



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	24-0016 06JULY Tropical Weather
Date	July 7, 2024
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM July 6 to 8:00 AM July 7, 2024
Report Number	2

Regions Affected	
TDEM Regions Affected	3,4, 5, 6, and 8
DDs Active	16, 17, 19, 20, and 21

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On July 6, Acting Governor Dan Patrick added 81 counties to the state’s Hurricane Beryl added 81 counties to the state’s Hurricane Beryl Disaster Declaration as storm forecasts have shifted the expected landfall north and east of previous projections.

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.

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 3, Governor Greg Abbott directed TDEM to issue an advisory notice to the 39 Texas Emergency Management Council Agencies to prepare to support hurricane response and recovery efforts and develop 24/7 staffing plans for the State

Emergency Operations Center should the forecast track for Hurricane Beryl further materialize with expected impacts to the Texas Gulf Coast.

On July 2, TDEM urged Texans that live in and are visiting coastal communities for the Fourth of July holiday to keep an eye on the Gulf, heed warnings of local officials, and have a plan in place should tropical weather impacts reach the Texas coast.

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)

Galveston County: On July 6, the city of Galveston issued a voluntary evacuation notice of the island's west end.

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

DD 19 – Laredo (Includes Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb, and Zapata, Counties): District Chief (DC) 19 is engaged with the City of Laredo for planning sheltering operations and monitoring hotel availability.

Hidalgo County: Shelters locations for out-of-town evacuations; The LBJ 9th Grade Campus, 5511 St. Luke Dr., Laredo Tx. 78046 and 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): DC 20 has established communications with the Corpus Christi State Supported Living Center (SSLC), local jurisdictions, and elected officials to identify potential needs.

Aransas County: On July 6, county officials issued a Voluntary Evacuation Order for residents living in low-lying areas or with special needs.

Kleberg County: On July 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) opened the Safety Shelter Dome, located behind the H.M. King High school, on July 6. The Kleberg County Human Services Department is available to provide transportation for those in need.

San Patricio County: On July 6, the city of Ingleside issued a Voluntary Evacuation Order for residents living in low-lying areas of the city, residents with special needs that require extended time to leave, or residents housed in recreational vehicles (RV).

DD 21 – Weslaco (Includes Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties): DC 21 has established communications with the Rio Grande State Hospital, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, and the Incident Support Team (IST) San Antonio.

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

Willacy County: On July 5, a Voluntary Evacuation Order was issued for RV and other high-profile vehicles for guests 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)

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

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

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

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

Communications Coordination Group (CCG): TDEM CCG partners, in the public private, and volunteer sectors, are monitoring the incoming weather and are preparing resources to respond. The Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) has instructed the Councils of Governments (COGS) to notify CSEC of any 911 system outages or impacts to Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP). Cellular providers are monitoring their networks and have response teams on standby. The Statewide Satellite Initiative service providers are confirming the status of their networks. Amateur Radio services were instructed to

reach out to their served agencies and [Amateur Radio networks began operating on July 6](#). The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and the (Federal Communications Commission) FCC are planning for possible pre-landfall assessments. TDEM and the FEMA Region 6 Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Representative have been in contact with FEMA IPAWS and local jurisdictions to help answer any questions about the possible use of their IPAWS systems.

[CCG Partners, TDEM, the Commission on State Emergency Communications \(CSEC\), Texas Department of Public Safety Office of the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator \(SWIC\), FEMA Region 6, and CISA are having daily communication coordination calls. CISA will provide temporary access to Government Emergency Telecommunications Service \(GETS\) and Wireless Priority Service \(WPS\) cellular calling cards, and the cellular calling cards will be good for the duration of this hurricane season. CISA will also provide access letters for personnel to reenter storm areas if there is a need to provide repairs to damaged critical infrastructure. FEMA and CISA will identify services they can provide under the current Governor's declaration. The Texas Association of Broadcasters \(TAB\) is developing a list of counties to submit to the \(FCC\) for pre-landfall analysis of radiofrequency \(RF\) spectrum. Repeaters, VHF, and UHF networks are being established to provide critical communications links for RELLIS at College Station, East Texas, and coastal areas.](#)

