



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	25-0002 Winter Weather 06JAN
Date	January 10, 2025
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	7:00 AM January 9 to 8:00 AM January 10, 2025
Report Number	2

Regions Affected	
TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, and 7
DDs Active	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 22

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

According to the National Weather Service, heavy rainfall associated with the same storm system bringing snow and ice to the northern and western parts of Texas will also cause potential flooding in the east and southeastern parts of the state, where temperatures are expected to remain above freezing into the weekend.

On January 9, Governor Abbott directed TDEM to activate state emergency response resources ahead of anticipated heavy rainfall in East and Southeast Texas.

On January 8, Governor Greg Abbott provided an update on Texas' ongoing response to severe winter weather that had impacted large portions of the state following a briefing with state officials at the State Operations Center in Austin.

On January 7, Governor Abbott directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to increase the readiness level of the Texas State Operations Center (SOC) to Level II (Escalated Response) ahead of winter weather expected to impact the state. The most significant impacts will occur from January 7 through the weekend.

On January 6, the Governor directed TDEM to activate state emergency response resources in anticipation of severe winter weather.

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 1 (Includes DDs 1, 2, and 7)

DD 1 – Amarillo (Includes Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, and Wheeler Counties): Disaster District Emergency Operations Center (DDEOC) 1 activated to [Level II Escalated Response Conditions as of January 9](#).

DD 2 – Lubbock (Includes Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry, and Yoakum Counties): DDEOC 2 activated to Level III Increased Readiness Conditions as of January 7.

DD 7 – Abilene (Includes Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, and Taylor Counties): DDEOC 7 activated to Level III Increased Readiness Conditions as of January 6.

Region 2 (Includes DDs 3, 4, and 22)

DD 3—Wichita Falls (Includes Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Wichita, Wilbarger, and Young Counties): DDEOC 3 was activated to Level III Increased Readiness Conditions as of January 8.

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) DDEOC 4 activated to Level II Escalated Response Conditions as of January 8.

Denton County EOC is activated to Level III.

DD 22 – Sherman (Includes Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties): DDEOC 22 activated to Level II Escalated Response Conditions as of as of 0700 on January 9.

Region 3 (Includes DDs 5, 6, 14, and 15)

DD 5 – Mt. Pleasant (Includes Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, and Titus Counties) Disaster District Emergency Operations Center (DDEOC) 5 activated to Level II Increased Readiness as of 0700 on January 9.

DD 6 – Tyler (Includes Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties) DDEOC 6 activated to Level III Increased Readiness Conditions as of January 9.

Region 7 (Includes DDs 8, 9, and 10)

DD 8 – El Paso (Includes Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, and Presidio Counties): DDEOC 8 activated to Level III Increased Readiness Conditions as of 1200 January 7.

DD 9 – Midland/Ft. Stockton (Includes Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Reeves, Terrell, Upton, Ward, and Winkler Counties): DDEOC 9 activated to Level III Increased Readiness Conditions as of 0800 January 8.

DD 10 – San Angelo (Includes Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, and Tom Green Counties): DDEOC 10 activated to Level III Increased Readiness Conditions as of 0800 January 8.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

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

Communications Coordination Group (CCG)

TDEM ESF 2 / Communications Coordination Group (CCG) partners are monitoring the situation and preparing resources in the event of communications outages. Our partners across the public, private, and volunteer sectors are assessing and adjusting their resources accordingly.

Our cellular partners: Continue topping off fixed generators and charging backup batteries. Additional support resources have been staged to provide additional backup resources. Crews are staged to respond to repair damaged transmission lines if necessary. Networks are being adjusted to support increased capacity as needed. Continue preparations to ensure backup power or restoration actions will be in place if required. [They are also coordinating with our neighboring states regarding any issues that could impact Texas.](#)

Amateur Radio Operations: Coordination continues to identify and activate local VHF / UHF repeater networks along the forecasted areas as necessary. Texas Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) operators are being briefed on the situation and are standing by to support their DDEOCs if required. [Texas Amateur Radio RACES program is currently supporting multiple DDEOCs / EOCs, including Disaster Districts 3,](#)

11,12,22, and the SOC. Coordination is also ongoing with other Amateur Radio groups, including the 7290 Net, to provide coverage in East Texas and neighboring states.

