



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	24-0014 26APR Severe Weather
Date	May 27, 2024
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM May 26 to 8:00 AM May 27, 2024
Report Number	26

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

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On May 26, Governor Abbott [signed the state's severe weather disaster declaration](#) to add Denton, Montague, Cooke, and Collin counties, bringing the total number of counties under the disaster declaration to 106. Governor Abbott urged Texans whose homes or buildings have been damaged to contact their insurance companies as soon as possible to see if they have coverage and report damages at damage.tdem.texas.gov. These self-submitted surveys help officials connect affected Texans with recovery resources and assist with determining eligibility for federal disaster assistance.

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 [3:00 AM, May 27](#)

Major river flooding is being reported at Sandy Creek near Cordele.

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)

Denton County: The Denton County EOC has activated in response to the tornado activity in northern Denton County. Traffic on I-35 was closed between Sanger and Cooke County as wounded motorists were evacuated. A total of 135 people needed transportation to a temporary shelter in Sanger.

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)

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) shut down and diverted all phone calls to the Walker County Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC).

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

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

Robertson County: On May 25, 2024, Lake Limestone gates were opened for a total release of 10,000 cubic feet per second (cfs).

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. [Three DAR teams are staged in Waco 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. [On May 26, DAR Agents in Disaster Districts 3, 4, 5, 7, and 22, assessed agricultural damages from the tornadoes and severe weather.](#)

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. [One TX-PWRT strike team is in Temple and has completed the restoration of power at multiple lift stations and four team members are reporting to the staging area in Cooke County to assist with utilities shut off.](#)

Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1): On May 25, TDEM requested that TX-TF2 activate a Type 3 Search and Rescue (SAR) Team for the thunderstorms and the tornados that crossed TDEM Region 2. The Type 3 SAR Team worked through the night to find survivors at a mobile home park in Valley View.

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, a Point of Distribution (POD) was opened at Lake Belton High School, in Bell County. The POD has been staffed by four TAMFS, 30 Texas Military Department (TMD), one TDEM, three Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), 21 Belton Independent school District (BISD), 15 Boy Scouts, three American Red Cross (ARC), four Texas Baptist Men's Group (TBM), and six Bell County work release personnel.

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 three 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 7,000 personnel assigned to power restoration, including 6,000 personnel from mutual aid agreements. On May 26, storms created 102,000 power outages statewide which was reduced to 44,000 later in the day, with bulk of the power outages in the Oncor service territory. In Bell County, the remaining 1,800 customers should have their power restored. In Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) 28,000 customers are without power with no estimation of restoration and CenterPoint Energy has returned to normal operations.

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. TCEQ staff are available to provide technical assistance and guidance on debris management and have approved 14 temporary debris management sites. As of May 26, TCEQ is tracking 16 drinking water systems that are on a Boil Water Notice (BWN) affecting 16,084 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.

Cisco has identified vulnerabilities in the Cisco security suite, such as their Adaptive Security Appliance (ASA), Firepower Management Center (FMC), and Firepower Threat Defense (FTD) software. System operators and administrators are encouraged to review the Cisco publication-3 and apply the necessary updates.

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, [Houston](#), and [San Antonio](#) 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, and flood water boats throughout the state.

[On May 25, DPS THP personnel from Dallas, Greenville, and Hurst responded to Collin and Cooke Counties, and provided initial damage assessments and traffic control, from the tornado that landed. DPS Dallas Aviation provided aerial reconnaissance over Valley View in Cooke County and has received requests to conduct reconnaissance flights for Collin County and an additional flight for Cooke County.](#)

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 (Severe Weather Package) SWX PKG from Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) 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.

DSHS is working with local entities who have submitted State of Texas Assistance Request's (STAR) for mosquito abatement and a STAR requesting mosquito dunks is scheduled for delivery on May 26, to Hardin County. On May 25, a mosquito

abatement contractor has set up mosquito traps, to acquire surveillance data, in Hardin and Liberty Counties, and post-spray assessments are planned for May 26.

On May 25, EMTF responded to Valley View with a SWX PKG from EMTF 2 and a SWX PKG that was staged at RELLIS. Over 30 patients were treated by the SWX PKG in Valley View.

