

# Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

# **New Information is in Blue Text**

<b>Event Name</b>	24-0015 17JUN Tropical Weather
Date	June 22, 2024
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM June 21 to 8:00 AM June 22
Report Number	4

Regions Affected	
TDEM Regions Affected	5
DDs Active	19, 20 & 21

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** On June 19, Governor Greg Abbott <u>issued a disaster declaration</u> for 51 Texas counties as Tropical Storm Alberto moves through the Gulf of Mexico with impacts expected to continue across the southern half of Texas.

On June 18, Governor Abbott <u>directed</u> the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to increase the readiness level of the Texas State Emergency Operations Center to Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) to begin 24-hour operations ahead of tropical weather hazards expected to impact the state.

This tropical system, according to the National Weather Service, is expected to further develop and cause potentially dangerous rainfall and flooding across large areas of the state. The areas of concern include South Texas, Coastal Bend, and Southeast Texas.

On June 17, Governor Abbott <u>directed</u> TDEM to activate state emergency response resources ahead of impacts from tropical weather threats.

### **OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:**

- 1. Protect life and property.
- 2. Support rapid & effective response.
- 3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decisionmaking.
- 4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

## Region 5 (Includes DDs 19-21)

DD 19 – Laredo (Includes Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb, and Zapata, Counties)

DDEOC 19 is at Level III (Increased Readiness).

DD 20 – Corpus Christi (Includes Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patricio Counties)

DDEOC 20 is at Level III (Increased Readiness).

DD 21 – Weslaco (Includes Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties)

DDEOC 21 is at Level III (Increased Readiness).

# RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System (TDEM):

**Communications Coordination Group (CCG):** Amateur Radio operators (RACES/ARES) have begun to determine resources and personnel that may be required for the incoming tropical weather. Amateur Radio services have established an emergency communications net and are monitoring calls for assistance. In Jim Wells County, a 9-1-1 outage was reported but the Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) has confirmed that 9-1-1 service has been restored. In Jim Hogg County, a tornado siren was reported damaged, and efforts are being made to repair or find a replacement. AT&T is monitoring their networks and teams are on standby.

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife):** AgriLife Disaster Assessment and Recovery (DAR) Unit is monitoring the weather situation from Tropical Storm Alberto affecting South Texas. AgriLife DAR Agents have pushed out weather information, iSTAT and pSTAT submissions and have been in contact with officials in affected counties to monitor needs and provide support. County extension agents continue to notify landowners to move livestock and equipment out of flood prone

areas. AgriLife continues to monitor the situation and is ready to respond with partners.

**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) and Texas Task Force 2 (TX-TF2):** On June 17, TX-TF1 activated a Type 3 Water Capable Urban Search and Rescue team, six Type 3 Swift Water Rescue boat squads, and one Water Group Supervisor package with a team of five personnel. On June 18, TX-TF2 activated a Water Capable Type 3 Urban Search and Rescue team. TEEX resources are positioned in TDEM regions 4,5,6 and 8 in anticipation of the incoming tropical weather along the Texas Gulf Coast. On June 20, TX-TF1 Urban Search and Rescue assisted Corpus Christi Fire Department (FD) with evacuations from flooded areas.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS)**: TAMFS continues to monitor the weather and maintains situational awareness for tropical weather threats. TAMFS has activated four All Hazard TIFMAS Strike Teams and has them positioned in Alice, Victoria, Weslaco, and Corpus Christi.

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):** TCEQ has staff available to respond to air and water issues including drinking water and wastewater.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):** DSHS continues sharing information with public health regions and partners. DSHS has liaisons at the SOC, with Public Health Region 8 (San Antonio), Public Health Region 6/5 (Houston) and Public Health Region 11 (Harlingen) are at a heightened activation level and coordinating with their respective districts.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)**: TxDOT has 25 district crews ready to provide 24-hour support. Direct Message Service (DMS) is alerting motorists in TxDOT Corpus Christi and Houston Districts. TxDOT has identified scour critical bridge locations and crews will closely monitor.

As of June 21, 45 state-maintained roads are impacted including eight roads closed due to current flooding and four roads closed due to prior storm damage repairs. TxDOT Crews are managing barricades, patrolling roads to ensure drainage ways are clear, and have pre-staged barricades at known flood locations. The Galveston Ferry is operational but has halted vehicles due to tide conditions. Galveston Ferry Operations are monitoring tide levels and will alert of any operational changes. Aransas Pass Ferry is operational, and Aransas Pass Operations is monitoring tide levels and will alert of any operational changes.

DriveTexas.org is being updated to ensure motorists have access to current road safety advisories.

