



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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### New Information is in Blue Text

Event Name	25-0003 20JAN Winter Weather
Date	January 22, 2025
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM January 21 to 8:00 AM January 22, 2025
Report Number	2

Regions Affected	
TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
DDs Active	3, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 23

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** On January 20, the State Operations Center (SOC) moved to Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) due to potential impacts from 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)

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

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)

### **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)

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)

DD 22 – Sherman (Includes Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties)

### **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)

DD 6 – Tyler (Includes Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties)

DD 14 – Lufkin (Includes Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, and Tyler Counties): Disaster District Emergency Operations Center (DDEOC) 14 has activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) on January 20.

DD 15 – Beaumont (Includes Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange Counties): DDEOC 15 has activated to Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) on January 20.

### **Region 4 (Includes DDs 16)**

DD 16 – Houston (Includes Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton Counties): DDEOC 16 has activated to Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) on January 20.

### **Region 5 (Includes DDs 19-21)**

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

DD 20 – Corpus Christi (Includes Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patricio Counties): DDEOC 20 has activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) on January 20.

DD 21 – Weslaco (Includes Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties): DDEOC 21 has activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) on January 20.

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

DD 17 – Victoria (Includes Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Lavaca, Jackson, and Victoria Counties): [DDEOC 17 has returned to Level IV \(Normal Conditions\) on January 21.](#)

DD 18 – San Antonio (Includes Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, McMullen, Medina, and Wilson Counties): [DDEOC 18 has returned to Level IV \(Normal Conditions\) on January 21.](#)

DD 24 – Del Rio (Includes Dimmit, Edwards, La Salle, Kinney, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala Counties): [DDEOC 24 has returned to Level IV \(Normal Conditions\) on January 21. Interstate Highway \(IH\) 35 in La Salle County is closed due to multiple vehicle collisions.](#)

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

DD 8 – El Paso (Includes Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, and Presidio Counties):

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):

DD 10 – San Angelo (Includes Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, and Tom Green Counties):

### **Region 8 (Includes DDs 11, 12, 13, and 23)**

DD 11 – Waco (Includes Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone, and McLennan Counties):

DD 12 – Austin (Includes Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis, and Williamson Counties):

DD 13 – Bryan (Includes Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson, and Washington Counties):

DD 23 – Killeen (Includes Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba Counties):

## RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

### STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

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

##### **Incident Support Task Force (ISTF):**

The ISTF is on standby.

##### **Mass Care:**

As of [January 21](#), [478](#) warming centers and [192](#) general population shelters were opened. Warming centers continue to open in expectation of the cold weather. Cots, Water, MREs, and blankets are being requested and filled via the State of Texas Assistance Request (STAR) process. Food Bank Feeding continues under normal operations.

##### **Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife):**

Two AgriLife SOC liaisons are monitoring weather conditions and SOC response activity in person for 24-hour coverage. DAR agents and County Extension Strike Team members are on standby to support any efforts associated with animal response or other winter weather response efforts as requested.

AgriLife Marketing and Communications has distributed preparedness information and educational resources to support county agents, specialists, and agency communications channels in preparation for winter weather. AgriLife Marketing and Communications has provided updated information through the agency's social media channels as well as our county agent network to support local governments and constituents with preparedness education/resources. The DAR Public Information Officer continues to participate in weather calls and represented AgriLife Extension on the State Communications Council providing updates on messaging, social media outreach, and other communications needs.

[There are 26 Disaster Assessment Recovery \(DAR\) agents on standby to support ESF-11 \(Agriculture and Natural Resources\) and with response and recovery efforts. There are seven AgriLife extension service representatives monitoring the six DDEOC activations across the state and six AgriLife liaisons are supporting the DD 16 and DD 18 activations.](#)

##### **Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Texas A&M Public Works Response Team (PWRT):**

PWRT has a roster of individuals available to assist any local or state requests for assistance. Two (2) members have also been deployed to DDEOC 16 to support 24-hour operations of ESF 3.

