polk, San Jacinto, Trinity, and Walker Counties

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:
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