Texas Division of Emergency Management
State Situation Report

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Event Name	24-0014 26APR Severe Weather
Date	June 3, 2024
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM June 2 to 8:00 AM June 03, 2024
Report Number	33

Regions Affected	
TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 4, & 8
DDs Active	2, 6, 14, 16 & 23

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On May 31, Governor Greg Abbott announced that he added five counties to the state's disaster declaration for Texas communities impacted by recent severe weather. The counties added include Dallas, Fannin, Hockley, Lynn, and Rockwall.

Additionally, the Governor announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved a request from the State of Texas to add three more counties impacted by severe weather to the Presidential Disaster Declaration. FEMA has added Bell, Henderson, and Tyler counties to become eligible for FEMA's Individual Assistance program.

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.

On May 23, Governor Abbott announced that President 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 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 Division of 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.

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 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, TDEM Chief Nim Kidd has requested the addition of eight counties to become eligible for FEMA Individual Assistance programs. Those additional counties include Calhoun, Eastland, Guadalupe, Hardin, Jasper, Jones, Lamar, and Waller.

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 4:00 AM, June 02

No major flooding is reported.

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

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

Hockley County: Straight-line winds caused extensive damage in Levelland on May 29. One Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS) and two Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) saw crews removed downed trees in Levelland. On May 31, ARC opened a Disaster Resource Center and a shelter at South Plains College. As of June 2, 20,000 cubic yards of debris have been removed to temporary debris sites.

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)

Response efforts continue in Cooke County and recovery efforts have begun in Collin, Denton, and Montague Counties.

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 6 (Includes DDs 17, 18, and 24)

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

Calhoun County: On June 2, FEMA with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) opened a DRC in the Port Lavaca branch of the Calhoun County Library.

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 31, Lake Limestone gates were opened for a total release of 25,400 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.

The recent storms impacted multiple cellular sites. AT&T deployed a Cell on Wheels (COW) to Shelbyville for a fiber cut that has impacted service; the COW is scheduled to demobilize on June 2nd. In Sabine County, AT&T experienced equipment problems and deployed a Satellite Cellular on Lite Truck (SATCOLT) to the Sabine County EOC.

The recent storms interrupted the 9-1-1 service in Canton and Lewisville. 9-1-1 calls in Canton were rerouted to administrative lines and the 9-1-1 service in Lewisville was temporarily off-line. 9-1-1 services in both Canton and Lewisville have been restored. The Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) has monitored, coordinated, and assisted with the restoration of the 9-1-1 centers.

A request has been submitted to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) to have the CISA Access Letters reinstituted from May 28 to June 7th. The CISA Access Letter asks local authorities to grant access to workers who are repairing critical facilities to damaged areas.

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.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX): Texas A&M Public Works Response Team (TX-PWRT): All TX-PWRT personnel have been released for this incident.

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. TX-TF1 resources have demobilized and TX-TF2 activated additional resources to continue SAR operations in Cooke County.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS): Six Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) saw crews have been assigned to Bell and Sabine Counties for debris removal and hazard mitigation.

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.

Public Utilities Commission of Texas (PUC): On June 2, by 3:00 PM there were 24,000 power outages reported statewide. Oncor reported 11,000 power outages and Oncor crews continue with power restoration repairs. Deep East Texas Electric Cooperative (DETEC) received additional storm damage on June 1, that increased the power outages from 9,000 to 29,000. DETEC's increase in power outages was due to a disruption of a transmission line from Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO). SWEPCO repaired the damaged transmission line and the power outages in DETEC went down to 6,000.

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 30 temporary debris management sites. As of June 2, TCEQ is tracking three drinking water systems that are on a Boil Water Notice (BWN) affecting 130 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): 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.

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. DSHS is working with local entities who have submitted State of Texas Assistance Requests (STAR) for mosquito abatement. DSHS is evaluating post mosquito documents for aerial spraying requests from Harris and Montgomery counties. The Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Severe Weather Packages (SWX PKG) have demobilized from this event.