The Texas Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) is reaching out to its PSAP / 9-1-1 partners. There are no current issues, but the commission is monitoring for any impacts to power supporting PSAP facilities.

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Office of the SWIC is monitoring the situation to provide frequency coordination if necessary. It is also Coordinating Emergency Communications status/operations with neighboring states should there be a need to provide EMCOMM assistance.

Incident Support Task Force (ISTF):

ISTF is tracking 20 public shelters and 348 warming centers as of January 9th at 3:30 P.M.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife):

Two AgriLife Extension SOC liaisons have been monitoring weather conditions and monitoring SOC response activity since Wednesday, January 8, 2025.

Disaster Assessment and Recovery agents and County Extension Strike Team members are on standby to support any ESF11 efforts associated with animal response or other winter weather response efforts as requested.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):

Texas A&M Forest Service has deployed 60 personnel and five motor graders to support winter weather. TAMFS personnel are assisting TxDOT district offices in Paris, Brownwood, Weatherford, Fredericksburg, and Kimble County. TAMFS is supporting the State Operations Center with 24-hour staffing.

Texas A&M Forest Service continues to maintain Situational Awareness as we stand by to provide additional resources and personnel who are ready to respond and support weather-impacted areas.

Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC):

Utilities across the state have been preparing for several days in anticipation of the winter weather threat. ERCOT expects sufficient power to meet demand throughout the event, and the PUC and ERCOT will continue to monitor the weather and provide updates as we have them.

As of 2000, peak outages state-wide reached approximately 13,000, with clusters of outages mainly in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and Panhandle. These clusters were not excessive in nature or beyond the threshold of a normal operating day during less severe storm conditions. ERCOT continues to report sufficient power to meet demand

throughout the event, and the PUC and ERCOT will continue to monitor the weather and provide updates as we have them.

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC):

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) began staffing the SOC on January 8, 2025. Livestock inspectors are positioned across the state, connecting with local animal response partners and maintaining situational awareness to address animal issues as needed. TAHC continues to monitor weather forecasts, communicate with ESF11 support agencies, and is maintaining a readiness posture to respond to any requests for assistance. Currently, there have been no reports of animal issues or unmet needs.

The SOC Representative participates in weather calls, monitors WebEOC, submits situational reports, and attends all necessary meetings. TAHC is monitoring weather forecasts and will communicate to regional staff regarding office closures due to inclement weather, as appropriate. Any delays or closures will be announced on the TAHC website. TAHC Communications is sharing TDEM/TXDOT social media posts and winter weather awareness/preparatory material with animal ag stakeholders. Guidance on caring for animals in winter weather will also be posted throughout the event.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has placed agency emergency management staff and emergency response hazmat contractors on heightened readiness for possible deployment to assist with any air/water/waste-related issues, including drinking water/wastewater issues and/or emergency response activities.

TCEQ has sent notifications to Public Drinking Water Systems and Wastewater Treatment Facilities to remind operators of regulatory guidance, procedures, and preparedness steps to take ahead of approaching winter weather.

Texas Department of Licensing and Registration (TDLR):

The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) has raised the readiness level of the State Operations Center (SOC) to Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) in response to the continued winter weather affecting most of Texas. TDLR stands ready to assist as requested.

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):

The Texas Department of Public Safety is actively supporting winter weather by patrolling roadways, monitoring traffic, and assessing road conditions. TXDPS stands ready to respond to requests for assistance due to severe weather.

Texas Highway Patrol (THP) personnel assigned to the North Texas Tollway Authority provide their normal 24-hour coverage, monitor traffic, respond to crashes, and assist stranded motorists. In the THP El Paso District, personnel were assigned to work alongside TxDOT at the Vista location to monitor highway cameras along the interstate.

THP Abilene and Wichita Falls Districts closely monitor traffic and road conditions to ensure public safety. The THP Chief's office is providing support to the State Operations Center.

THP EL Paso District Troopers assisted with notifying the New Mexico State Police of the road closure at US62/180, which closed from State Park Road to the state line. Troopers patrolled the roadways up to the state line to ensure no motorists were stranded. The road reopened during this reporting period.

THP personnel continue to work closely with TxDOT at the Vista location to monitor highway cameras along the interstate.