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Texas Task Force 1 (TEEX/TX-TF1): [On July 6, TX-TF1 activated a Type 1 Water Capable Urban Search and Rescue Team \(USAR\), a Type 3 Water Capable USAR Team, four Swift Water Rescue \(SWR\) Boat Squads, a Water Group Supervisor package, and an overhead team. The Two SWR Boat Squads activated to assist New Mexico were redirected to join four SWR Boat Squads in Texas. USAR teams will be positioned in San Antonio and areas along the gulf coast.](#)

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife): [The AgriLife Disaster Assessment and Recovery \(DAR\) unit is monitoring Hurricane Beryl. AgriLife has been in contact with officials in affected counties to monitor needs and provide support. The AgriLife Extension Public Information Officer \(PIO\) has distributed hurricane and flood preparedness with evacuation of pet and livestock information to social media and media outlets. County Extension Agents \(CEA\) continue to notify landowners to move livestock and equipment out of flood prone areas. One DAR agent is assigned to RELLIS, one AgriLife Liaison Officer \(LNO\) is assigned to the SOC, and DAR agents in coastal counties are available to support any requests for assistance.](#)

[AgriLife continues to work with the 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): Four Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) all hazard strike teams (ST) were mobilized on July 6 and are assigned to the Westheimer Armory in Houston, the Jim Wells County Fair in Alice, the TDEM Warehouse in San Antonio, and RELLIS in Bryan. TAMFS has sent staff to the State Operations Center (SOC), TDEM IST, Disaster District (DD) 20 Corpus Christi, and DD 21 Weslaco.

Other State Agencies

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC): TAHC has been in communication with animal control shelters with outdoor facilities to make appropriate accommodations for the incoming weather.

Texas Department of Health and Human Services (HHSC): One nursing facility in Refugio County will evacuate on July 7. The Richmond and Corpus Christi State Supported Living Centers (SSLC), and the Rio Grande State Center are preparing to shelter in place.

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS): DPS is providing resources in support of Hurricane Beryl and Texas Highway Patrol (THP) are actively monitoring traffic patterns and conditions. DPS in Corpus Christi, Weslaco, and the McAllen Border Districts reported THP will be staffing the Disaster District Emergency Operations Centers (DDEOC) in their respective areas and are in communication with TDEM field personnel. DPS in Houston, Conroe, and Rosenberg will assist with staffing the DDEOC in Beaumont. DPS in Beaumont reported they have run the evacuation routes, reviewed plans, and continue to monitor the weather. DPS in Victoria reported they will begin staffing the DDEOC in Victoria. DPS in San Antonio received a request to assist with conducting Level 1 bus inspections for potential evacuations. Bus inspections are being conducted at the TDEM warehouse in San Antonio. DPS Aviation has helicopters, with hoist capabilities, in Dallas, San Antonio, and Edinburg available and the helicopter assigned to Alpine was repositioned to Austin.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): The State Medical Operations Center (SMOC) is fully activated with 120 personnel. DSHS has been in communication with their Public Health Regions, hospital preparedness program partners, and vendors. The Public Health Regions have been in contact with their TDEM counterparts. Post tropical weather mosquito abatement guidance and first responder immunization guidance has been disseminated.

Additional EMTF resources were approved on July 6 and moved to accommodate the change in path of the hurricane. One Medical Incident Support Team (MIST) and five Evacuation Triage Teams were activated on July 7.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): All 25 TxDOT districts are closely monitoring all weather threats, implementing hurricane response plans, and have begun standing up Emergency Operation Centers (EOC). TxDOT crews have

checked and cleared drainage features, sweeping evacuation lanes, clearing evacuation routes, and TxDOT contractors were given notice of possible impacts from the weather. All coastal districts and one district inland have crews rostered to respond to the incoming weather and the southern coastal districts have been working throughout the weekend implementing response plans.