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

TAMFS has heavy equipment, operators, and overhead available to support TDEM Regions 3, 4, 7, and 8. Liaisons are at DDEOCs 14 and 16.

**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 to have 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.

On January 21, approximately 48,000 customers were without power in the morning, and this number decreased to 17,000 customers by the afternoon, with Hidalgo, Brazoria, Nueces, and Jim Hogg counties being the primary affected areas. The majority of the power restorations are expected to be completed today.

**Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC):**

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) began staffing the SOC on January 20, 2025, and has been communicating weather awareness with regional offices and field staff regarding office closures due to the holiday and winter weather. The agency is also monitoring sale barn closures, as these impact our daily field operations, and messaging preparedness information on protecting animals in extreme weather on our website and social media pages.

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, no animal emergency shelters, and no unmet needs.

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

As of January 21, TCEQ is currently tracking three drinking water systems that are on a Boil Water Notices (BWN) and one drinking water system that is non-operational. TCEQ has agency staff and emergency response contractors to assist with air, water, waste, drinking water/wastewater and emergency response activities on standby.

**Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR):**

DIR is monitoring the situation using cybersecurity tooling and threat intelligence feeds. No cyber threats related to this weather event have been identified, and there are no requests for network or technology.

**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):**

Texas Department of Public Safety is actively supporting the state's response to the ongoing winter weather event across multiple DPS Districts, patrolling roadways, monitoring traffic, and assessing road conditions. DPS stands by ready to respond to requests for assistance due to severe weather.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):**

DSHS operations centers are on limited activation and Public Health Regions (PHR) are also supporting DDEOCs throughout their region. The Catastrophic Medical Operations Center (CMOC) activated to Level II on January 20 at noon. CMOC staff are supporting activated DDEOCs 14 and 15 and Harris County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to provide medical support as needed. PHR 6/5S has two staff supporting DDEOCs 14 and 15.

As of January 21, 34 dialysis centers have reported closures. Christus Jasper Memorial Hospital has reported an internal disaster due to the heat not working.

**Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF):**

EMTFs 1, 6, 7, 8, and 11 are on standby with EMTF 2 serving as backup.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):**

As of 1:00pm on January 21, over 1,300 state-maintained roads were being impacted by ice/snow.

As of 2:49 AM on January 21, 462 roads were affected by winter weather, with two roads closed.

TxDOT and local EOCs statewide stood up on January 20 to support 24-hour shift work. TxDOT crews were out pre- and re-treating roads, bridges, and overpasses over the weekend and will be out throughout the event.

TxDOT northern districts deployed to support TxDOT central & southern districts. Coordinated with Texas A&M Forest Service and Texas Military Department to provide additional support along major highway corridors.

As of January 22, approximately 630 state-maintained roads have been impacted by the snow and ice. TxDOT has personnel supporting the TxDOT EOCs, local EOCs, and the SOC. There have been over 2,600 personnel with 2,000 vehicles deployed to plow, treat, and patrol state roadways. Over 683,000 gallons of brine have been distributed on state roadways since January 19.

**Texas Military Department (TMD):**

TMD has six Winter Weather MRPs and one BNMC MRP to assist stranded motorists and conduct welfare checks on selected motorways. The WW MRPs will be staged in College Station, Orange, Houston, Victoria, Kerrville, and Alice. The BNMC is in Fort Worth. Military District Coordinators (MDC) have been activated for DDEOCs 15 and 16. The SOC Support Team is supporting the State Operations Center winter weather operations in Austin.

TMD has activated up to 141 personnel and 54 vehicles.

#### **Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):**

TPWD 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. TPWD personnel are continuously advised of the current weather conditions and maintain a state of readiness.

As of January 21, TPWD has closed multiple offices and parks due to winter weather conditions. The La Marque, North and South Houston, Beaumont, College Station, Laredo, Kerrville, San Antonio, Temple, Victoria, Rockport, Corpus Christi, Brownsville, and Austin Headquarters offices along with the Sheldon Lake State Park are closed.

