



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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| <b>Event Name</b>         | <b>24-0014 26APR Severe Weather</b>    |
| <b>Date</b>               | May 25, 2024                           |
| <b>Time</b>               | 10:00 AM                               |
| <b>Operational Period</b> | 8:00 AM May 24 to 8:00 AM May 25, 2024 |
| <b>Report Number</b>      | 24                                     |

### Regions Affected

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|------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>TDEM Regions Affected</b> | 1, 2, 3, 4, & 8 |
| <b>DDs Active</b>            | 13, 14, 15 & 16 |

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** On May 23, Governor Abbott announced that President Joe Biden amended the Presidential Disaster Declaration for Texas counties impacted by severe weather and flooding that began on April 26.

This partial approval authorizes all categories of work under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance program for seven designated counties to utilize grant funding for emergency work and repair or replacement of disaster-damaged public infrastructure.

The counties eligible for FEMA's Public Assistance program include Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, Polk, San Jacinto, Trinity, and Walker Counties. The Governor's request for 21 additional counties for FEMA's Public Assistance program remains under review.

Additionally, FEMA has approved the request from the State of Texas to add additional counties to the Presidential Disaster Declaration, granting eligibility for FEMA's Individual Assistance programs for those counties. Counties approved for Individual Assistance programs now include Calhoun, Eastland, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Jasper, Jones, Lamar, Liberty, Montgomery, Polk, San Jacinto, Trinity, Walker, and Waller Counties.

On May 22, Governor Greg Abbott announced that he has added Calhoun, Delta, Jones, and Lamar counties to the state’s disaster declaration for counties impacted by severe storms and flooding that began on April 26. Additional counties may be added as damage assessments are completed.

At the Governor’s direction and following a review of damage assessments in additional impacted communities which show they exceed federal criteria for disaster assistance, Texas Emergency Management (TDEM) Chief Nim Kidd has requested the addition of six counties to become eligible for FEMA Individual Assistance programs. Those additional counties include Austin, Ellis, Kaufman, Navarro, Newton, and Tyler. FEMA’s Individual Assistance program funding assists with expenses such as temporary housing, emergency home repairs, uninsured and underinsured personal property losses, disaster legal services, disaster unemployment assistance, and medical, dental, and funeral expenses caused by the disaster.

On May 20, Governor Abbott amended the disaster proclamation for severe storms and flooding to include Calhoun, Delta, Jones, and Lamar Counties.

On May 19, Governor Abbott directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to request additional counties be added to the Presidential Disaster Declaration for severe weather and flooding that began on April 26.

At the Governor’s direction and following a review of damage assessments in additional impacted communities which show they exceed federal criteria for disaster assistance, Texas Emergency Management Chief Nim Kidd has requested the addition of eight counties to become eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Individual Assistance programs. Those additional counties include Calhoun, Eastland, Guadalupe, Hardin, Jasper, Jones, Lamar, and Waller.

Additionally, at the direction of the Governor, Chief Kidd has requested that Harris County become eligible for FEMA’s Public Assistance program.

Additional counties may be added to the Governor’s request as additional damage assessments are completed in affected communities.

#### **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 25](#)

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

**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).

**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 Houston** activated to Level II (Escalated Response Conditions).

**Austin County:** The Austin County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) reports roadways in Bellville have been cleared of debris and the San Bernard Electric Cooperative (Co-op) crews are working to restore power.

**Harris County:** The city of Houston has started door-to-door wellness checks for residents on the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR) that did not respond or requested assistance.

**Walker County:** On May 18, the Walker County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will shut down and divert all phone calls to the Walker County Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC).

**Waller County:** Waller County EOC activated to Level I (Emergency Conditions).

**RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS**

**STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED**

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

**Communications Coordination Group (CCG):** TDEM Communications Coordination Group (CCG) is monitoring the situation with public, private, and volunteer sectors. Coordination between the Texas Department of Public Safety

(DPS), Office of Statewide Interoperable Communications (TXSWIC), FEMA Region 6 Communications, and private and public partners is ongoing.

**Incident Support Task Force (ISTF):** There are two ISTF members assigned to the SOC.

**TDEM Private Sector Coordination:** TDEM continues to communicate with private sector partners in the affected areas.

**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. Four DAR teams are staged in College Station to assist with damage assessments, and six person DAR teams completed iSTAT damage assessments in Jasper, Hardin, and Lamar Counties. On May 23, four DAR teams assisted with damage assessments in Bell County.