The Maintenance (MNT) Division has been conducting statewide TxDOT weather coordination calls and staffing the SOC. The Fleet Operations has rented loaders, pumps, and generators. The Port Aransas and Galveston ferries have put hurricane procedures in place and ferry operations will be closely monitored and adjusted in coordination with the US Coast Guard. The Traffic Division has posted tropical warning messages on the Direct Messaging System (DMS) in areas within the path of the storm. The Communications Division has been sharing tropical awareness messages and the Travel Division has additional staff rostered to oversee any influx of calls.

Evacuation Route maps are available at <https://www.txdot.gov/safety/severe-weather/hurricane-preparation.html>.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD has activated three Ground Transportation Platoons (GTPs), one Ground Transportation Company Headquarters (GTCHQ), two CH-47 helicopters and four aircraft with TX-TF1 rescue swimmers, the Air Operations Center at Camp Mabry, four ETN Teams, 10 personnel for GPS Installation, four Ground Support Units (GSUs), a Ground Support Unit Headquarter (GSUHQ), the SOC Support Team, one LNO to support the IST in RELLIS, and one LNO to support the DPS Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC) in response for the incoming tropical weather.

TMD has activated up to 269 personnel, 20 Vehicles, and up to six aircraft in support of 24-0016 06JUL Tropical Weather.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD has prepared a strike team consisting of 14 Game Wardens, 14 4x4 vehicles, one airboat, and five shallow running boats. An additional Incident Command Unit (ICU), one bulk fuel trailer, one cargo trailer, and one radio trailer are available in Houston. TPWD continues to work closely with TDEM to ensure SAR resources and first responders are available.

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 on July 5. Owners, operators, or agents of self-propelled oceangoing vessels over 500 gross tons, all barges, and their support tugs should review USCG plans prior to departing or to remain in port.

United States Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Houston-Galveston: The Captain of the Port (COTP) has set [Port Condition Yankee](#) for the ports of Houston, Galveston, Freeport, Texas City, and portions of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) west of mile marker (MM) 319.5. Heavy weather conditions from Hurricane Beryl are expected to make landfall within [12 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. [ARC is staging relief supplies and bringing in resources for feeding and sheltering needs.](#) ARC is anticipating to open shelters as the weather evolves and shelters can be located at [Find Open Shelters](#).

The Salvation Army (TSA): The TSA has an Incident Management Team (IMT) in San Antonio. The Emergency Disaster Services (EDS) Team has identified possible sites for TSA Operations in Harlingen, McAllen, Kingsville, Corpus Christi, Victoria, and Houston, depending on the final track of Hurricane Beryl.

TSA is activating feeding units in San Antonio, New Braunfels, Victoria, Kerrville, and Beeville. Laredo is on standby pending shelter operations in Laredo. 35,000 meal orders are prepared, and delivery will begin to select locations on July 8. Meals services are expected to begin on July 9. EDS Logistics teams are standing up a base camp to house volunteers and staff with a 30,000-meal support package.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
EMTF	MIST (SCO)	2	0	Assigned	Austin
DSHS	SOC Liason	4	0	Assigned	Austin
EMTF	IST MIST	2	0	Enroute	RELLIS
EMTF	Task Force Leaders	2	0	Enroute	RELLIS
EMTF	MIST	16	0	Enroute	RELLIS
EMTF	AMBUS	21	3	Enroute	RELLIS
EMTF	Ambulance Strike Team (AST)	33	18	Enroute	RELLIS
EMTF	SWX PKG	21	6	Enroute	San Antonio