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 June 2, there are 16 state-maintained roads flooded and 13 roads are closed. State Highway (SH) 87, near Sabine Pass, is down to one lane due to erosion in the pavement that occurred from storm damage and emergency repairs are in progress. TxDOT crews in Dallas, Fort Worth, Tyler, and Wichita Falls district are working to repair sign and signal damage, remove debris, and assist with traffic control in tornado impacted areas. TxDOT contractors have begun removing debris in the Wichita Falls District.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC): As of May 29, four nursing facilities in TDEM Region 2 and one assisted living facility in TDEM Region 1 are operating on generator power. HHSC is coordinating with local mental health and behavioral health authorities to have crisis counseling services available at Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC). Counseling services are now available at the Harris Center, Burke Center, Bluebonnet Trails, and Spindletop DRCs.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD has a SOC Support Team in Austin and activated three Ground Transportation Platoons (GTP) and one Ground Transportation Company Headquarters (GTCHQ). The three GTPs and GTCHQ were released on May 27. 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. TMD has 135 personnel activated.

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.

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 June 3, the ARC has five shelters open with a population of 21 and the additional shelters were opened to support Cooke, Dallas, and Van Zandt counties. An Incident Management Team (IMT) has deployed a basecamp and a field kitchen to Houston. The ARC has distributed 39,901 snacks and 53,970 meals. ARC teams are conducting damage assessments in three counties. Detailed Damage Assessment (DDA) teams are supporting Shelter Resident Transition (SRT) and Individual Disaster Care (IDC) casework in multiple Counties.

Mercy Chefs: As of May 29, Mercy Chefs have provided 5,685 meals in Harris County.

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 31, SBTC has provided 14,878 volunteer hours, 23,920 meals, and 1,944 showers. On May 29, SBTC sent the Quick Response Feeding Unit to Levelland.

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 1,267 showers, 34,590 meals, 739 loads of laundry, and 20,064.5 volunteer hours as of May 30.

The Salvation Army (TSA): On May 29, TSA mobilized their canteen food services to serve first responders in Levelland. TSA has distributed 6,963 meals, 7,379 snacks, and 5,600 drinks.

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, Walker Counties
AgriLife	IST Liaison	1	1	Assigned	RELLIS
AgriLife	IST Logistics	1	1	Assigned	RELLIS
AgriLife	DAR Agents	4	4	Assigned	Fort Worth
AgriLife	DAR Agents	3	3	Activated	Valley View
TAMFS	TAMFS Personnel	5	0	Assigned	NRG Houston
TAMFS	TAMFS Personnel	5	0	Assigned	Belton
TAMFS	ESF 4 LNO	1	0	Assigned	IST/RELLIS
TAMFS	Saw Crew, TIFMAS	10	0	Assigned	Cooke County
TAMFS	Saw Crew, TIFMAS	10	0	Assigned	Bell County
TAMFS	Saw Crew	8	1	Assigned	Van Zandt County
TAMFS	ESF 4 LNO	1	0	Assigned	Austin SOC
TX-PWRT	ESF 3 SOC LNO	1	1	Released	SOC Austin
TX-PWRT	ESF 3 Rep	1	1	Released	IST-RELLIS
TX-PWRT	PWRT 1	1	1	Released	Conroe
TX-PWRT	PWRT 2	1	1	Released	Bell County
TX-PWRT	PWRT 3	1	1	Released	Denton 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	1	Released	Remote SOC Fort Worth
DSHS	MIST	2	2	Released	Remote SOC Fort Worth
DSHS	MIST	1	1	Released	IST-Fort Worth

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
DSHS	SWX PKG	21	11	Released	Cooke County
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	GSUHQ	8	0	Assigned	Denton and Kaufman Counties
TMD	GSU	109	0	Assigned	Denton and Kaufman Counties
TMD	ABS	14	0	Assigned	Multiple locations
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1	0	Activated	Remote SOC Fort Worth
TxDOT	EMC	0	0	Assigned	Remote SOC Fort Worth
TxDOT	SOC Support	2	1	Assigned	Remote SOC Fort Worth
TSA	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TSA	IMT	5	0	Assigned	Dallas / Fort Worth
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:
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