THP personnel are working with their perspective DDEOC's currently activated.

Texas Education Agency (TEA):

TEA has reported 157 school district closures as of today at 7:30.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) :

Texas Health and Human Services Commission has one staff member supporting the State Operations Center. Staff is monitoring conditions and impacts to both regulated and operated facilities. Vendors for ice and water are on standby.

Texas Military Department (TMD):

TMD has 7 Winter Weather MRPs and 1 BNMC MRP to assist stranded motorists and conduct welfare checks on selected motorways. The WW MRPs will be staged in Pecos, Mineral Wells, Texarkana, Denison, Kerrville, Abilene, and Brownwood. The BNMC will be in Fort Worth. Military District Coordinators have been activated for Disaster Districts 05 and 22. The SOC Support Team supports the State Operations Center Winter Weather Operations in Austin. TMD has activated up to 172 personnel and 61 vehicles in support of 25-0002 Winter Weather 06JAN.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has prepared department resources consisting of Texas Game Wardens and State Park Police Officers ready to support as needed in response to the severe winter weather threats throughout the State. TPWD continues to work closely with TDEM and other state/federal partners through the State Operations Center to ensure TPWD resources and first responders are available should they be needed. TPWD personnel are continuously being advised of the current weather conditions and maintaining a state of readiness.

TPWD has Texas Game Wardens and State Park Police Officers prepared to respond to areas affected by severe weather conditions and support operations as needed.

TPWD Statewide resources available include Liaison to the SOC, 4x4 Vehicles, Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) drones, and Helicopter 1 (Austin).

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)

Over the weekend, 700 employees conducted pretreating operations with over 500,000 gallons of brine and approximately 800 cubic yards of granular material. Approximately 1,800 employees continued pretreatment on January 6. TxDOT districts and toll partners will continue to pretreat roads, bridges, and overpasses, emphasizing the state's Tier I highways.

Additional TxDOT crews are deploying to support northern districts. TxDOT is coordinating with the Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS) and the Texas Military Department (TMD) to increase response along major interstate corridors. No roads are currently impacted by weather. Check [DriveTexas.org](https://www.drive-texas.org) for the most current road conditions & safety advisories.

- TxDOT EOC & local EOCs across the state are stood up, and 24-hour shift work has begun.
- TxDOT emergency management staff are supporting 24-hour SOC operations.
- Over 2,100 TxDOT employees were out preparing for the winter storm yesterday, Tuesday, January 8, and over 1 million gallons of brine were distributed on state roadways.
- TxDOT urges motorists to allow ample room for equipment and operators for the safety of everyone on the roads.
- TxDOT southern districts deployed and arrived last night to support TxDOT northern districts.
- TxDOT has coordinated with the Texas A&M Forest Service and the Texas Military Department to provide additional support along major highway corridors.
- [At 2:30 PM on January 9, US-62 in Hudspeth/Culberson County was reopened.](#)
- [3,526 locations on state-maintained roads are impacted by winter weather conditions.](#)
- [At approximately 8:30 PM on January 9, I-40 in the TxDOT Amarillo District will be closed from Amarillo to the New Mexico state line due to high winds and white-out conditions.](#)
- [There are currently 1,478 roads impacted by snow/ice.](#)
- [IH-40 from Amarillo to the New Mexico state line was approximately closed. 9:30 P.M. last night due to heavy winds and white-out conditions. The westbound lanes remain closed this morning at 6:30 A.M. to clear wrecked and stopped trucks. As of 9:30 pm, the westbound traffic was the only one affected by this closure due to several jack-knifed 18-wheelers.](#)

Texas Department of State Health Services: The Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) is maintaining a STANDBY readiness posture statewide today due to the Winter Weather system impacting W/SW and N/NE TX today through Saturday morning. The EMTF has 6 SWX PKGs covering the regions affected and those adjacent

to the affected areas. A Severe Weather Package (SWX PKG) includes one Task Force Leader, a Medical Incident Support Team, AMBUS, and an Ambulance Strike Team.

Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)

American Red Cross (ARC)

ARC is out supporting warming centers and standing by for shelter if needed in case of weather. Feeding partners are on standby for requests to support outside normal operations.