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EMTF	Type III Ambulance Staging Management Team	14	0	Enroute	San Antonio
EMTF	Paramedics	10	0	Enroute	San Antonio
EMTF	AST	110	60	Enroute	San Antonio
EMTF	AMBUS	35	10	Enroute	San Antonio
EMTF	Task Force Leaders	2	0	Enroute	San Antonio
EMTF	MIST support for staging	12	0	Enroute	San Antonio
EMTF	MIST	2	2	Enroute	Victoria
EMTF	MIST	2	2	Enroute	Weslaco
EMTF	AST	11	6	Enroute	Martindale
DSHS	State Medical Operations Center (SMOC)	120	0	Activated	Austin
DSHS	Medical Shelter	0	0	Activated	Schertz
DSHS	Evacuation Triage Team	2	0	Enroute	San Antonio
DSHS	Evacuation Triage Team	2	0	Enroute	Austin
DSHS	Evacuation Triage Team	2	0	Enroute	Austin
DSHS	Evacuation Triage Team	2	0	Enroute	Austin
DSHS	Evacuation Triage Team	2	0	Enroute	Austin
DSHS	MIST	2			Austin
HHSC	SOC Liason	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Activated	Austin
TPWD	Game Warden SAR	2	3	Available	Live Oak, McMullen
TPWD	TPWD UAS	0	2	Available	Live Oak, McMullen
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
TPWD	Game Warden	67	67	Available	DDs 14, 15, 16
TPWD	Shallow/SWR Boat	0	5	Available	Galveston, Harris, Waller
TPWD	Airboat	0	8	Available	DDs 15, 16
TPWD	State Park Officer			Available	Sheldon State Park

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	2	0	Activated	Austin
TxDOT	Field Staff	200	100	Assigned	Corpus Christi and Pharr
TMD	SOC Support	7	0	Assigned	Austin
TMD	LNOFST	2	0	Activated	RELLIS
TMD	LNOFST	2	0	Activated	Weslaco
TMD	Ground Transportation Company HQ	14	5	Enroute	San Antonio
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon (GTP) A-1	10	5	Enroute	Alice
TMD	GTP A-2	10	5	Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	GTP A-3	10	5	Assigned	Houston
TMD	CH-47 (x2)	17	2	Activated	Grand Prairie
TMD	Aircraft (x4)	30	4	Activated	Austin, San Antonio
TMD	AOC	3	0	Activated	Camp Mabry
TMD	ETN Team	7	0	Enroute	Refugio
TMD	ETN Team	7	0	Enroute	Refugio
TMD	ETN Team	7	0	Enroute	Rockport
TMD	ETN Team	7	0	Enroute	Rockport
TMD	Placard/GP	10	0	Enroute	San Antonio
TMD	GSU MRP (x4)	120	0	Activated	RELLIS
TMD	GSUHQ	6	0	Activated	RELLIS
AgriLife	IST Support	1	1	Assigned	College Station
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
TAMFS	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	Austin
TAMFS	TIFMAS ST 166	22	6	Available	Houston
TAMFS	TIFMAS ST 167	20	6	Available	Alice
TAMFS	TIFMAS ST 168	21	6	Available	San Antonio
TAMFS	TIFMAS ST 169	22	6	Available	RELLIS
TAMFS	TDEM IST Liaison	2	2	Assigned	Region 8
TAMFS	EOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	DD 20
TAMFS	EOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	DD 20
TX-TF1	Type 1 US&R	68	25	Assigned	San Antonio
TX-TF2	Type 3 US&R	62	17	Assigned	San Antonio

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TX-TF1	SWR Boat Squad	6	2	Assigned	College Station
TX-TF1	SWR Boat Squad	6	2	Assigned	Houston
TX-TF1	SWR Boat Squad	6	2	Assigned	Alice
TX-TF1	SWR Boat Squad	6	2	Assigned	Alice
TX-TF1	SWR Boat Squad	6	2	Assigned	San Antonio
TX-TF1	SWR Boat Squad	6	2	Assigned	Seguin
TX-TF1	Water Group Supervisor	2	1	Assigned	Alice
TX-TF1	ESF9 Overhead	4	0	Assigned	College Station
TX-TF1	ESF9 LNO	2	0	Assigned	SOC
TX-TF1	TX-TF1 HSART Rescue Swimmers	5	0	Activated	
TX-TF1	ESF9 IST LNO	1	0	Assigned	College Station
TAHC	SOC LNO	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TAHC	TAHC Emergency Management	2	0	Available	Virtual
TSA	SOC LNO	1	0	Assigned	Austin

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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