**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX): Texas A&M Public Works Response Team (TX-PWRT):** The TX-PWRT SOC LNO continues to monitor WebEOC for requests and is working with TCEQ on water/wastewater (W/WW). The TX-PWRT team in Conroe remains staged and is prepared to respond to state or local requests. TX-PWRT has one representative at DDEOC 16 and one representative at the IST at RELLIS. TX-PWRT assigned a four-member team to Oakwood and a second team will be assigned to Temple, to assist with damage assessments and W/WW plant issues. [A TX-PWRT team arrived in Bell County to assist with damage assessments and to coordinate with Brazos River Authority and local wastewater plants for WW/W issues on May 24.](#)

**Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1):** TX-TF1 has a mission ready package (MRP) of six Flood Water Boat Squads, comprising 26 personnel from both TX-TF2 and TX-TF3 in Huntsville. TX-TF1 crews will remain pre-positioned in TDEM Regions 2,3,4,6 and 8.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):** Seven TAMFS and five All Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT) personnel continue to support TDEM with logistics. TAMFS has deployed saw crews to Bell, Leon, Washington, and Robertson Counties to assist with damage left from the storm. Falls County has requested assistance from TAMFS, and resources will be sent once they can be identified. [TAMFS personnel and Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System \(TIFMAS\) strike teams are staged in McGregor, Smithville, and College Station. On May 24, TAMFS personnel completed iSTAT assessments in Henderson County.](#)

**Texas A&M Veterinary Emergency Team (VET):** On May 15, one Type 4 VET was deployed to the Emergency Animal Shelter at the Coldspring Community Center, in San Jacinto County, is housing 13 dogs and 3 cats. Ten dogs were discharged on May 19, and another 10 animals were treated on May 20.

**Public Utilities Commission of Texas (PUC):** There are approximately 7000 personnel assigned to power restoration, including 6000 personnel from mutual aid agreements. On May 21, there were approximately 58,000 outages remaining in the CenterPoint territory and CenterPoint is working to restore the last three power lines. CenterPoint has provided a map of expected restoration dates. <http://centerpointenergy.com/StormCenter>.

**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. Staff are also available to provide technical assistance and guidance on debris management. As of May 23, TCEQ is tracking 18 drinking water systems that are on a Boil Water Notice (BWN) affecting 19,928 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 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 support.

**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 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 (THP) 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 Licensing and Regulation (TDLR):** TDLR sent out a press release and social media alerting customers to seek a licensed electrician for power restoration or damage repair. This includes how to find a licensed electrician on the TDLR website.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):** DSHS has LNOs assigned to the SOC and three SWX PKG from EMTFs 1,2,4,7 on standby and EMTFs 2,4,7,9 are activated at situational awareness. As of May 21, HCA Houston free standing emergency department (FSED) in Cypress Fairbanks is closed due to lack of power and HCA Houston Healthcare North Cypress has regained power. Two End Stage

Renal Disease facilities are closed in [Harris County](#) and [one](#) in [Jefferson County](#) is on divert. In Bell County, one hospital has restored power, another is on internal disaster status, and two hospitals are on backup generators.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** As of May 24, there are [12](#) flooded roads, [9](#) roads closed due to flooding and / or damage from flooding, and all TxDOT traffic signals have been repaired and are working on generator power.

**Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):** HHSC has received approval for recipients to purchase hot food with SNAP benefits in fifty counties. As of May 23, all nursing facilities and assisted living facilities power has been restored and three Home and Community-based Services (HCS) are without power in Houston. Two intermediate care facilities are without power and have relocated their residents. HHSC has been approved to issue Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) replacement benefits for impacted SNAP recipients who apply in person at an eligibility office the week of May 20. As of May 21, Other Needs Assistance (ONA) program has received over 65,000 requests for assistance and has raised \$776,322.12 to help residents affected by the storms. As of May 23, three nursing facilities are on generator power in Temple.

**Texas Military Department (TMD):** TMD has a SOC Support Team in Austin and has activated three Ground Transportation Platoons (GTP) and one Ground Transportation Company Headquarters (GTCHQ). The three GTP's are staged in Huntsville, Cold Spring, and [Temple](#). TMD activated an additional five General Support Units (GSU), one Ground Support Unit Headquarters (GSUHQ), and one Liaison Office-Field Support Team (LNO-FST) for POD and RSA operations. A total of 188 personnel and 19 vehicles have been activated in support of 24-0014 26APR Severe Weather.