Congregate Sheltering/Centers: (Sites: 369, Pop: 0 Pets 0) Updated by 0820

- Seasonal Public Shelters (homeless and independent churches): (Sites: 20)
- Warming Centers: (Sites: 348)
- General Population Shelters (Sites: 0, Pop: 0, Pets: 0)
- Active Feeding: Hot Meals: 0 | Shelf Stable: 0
- Harris County requested that two warming centers be on standby. ARC identified Kingwood Baptist Church and St Timothy Lutheran Church. Two shelter teams are on standby.
- Fort Bend County: Supported a warming center at Attack Poverty - Friends of North Rosenberg overnight. Provided 60 blankets and 30 cots. Staffed by Red Cross volunteers.
- Newton County - provided 20 blankets
- Jasper County - provided 20 blankets
- Rockport, Aransas Pass: ARC will be supporting a warming center on Thursday night with cots, blankets, and volunteers.
- The City of Amarillo has opened a warming center at the Wolforth Recreation Center in Amarillo, TX. ARC provided 100 blankets.
- City of Carrollton—The shelter's location has been identified as Rosemead Recreation Center. It will only be opened if there are major long-term power outages in Carrollton.
- City of Alvarado, Johnson County—Shelter Location: First Baptist Church. The shelter will be ARC-managed and will open on Wednesday, January 8, 2025. It will be utilized for stranded motorists.

Texans on Mission (TXM)

TXM set up the mass feeding team in Dallas to assist with hot meals in the DFW area. To date, TXM has volunteered 1,033 hours and prepared 10,750 meals.

- Volunteer Hours: 1,033
- Meals: 10,750

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
DSHS	SCO	1	0	Assigned	SOC

DSHS	LNO	2	0	Assigned	SOC
ISTF	Mass Care ESF 6	1	0	Assigned	SOC
ISTF	ISTF HQ Staff	2	0	Assigned	SOC
ISTF	VOAD	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TAHC	SOC Representative	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TAHC	TAHC Emergency Management	2	0	Assigned	Virtual
TPWD	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TxDOT	EMC	1	1	Assigned	SOC
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TXDPS	SOC Support	2	2 (Patrol Vehicles)	Assigned	SOC
PUC	SOC Support	4	0	Assigned	SOC
HHSC	SOC Support	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TCEQ	SOC Support	2	0	Assigned	SOC
TPWD	Game Wardens/State Park Police	500	500 (4X4 Vehicles)	Available	Statewide
TPWD	UAS	30	30	Available	Statewide
TPWD	Helicopter	2	2	Available	Austin
TDLR	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TMD	BNMC	36	5	Assigned	Fort Worth
TMD	WW 01	18	8	Assigned	Pecos
TMD	WW 02	18	8	Assigned	Mineral Wells
TMD	WW 03	18	8	Assigned	Texarkana
TMD	WW 04	18	8	Assigned	Denison
TMD	WW 05	18	8	Assigned	Kerrville
TMD	WW06	18	8	Assigned	Abilene
TMD	WW 07	18	8	Assigned	Brownwood
TMD	SOC Support Team	8	0	Assigned	SOC
TMD	MDC	1	0	Assigned	Sherman
TMD	MDC	1	0	Activated	Mt Pleasant
TEA	SOC LNO	2	0	Activated	SOC
AgriLife	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	SOC
AgriLife	AgriLife Administration	2	0	Assigned	College Station
AgriLife	Marketing & Communications	2	0	Assigned	College Station
AgriLife	DAR Specialist	25	15	Activated	Statewide

AgriLife	DDEOC Representatives	12	2	2 Assigned 10 Activated	Statewide
TAMFS	SOC	2	2	Assigned	SOC
TAMFS	Heavy Equipment Operators/Support Staff	15	12	Assigned	Weatherford
TAMFS	Heavy Equipment Operators/Support Staff	8	7	Assigned	Kimble County
TAMFS	Heavy Equipment Operators/Support Staff	16	7	Assigned	Brownwood
TAMFS	Heavy Equipment Operators/Support Staff	11	11	Assigned	Paris
TAMFS	Heavy Equipment Operators	2	0	Assigned	College Station
TAMFS	Support Staff	6	4	Assigned	Fredericksburg

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues monitoring the situation and will provide additional 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-2>

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