



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

### New Information is in Blue Text

<b>Event Name</b>	<b>24-0016 06JUL Tropical Weather</b>
<b>Date</b>	July 6, 2024
<b>Time</b>	10:00 AM
<b>Operational Period</b>	10:00 AM Jul 5 to 8:00 AM Jul 6, 2024
<b>Report Number</b>	1

Regions Affected	
<b>TDEM Regions Affected</b>	4, 5 and 6
<b>DDs Active</b>	16, 17, 19, 20, and 21

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** On July 4, Governor Greg Abbott directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to increase the readiness level of the State Emergency Operations Center to Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) effective at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 5. The Governor also instructed TDEM to begin readying state emergency response resources for potential deployment ahead of Hurricane Beryl.

On July 5, Acting Governor Dan Patrick issued a disaster proclamation certifying that Hurricane Beryl poses a threat of imminent disaster, including widespread and severe property damage, injury, and loss of life due to widespread flooding, life-threatening storm surge, damaging wind, and heavy rainfall in Atascosa, Bee, Bexar, Brooks, Calhoun, Cameron, DeWitt, Dimmit, Duval, Frio, Goliad, Gonzales, Hidalgo, Jackson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kenedy, Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle, Lavaca, Live Oak, Matagorda, Maverick, McMullen, Medina, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr, Uvalde, Victoria, Webb, Wharton, Willacy, Wilson, Zapata, and Zavala Counties.

### 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.

## **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)

- Activating to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) at noon on Jul 6.

**Region 5 (Includes DDs 19-21)** Region 5 will stand up a Regional Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the Weslaco Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Headquarters on Jul 6.

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

- Activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) on Jul 5.
- Chief Davis is engaged with the City of Laredo planning for sheltering operations and monitoring hotel availability.

**Hidalgo County:** Shelters for out-of-town evacuations – (Primary) LBJ 9th Grade Campus, 5511 St. Luke Dr., Laredo Tx. 78046 and (Secondary) Laredo College, 1 West End Washington St., Laredo, TX., 78040 – POC – Chris Niles (956-285-2113).

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

- Activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) on Jul 4.
- Chief Elizondo is engaged in preparedness messaging. Communications has been established with the Corpus Christi State Supported Living Center. Communications are ongoing with jurisdictions and elected officials assessing and identifying potential needs.
- TAMU-CC CODE BLUE: Remote operations planned for Monday, July 8. On Monday, July 8, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will shift to remote work operations due to anticipated inclement weather conditions. In addition, all TAMU-CC classes will exercise their academic continuity plans and be conducted fully online on Monday, July 8. Students should monitor Canvas to stay current with their classes.

**Kleberg County:** The city of Kingsville has issued a Disaster Declaration. On Jul 4, Kleberg County issued a Voluntary Evacuation Order for Loyola Beach, Baffin Bay, and all low-lying areas across Kleberg County. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Safety Shelter Dome, located behind the H.M. King High school, will open on July 6. The Kleberg County Human Services Department is available to provide transportation for those in need.

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

- Activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) on Jul 4.
- Chief Alvarez is engaged in preparedness messaging. Communications has been established with the Rio Grande State Hospital establishing communications and situational awareness. Conversations have taken place with the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, and a plan is in place with IST San Antonio.

**Cameron County:** On Jul 3, Cameron County issued a Voluntary Evacuation Order for recreational vehicles (RV) and other high-profile guests staying at the following county parks; Isla Blanca Park, Andy Bowie Park, and Adolph Thomae, Jr. Park in Arroyo City.

**Willacy County:** On Jul 5, Voluntary Evacuation Order was issued for recreational vehicles (RV) and other high-profile vehicles for guest staying at Port Mansfield.

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

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

- Activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) on July 4.

**Calhoun County:** On Jul 5, Calhoun County issued a Voluntary Evacuation for low lying and flood prone coastal areas.

**Jackson County:** On Jul 5, Jackson County issued a Voluntary Evacuation for low lying and flood prone coastal areas.

**RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS**

**STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED**

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

TDEM has activated to Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) for Hurricane Berly response.