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):** TPWD has assigned two liaisons to the SOC, one liaison to DDEOC 14 Lufkin, one liaison to DDEOC 16 Houston, and additional personnel and equipment are activated to respond to affected areas as needed. TPWD has performed 261 rescues, 144 evacuations, and 117 animal evacuations for 522 responses for this incident.

**Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 6 (FEMA R6):** FEMA R6 announced they will open two disaster recovery centers, one in Harris County on May 24, and one in San Jacinto County on April 26, to assist residents affected by the severe weather.

**American Red Cross (ARC):** As of [May 24](#), the ARC has [seven](#) shelters open with a population of [128](#). An Incident Management Team (IMT) has deployed a basecamp and a field kitchen to Houston. The ARC has distributed [19,168](#) snacks and [30,620](#) meals. ARC teams are conducting damage assessments in Harris, Polk, and San Jacinto Counties.

**The Salvation Army (TSA):** As of May 23, TSA is coordinating feeding operations with the ARC, Texans on Mission, and the Southern Baptist Texas Convention in Southeast Texas. TSA has distributed 6,963 meals, 7,379 snacks, and 5,600 drinks.

**Southern Baptist Texas Convention (SBTC):** A site is being set up at Central Baptist Church in Livingston to include an Incident Management Team, Cleanup and Recovery Team, and damage assessments. Additional teams on site include shower, laundry, feeding team, and refrigeration unit. As of May 21, SBTC has provided 7,189 volunteer hours, 21,794 meals, and 1,257 showers.

**TEXANS ON MISSION (TOM):** TOM has two Incident Management Teams (IMT) in Conroe and Kingwood. IMTs have provided electrical support, shower, laundry services, boxes, and meals to residents. 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 514 showers, 19,639 meals, 307 loads of laundry, and 8,041 volunteer hours as of May 23.

### STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

| Agency   | Resource Kind and Type     | Personnel | Equip | Status    | Location  |
|----------|----------------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|---|
| TDEM     | Mass Care ESF6             | 1         | 0     | Assigned  | Austin  |
| TDEM     | ISTF Staff                 | 1         | 0     | Assigned  | Austin  |
| AgriLife | DAR Strike Team            | 16        | 16    | Activated | College Station   |
| AgriLife | SOC Liason                 | 1         | 0     | Assigned  | Austin  |
| 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     | Available | 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                 | 4         | 4     | Assigned  | College Station/Bell County                                 |
| TAMFS    | TFS                        | 8         | 0     | Assigned  | Houston   |
| TAMFS    | TIFMAS                     | 10        | 0     | Assigned  | Houston   |
| TAMFS    | ESF 4 LNO                  | 1         | 0     | Assigned  | IST/RELLIS  |
| TAMFS    | Saw Crew, TIFMAS           | 16        | 0     | Assigned  | Falls County  |
| TAMFS    | Saw Crew                   | 7         | 0     | Assigned  | Leon County   |
| TAMFS    | Saw Crew                   | 7         | 0     | Assigned  | Washington County   |
| TAMFS    | TFS                        | 1         | 0     | Assigned  | DDEOC 16  |
| TAMFS    | AHIMT                      | 1         | 0     | Assigned  | DDEOC 16  |
| TAMFS    | TFS                        | 3         | 0     | Enroute   | Temple  |
| TAMFS    | AHIMT                      | 4         | 0     | Enroute   | Temple  |