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

##### **American Red Cross (ARC):**

As of January 21, ARC has five shelters open and there are also nine partner shelters open, that have housed a total of 153 residents. ARC shelters are located at the Kingwood First Baptist in Kingwood, the Tom Bass Community Center in Houston, the Bayland Community Center in Houston, the Orange Church of God in Orange, and the San Jacinto Church Baytown.

The partner shelters are located at the Attack Poverty-Friends of North Rosenberg in Rosenberg, the Leon Grayson and Felix Baldree Community Center in Houston, the HM King Early College High School (FEMA Dome) in Kingsville, the PSJA Collegiate School of Health Professions Shelter in San Juan, the Jaime Escalante Middle School Shelter in Pharr, the Robstown Community Center in Robstown, the Corpus Christi Natatorium in Corpus Christi, the Bayside Community Church in Port Lavaca, and the Jesus "Jesse" Vela, Jr. Middle School Shelter in Alamo

##### **Texans on Mission (TXM):**



TXM is assisting with breakfast and dinner meals for warming shelters in the Dallas area. To date, TXM has 268 volunteer hours and has provided 6,300 meals, 17 showers, and five laundry services.

### The Salvation Army (TSA):

TSA [locations with warming center services](#) will operate according to local protocols and procedures. TSA Houston Area Command has provided Outreach Teams to the Fonde Community Center warming operations.

### STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TCEQ	Staff	2	0	Assigned	SOC
TDEM	Mass Care	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TDEM	ISTF HQ Staff	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TDEM	VOAD	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TDEM	ESF18	2	0	Activated	SOC
AgriLife	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	SOC
AgriLife	AgriLife Administration	2	0	Assigned	College Station
AgriLife	Marketing & Communications	1	0	Assigned	College Station
AgriLife	DAR Specialists	26	15	Activated	Statewide
AgriLife	DDEOC Liaison	13	6	6 Assigned 7 Activated	Statewide
TEEX	SOC Liaison ESF3	2	1	Assigned	SOC
TEEX	PWRT 1	2	2	Assigned	DDEOC 16
TAMFS	DDEOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	DDEOC 16
TAMFS	Heavy Equipment	12	3	Available	TDEM Region 1
TAMFS	TAMFS Crew	7	0	Available	TDEM Region 2
TAMFS	DDEOC Liaison	7	0	Available	TDEM Region 3
TAMFS	DDEOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Virtual
PUC	SOC Liaison	2	0	Assigned	SOC
TAHC	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	SOC
TAHC	TAHC Emergency Management	2	1	Activated	Virtual
TAHC	TAHC Communications	1	0	Activated	Virtual
DSHS	SCO	1	0	Assigned	SOC
DSHS	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	SOC
DSHS	MIST	1	0	Assigned	SOC



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DSHS	CMOC	6	0	Assigned	Harris County
TPWD	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	SOC
TPWD	DDEOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned (Virtual)	DDEOCs 11, 14
TxDOT	EMC	1	0	Activated	SOC
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	2	0	Activated	SOC
TxDOT	23 TxDOT Districts	2,689	2,008	Activated	Statewide
DPS	SOC Support	2	2	Assigned	SOC
TMD	BNMC	22	6	Assigned	Fort Worth
TMD	WW 01	18	8	Assigned	Kerrville
TMD	WW 02	18	8	Assigned	Houston
TMD	WW 03	18	8	Assigned	Orange
TMD	WW 04	18	8	Assigned	Victoria
TMD	WW 05	18	8	Assigned	Alice
TMD	WW 06	18	8	Assigned	College Station
TMD	MDC DD 15	1	0	Assigned	Beaumont
TMD	MDC DD 16	2	0	Assigned	Houston
TMD	SOC Support Team	8	0	Assigned	Austin
TXDPS	SOC Support	2	2	Assigned	Travis County
TSA	Outreach Team	5	0	Assigned	Harris County

**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://www.tdem.texas.gov/response/state-operations-center#tab-3>

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