**Communications Coordination Group (CCG):** TDEM ESF 2 / Communications Coordination Group (CCG) partners are monitoring the situation and continue to prepare resources to respond if necessary. CCG partners across the public, private and volunteer sectors are assessing and adjusting their resources in accordance with the situation. The Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) has reached out to the Councils of Governments (COGS) in the potentially impacted areas and has instructed the COGs to notify CSEC as soon as possibly safe, of any Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) / 911 impacts to service or outages. Cellular providers are monitoring their networks. Teams are on standby to assess and triage any storm related impacts. The identification of critical locations that could require prioritized power restoration is ongoing. Land Mobile Radio (LMR) communication platforms have been notified of the situation. The Statewide Satellite Initiative service providers are confirming the status of the network to ensure there are no issues should resources be required. Amateur Radio services have been instructed to reach out to their served agencies / EOCs. Assessments are

ongoing to determine the need for any emergency communications nets. The various radio groups are being connected to be prepared to support if requested. Discussions and planning are ongoing with FEMA / CISA and the FCC regarding possible pre-landfall assessments of the broadcast spectrum. This would be followed by a post-landfall assessment to help identify any outages impacting the broadcast infrastructure. Discussions have begun regarding the issuance of post-landfall access letters that would support refueling and power restoration operations. The Texas Association of Broadcasters (TAB) is communicating with broadcast stations along the projected path and discussing possible courses of actions to take. Assessments are being made regarding back-up power and refueling operations. TDEM and the FEMA Region 6 IPAWS Rep. have been in contact with FEMA IPAWS and local jurisdictions to help answer any questions local jurisdictions have regarding the possible use of their IPAWS systems in response to this event.

### **Texas A&M Agencies**

**Texas A&M University Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (TAMU-CVM):**

**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Texas Task Force 1 (TEEX/TX-TF1):**

**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Texas Task Force 2 (TEEX/TX-TF2):**

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension:** The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Disaster Assessment and Recovery (DAR) Unit is monitoring the weather situation from Hurricane Beryl affecting the Texas coastline.

AgriLife DAR Agents have pushed out weather information and have been in contact with officials in affected counties to monitor needs and provide support. The AgriLife Extension PIO has distributed hurricane/flood preparedness and evacuation of pets/livestock information to social media and mass media outlets. 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 ESF 11 partners.

AgriLife continues to work with ESF 11 partners Texas Animal Health Commission and Texas Department of Agriculture on any unmet needs pertaining to agricultural or animal issues.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):**

### **Other State Agencies**

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):**

**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):** DPS is providing resources in support of Hurricane Beryl affecting Texas.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):** The State Medical Operations Center is currently at limited activation with 44 personnel and is preparing for sustained operations. We have communicated with all public health regions, hospital preparedness program partners and other contractors and vendors and all are monitoring and standing by to support. Our public health regions are in contact with their TDEM counterparts and are monitoring the weather. Post tropical weather mosquito abatement guidance document and our first responder immunization guidance document will be shared with partners today.

**Texas Department of Health and Human Services (HHSC):** HHSC has one staff member supporting the State Operations Center. No reported impacts to long term care facilities, acute healthcare facilities, or state operated facilities. Richmond and Corpus Christi SSLCs and the Rio Grande State Center are making preparations to facilities and is prepared to shelter in place.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** All 25 TxDOT districts are closely monitoring all weather threats. TxDOT has began implementing hurricane response plans including personal family plans earlier this week. All coastal districts and one district inland have crews rostered on standby to respond this weekend through this event. Southern coastal districts have local crews working today through the weekend implementing final plans. Earlier this week crews checked and cleared drainage features. Crews have also been sweeping evacuation lanes and clearing evacuation routes. TxDOT contractors including those on construction projects were put on notice earlier this week for response to possible impacts. CRP Dist. has been working locally with AEP on pre-identifying laydown yards for response. TxDOT EOCs are prepared to stand up as needed. MNT Div is conducting statewide TxDOT weather/coordination calls and staffing the State Operations Center. Fleet Operations has rented Pumps and generators as needed. The ferries in Port Aransas and Galveston have put hurricane procedures in place and operations will be closely monitored and adjusted in coordination with the US Coast Guard. Traffic Div. has posted tropical warning messages on DMS as needed in areas within the path. Communications Div have been sharing tropical awareness messages. Travel Div has additional staff rostered to handling any influx in calls to the Drive Texas phone number 1-800- 452-9292 additionally citizens are encouraged to check Drivetexas.org for most current road conditions. Evacuation Route maps are available at TxDOT.GOV / Stay Safe Tab / Prepare for severe weather / Hurricane Preparation.