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| TAMFS             | TIFMAS                 | 10        | 0     | Enroute   | IST/RELLIS                                    |
| TAMFS             | TFS                    | 8         | 0     | Assigned  | Houston                                       |
| TX-PWRT           | ESF 3 SOC LNO          | 2         | 1     | Assigned  | SOC Austin                                    |
| TX-PWRT           | ESF 3 Rep              | 1         | 1     | Released  | DDEOC-16                                      |
| TX-PWRT           | ESF 3 Rep              | 1         | 2     | Assigned  | IST-RELLIS                                    |
| TX-PWRT           | PWRT 1                 | 8         | 8     | Assigned  | Conroe  |
| TX-PWRT           | PWRT 2                 | 7         | 5     | Assigned  | Bell County                                   |
| TX-TF1            | HSART Rescue Swimmers  | 3         | 0     | Assigned  | Brazos And Bexar Counties                     |
| TX-TF1            | SWR Boat Squad         | 2         |       |           |   |
| TX-TF1            | SWR Boat Squad         | 6         | 4     | Assigned  | Wharton County<br>WS Fort Worth               |
| TX-TF1            | SWR Boat Squad         | 6         | 4     | Assigned  | Tyler County<br>WS Hurst/STRAC                |
| TX-TF1            | SWR Boat Squad         | 6         | 4     | Assigned  | Leon County<br>WS El Paso<br>WGS 2            |
| TX-TF1            | SWR Boat Squad         | 2         | 1     |           |   |
| TX-TF1            | SWR Boat Squad         | 6         | 4     | Assigned  | Freestone County<br>WS Austin                 |
| TX-TF1            | SWR Boat Squad         | 6         | 4     | Assigned  | Caldwell and Guadalupe Counties<br>WS Killeen |
| TX-TF1            | SWR Boat Squad         | 6         | 2     | Assigned  | Bexar County<br>WS San Antonio                |
| TX-TF1            | Type 4 US&R            | 28        | 12    | Assigned  | Brazos County                                 |
| TX-TF1            | Tx-TF1                 | 17        | 5     | Assigned  | Walker County<br>WGS 1                        |
| TX-TF1            | NC-TF1                 | 2         | 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<br>WS Gainesville               |
| TX-TF1            | TX-TF1                 | 6         | 4     | Assigned  | Liberty County<br>WS Conroe                   |
| TX-TF1            | HPV                    | 4         | 2     | Activated | Polk County                                   |
| TX-TF2/<br>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                                    |



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| DSHS   | SOC LNO                          | 3         | 0     | Assigned              | Austin                              |
| DSHS   | SCO                              | 1         | 0     | Assigned              | Austin                              |
| DSHS   | MIST                             | 2         | 0     | Assigned              | Austin                              |
| DSHS   | MIST                             | 1         | 1     | Assigned              | TDEM IST, RELIS,<br>College Station |
| DSHS   | SWX PKG                          | 21        | 11    | Assigned              | NRG RSA Houston                     |
| HHSC   | SOC Liaison                      | 1         | 0     | Assigned              | Austin                              |
| HHSC   | DDEOC 16 Liaison                 | 1         | 0     | Assigned              | Houston                             |
| PUC    | SOC Liaison                      | 1         | 0     | Assigned              | Austin                              |
| TAHC   | DAR Strike Team                  | 26        | 6     | Activated             | College Station                     |
| TAHC   | SOC Representative               | 1         | 0     | Available,<br>On-Call | Austin                              |
| TAHC   | TAHC Emergency Management        | 1         | 0     | Available,<br>On-Call | Virtual                             |
| TAHC   | TAHC Emergency Management        | 1         | 1     | Available,<br>On-Call | Walker County                       |
| TAHC   | Livestock Inspectors             | 4         | 4     | Available,<br>On-Call | TDEM Regions 3, 4 & 8               |
| TAHC   | Regional Manager                 | 1         | 1     | Available,<br>On-Call | Erath County                        |
| TCEQ   | SOC Liaison                      | 1         | 0     | Assigned              | Austin                              |
| TDCJ   | SOC Liaison                      | 1         | 0     | Assigned              | Austin                              |
| TMD    | SOC Support                      | 4         | 0     | Assigned              | Austin                              |
| TMD    | Ground Transportation Platoon A  | 10        | 5     | Assigned              | Temple                              |
| TMD    | Ground Transportation Platoon B  | 10        | 5     | Assigned              | Cold Spring                         |
| TMD    | Ground Transportation Platoon C  | 10        | 5     | Assigned              | Houston NRG                         |
| TMD    | Ground Transportation Company HQ | 14        | 4     | Assigned              | Huntsville                          |
| TMD    | GSUHQ                            | 8         | 0     | Activated             | Camp Mabry                          |
| TMD    | LNO-FST                          | 6         | 0     | Activated             | Bryan                               |
| TMD    | GSU x 5                          | 126       | 0     | Activated             | Temple/Bryan                        |
| TPWD   | SOC Liaison                      | 2         | 2     | Assigned              | Austin                              |
| TPWD   | TPWD Game Wardens                | 500       | 500   | Available             | Statewide                           |
| TPWD   | UAS                              | 30        | 30    | Available             | Statewide                           |
| TxDOT  | SOC Liaison                      | 1         | 0     | Activated             | Austin                              |
| TxDOT  | EMC                              | 0         | 0     | Assigned              | TxDOT HQ                            |

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| 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 |
| TDLR   | SOC Liason                | 1         | 0     | Assigned | Austin 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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