The DSHS News Release on May 26, is urging residents to take health precautions following the East Texas flooding, to include tips on returning home after flooding, cleanup, recovery, drinking water, and food safety.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): As of May 26, there are 12 flooded roads, eight 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 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. HHSC has activated its contingency contracts for emergency ice and water. Two purchases have been made for a total of 38 trucks of water and 17 trucks of ice. HHSC has been approved to issue Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) replacement benefits for impacted SNAP recipients through the week of May 20. HHSC received approval to adjust the definition of "food" so that SNAP recipients can purchase hot food in fifty counties.

In Houston power has been restored to all nursing facilities, assisted living, and intermediate care facilities (ICF). Four Home and Community-based Services (HCS) are without power, three have relocated their residents, and one is on generator power in the Houston area.

In Bell County, one nursing facility remains on generator power. One hospital and one assisted living center have reported structural damage. Three HCS and two ICF have had to relocate residents due to loss of power.

HHSC is coordinating with local mental health and behavioral health authorities to have crisis counseling services available at the Fonde Recreation Center and Spring Branch Family Center in Harris County, and the Innovation Center in San Jacinto County. Additional mental health services will be available in the coming days.

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 GTPs 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, 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.

On May 25-26, Game Wardens conducted search and rescue operations with local agencies in affected areas of Denton and Cooke Counties.

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 25, the ARC has four shelters open with a population of 133. An Incident Management Team (IMT) has deployed a basecamp and a field kitchen to Houston. The ARC has distributed 26,641 snacks and 38,241 meals. ARC teams are conducting damage assessments in 17 Counties.

The Salvation Army (TSA): As of May 24, TSA has completed their operations and has demobilized from the Houston area. 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	Statewide
AgriLife	SOC Liason	1	0	Assigned	Austin
AgriLife	Extension Admin	2	0	Activated	College Station
AgriLife	DDEOC 16 Liaison	3	0	Available	Houston
AgriLife	County Extension Agents	7	0	Available	Liberty, Montgomery, Polk, San Jacinto, and Walker Counties
AgriLife	IST Liaison	1	1	Assigned	RELLIS
AgriLife	IST Logistics	1	1	Assigned	RELLIS
AgriLife	DAR Agents	6	6	Assigned	Waco
TAMFS	TFS	5	0	Assigned	Houston
TAMFS	AHIMT	2	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	4	0	Enroute	Temple
TAMFS	AHIMT	1	0	Enroute	Temple
TAMFS	TIFMAS	20	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	2	Assigned	IST-RELLIS
TX-PWRT	PWRT 1	8	7	Assigned	Conroe
TX-PWRT	PWRT 2	4	3	Assigned	Bell County
TX-PWRT	PWRT 3	4	4	Assigned	Denton County
TX-TF1	SWR Boat Squad	6	2	Assigned	Robertson County
TX-TF1	SWR Boat Squad	6	2	Assigned	Washington County
TX-TF1	SWR Water Group Supervisor	1	1	Assigned	Burleson County
TX-TF1	SWR Boat Squad	6	2	Assigned	San Jacinto County
TX-TF2	Type 3 US&R Team	35	0	Assigned	Denton 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	2	0	Assigned	Austin
DSHS	SCO	1	0	Assigned	Austin

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DSHS	MIST	1	0	Assigned	Austin
DSHS	MIST	1	1	Assigned	TDEM IST, RELLIS, College Station
DSHS	SWX PKG	21	11	Assigned	TDEM IST, RELLIS, College Station
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, 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
TAHC	Regional Manager	1	1	Available, 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	Game Wardens	10	10	Available	Cooke and Denton Counties
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1	0	Activated	Austin
TxDOT	EMC	0	0	Assigned	TxDOT HQ
TSA	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TSA	IMT	5	0	Assigned	Dallas / Fort Worth

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TDLR	SOC Liason	1	0	Assigned	Austin SOC
TDEM	POD	1	0	Assigned	Lake Belton HS- Bell Co
CERT	POD	3	0	Assigned	Lake Belton HS- Bell Co
BISD	POD	21	0	Assigned	Lake Belton HS- Bell Co
Boy Scouts	POD	15	0	Assigned	Lake Belton HS- Bell Co
ARC	POD	3	0	Assigned	Lake Belton HS- Bell Co
TBM	POD	4	0	Assigned	Lake Belton HS- Bell Co
Bell Co. Work Release	POD	6	0	Assigned	Lake Belton HS- Bell Co

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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