**Texas Military Department (TMD):** TMD is supporting state agency partners in response to 24-0016 06JUL Tropical Weather.

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):** TPWD has prepared department resources consisting of Texas Game Wardens and State Parks Police Officers equipped with swift water boats and shallow water boats to support rescue operations in areas affected by Hurricane Beryl. TPWD continues to work closely with TDEM through the State Operations Center to ensure TPWD SAR resources and first responders are available should they be needed.

**Federal Agencies**

**Navy Region Southeast (Corpus Christi):** The Commander has ordered the Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness Three for the Coastal Bend area to the Mexican Border.

**United States Coast Guard (USCG) Port of Corpus Christi:** The USCG Captain of the Port (COTP) has set Port Condition X-Ray from the Colorado Locks to the U.S.-Mexico border, including the Port of Corpus Christi, effective 2:00 p.m. on July 5, 2024. Under this condition, owners, operators or agents of all self-propelled oceangoing vessels over 500 gross tons, all barges and their support tugs should review USCG plans to depart or remain in port.

**United States Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Houston-Galveston:** The Captain of the Port (COTP) has set Port Condition Whiskey for the ports of Houston, Galveston, Freeport, Texas City and portions of the GIWW between MM-319.5 and MM-442. Heavy weather conditions from Hurricane Beryl are expected to make landfall within 72 hours. For information on Port Conditions, please refer to Sector Houston-Galveston MSIB 13-24 and Heavy Weather forms, which are located on HOMEPORT at: Sector Houston/Galveston Homeport

**Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)**

**American Red Cross (ARC):** ARC is supporting the activation for this Tropical weather event.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Resource Kind and Type</b>	<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Location</b>
EMTF	IST MIST	2	0	Enroute	San Antonio
EMTF	SWX PKG	20	6	Enroute	San Antonio
EMTF	IST MIST	2	0	Enroute	RELLIS
EMTF	SWX PKG	21	6	Enroute	RELLIS
EMTF	MIST	2	0	Activated	Austin

EMTF	Type III Ambulance Staging Management Team	14	0	Enroute	San Antonio
EMTF	Paramedics	10	0	Enroute	San Antonio
EMTF	Ambulance Strike Team	11	48	Enroute	San Antonio
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EMTF	Ambulance Strike Team	11	48	Enroute	San Antonio
EMTF	Ambulance Strike Team	11	48	Enroute	San Antonio
EMTF	AMBUS	7	2	Enroute	San Antonio
EMTF	AMBUS	7	2	Enroute	San Antonio
EMTF	AMBUS	7	2	Enroute	San Antonio
EMTF	MIST	2	0	Enroute	Victoria
EMTF	MIST	2	0	Enroute	Weslaco
DSHS	SMOC	42	0	Assigned	SMOC
DSHS	SOC Liason	4	0	Assigned	Austin
HHSC	SOC Liason	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	SOC Liason	2	2	Activated	Austin
TPWD	Game Warden SAR	2	3	Available	Hidalgo
TPWD	Game Warden	10	10	Available	DD 17
TPWD	Game Warden	30	30	Available	DD 20
TPWD	Game Warden	19	19	Available	DD 21
TPWD	Helicopter Team	2	4	Available	Austin
TPWD	Rescue Swimmers	2	2	Available	Austin
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	2	0	Activated	Austin
TxDOT	Field Staff	200	100	Assigned	Corpus Christi and Pharr
TMD	SOC Support	6	0	Assigned	Austin
TMD	LNOFST	2	0	Activated	RELLIS
TMD	LNOFST	2	0	Activated	Weslaco

TMD	Ground Transportation Company HQ	14	5	Activated	En Route
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon	10	5	Activated	En Route
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon	10	5	Activated	En Route
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon	10	5	Activated	En Route
AgriLife	IST Support	1	1	Activated	San Antonio
AgriLife	SOC Liason	1	1	Assigned	Austin
DPS	SOC Support	2	2	Assigned	Austin
DPS	Tactical Marine Unit	7	3	Activated	Weslaco
DPS	Tactical Marine Unit	9	3	Activated	Port Lavaca
DPS	Helicopter/w Hoist	12	4	Activated	Dallas, San Antonio, Edinberg, and Alpine

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions). 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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