**Texas Military Department (TMD):** TMD has activated six Ground Transportation Platoons (GTPs), two Ground Transportation Company Headquarters (GTCHQ),

Rotary Wing Heavy Mission Ready Package (MRP), and Rotary Wing Medium MRP and the State Operations Center (SOC) Support Team. GTPs are staged in Houston, Angleton, and Victoria, the Rotary Wing Heavy MRP is staged at Grand Prairie, the Rotary Wing Medium MRP is staged at Martindale with two TX TF-1 Rescue Swimmers on each aircraft and the SOC support team is deployed in Austin. TMD has activated a total of 124 personnel, 40 vehicles, and four aircraft in support of the tropical weather.

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):** On June 18, TPWD prepared department resources consisting of Texas Game Wardens and State Parks Police Officers equipped with 4x4 patrol vehicles, swift water boats, shallow water boats, and a rescue helicopter to support boat rescue operations.

As of June 20, TPWD has resumed normal operations but remains ready to respond. TPWD has representatives at the SOC and personnel assigned to DDEOC 20 are now on standby. The Sea Rim State Park is closed due to flooding.

**American Red Cross (ARC):** As of June 21, the ARC has one shelter open at the Corpus Christi Natatorium with a population of five. In Rockport, one home was found with minor damage, and damage assessments will begin in North Beach, Corpus Christi, as soon as waters recede.

#### STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
DSHS	SOC LNO Day/Night	1	0	Assigned	Austin
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DSHS	[1] MIST	1	0	Activated	IST San Antonio
DSHS	[1] SWPK	21	5	Activated	IST San Antonio
DSHS	[1] SWPK	21	5	Activated	Corpus Christi
DSHS	[1] MIST	1	0	Activated	Weslaco Armory
DSHS	[2] MIST	2	0	Activated	Weslaco, Hidalgo County
DSHS	[2] MIST	2	0	Activated	Austin
TX-TF1	ESF-9 SOC LNO	2	0	Assigned	Austin
TX-TF1	Type 3 US&R	51	12	Available	Corpus Christi
TX-TF1	SWR boat squad 2	12	4	Available	College Station
TX-TF1	SWR boat squad	6	2	Available	Victoria
TX-TF1	SWR boat squad	6	2	Available	Conroe
TX-TF1	SWR boat squad	6	2	Available	Angleton
TX-TF1	SWR boat squad	6	2	Available	Corpus Christi
TX-TF1	Rescue Swimmers	6	0	Available	San Antonio
TX-TF1	Supervisor Water Group	6	1	Assigned	Brazos County
TX-TF1	ESF-9 Overhead	4		Assigned	Brazos County

Agency	Resource Kind	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
	and Type				
TX-TF2	Type 3 US&R	32	12	Available	Pharr
ESF9	IST LNO	1	0	Assigned	San Antonio
TXEMTF	EMTF 1 SWX PKG	3	2	Assigned	San Antonio
TXEMTF	EMTF 2 SWX PKG	3	2	Assigned	Hidalgo County
TXEMTF	EMTF 1 MIST	3	2	Assigned	San Antonio
TXEMTF	EMTF 2 MIST	3	2	Assigned	Hidalgo County
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	Game Wardens	55	55	Assigned	TDEM Region 5
AgriLife	IST Support	1	1	Assigned	San Antonio
AgriLife	SOC Liaison	2	0	Assigned	Austin
AgriLife	Extension Admin	2	0	Assigned	College Station
HHSC	SOC LNO	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TCEQ	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TXDOT	SOC LNO	1	0	Activated	Austin
TXDOT	EMC	1	1	Assigned	Austin
TXDOT	District Personnel	201	139	Assigned	Corpus Christi and Pharr Districts
TAMFS	TIFMAS Strike Team (ST)	22	6	Enroute	Alice
TAMFS	TIFMAS ST	22	6	Enroute	Victoria
TAMFS	TIFMAS ST	22	6	Enroute	Corpus Christi
TAMFS	TIFMAS ST	22	6	Enroute	Weslaco
TMD	Ground Transportation Company HQ (GTCHQ) A	14	4	Assigned	Victoria
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon (GTP) A-1	10	5	Assigned	Victoria
TMD	GTP A-2	10	5	Assigned	Angleton
TMD	GTP A-3	10	5	Assigned	Corpus Cristi
TMD	GTCHQ B	14	5	Activated	Huntsville
TMD	GTP B-1	10	5	Assigned	Houston
TMD	GTP B-2	10	5	Activated	Houston
TMD	GTP B-3	10	5	Activated	La Marque
TMD	UH-60	6	1	Assigned	Martindale
TMD	UH-60	7	1	Assigned	Martindale
TMD	CH-47F Chinook	6	1	Assigned	Grand Prairie
TMD	CH-47F Chinook	7	1	Assigned	Grand Prairie
TMD	SOC Support	8	0	Assigned	Austin
TMD	LNOFST	2	0	Assigned	San Antonio

**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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