



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	25-0003 20JAN Winter Weather
Date	January 23, 2025
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM January 22 to 8:00 AM January 23, 2025
Report Number	3

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

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

The Texas State Operations Center remains activated at Level II (Escalated Response) to support local officials with requests for state assistance as response and recovery efforts continue. State officials are working with utility regulators to ensure electrical providers quickly restore power to Texans who have been impacted by localized outages.

On January 22, Governor Greg Abbott urged Texans impacted by this week's winter weather to document and report any property and agricultural damages sustained from ice, snow, and freezing temperatures by utilizing the Texas Division of Emergency Management's online, [self-reported damage assessment tool](#).

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 [returned to Level IV \(Normal Conditions\) on January 22](#)

DD 15 – Beaumont (Includes Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange Counties): DDEOC 15 has [moved to Level III \(Increased Readiness Conditions\) on January 22](#).

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 [moved to Level III \(Increased Readiness Conditions\) on January 22](#).

Region 5 (Includes DDs 19-21)

DD 19 – Laredo (Includes Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb, and Zapata, Counties) [returned to Level IV \(Normal Conditions\) on January 22.](#)

DD 20 – Corpus Christi (Includes Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patricio Counties): DDEOC 20 has [returned to Level IV \(Normal Conditions\) on January 22.](#)

DD 21 – Weslaco (Includes Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties): DDEOC 21 has [returned to Level IV \(Normal Conditions\) on January 22.](#)

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 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 22](#), [466](#) warming centers and [268](#) general population shelters were opened. Warming centers continue to open in expectation of the cold weather. A State of Texas Assistance Request (STAR) has been submitted for cots, water, meals ready to eat (MRE), and blankets. The food bank feeding operations continue as normal.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife):

AgriLife Marketing and Communications has distributed and updated preparedness information with educational resources through the agency's social media channels and the county agent network in preparation of the winter weather. The Disaster Assessment Recovery (DAR) Public Information Officer (PIO) has been participating in weather calls and is representing AgriLife on the State Communications Council providing updates on messaging, social media, and other communications needs.

There are 26 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 rostered personnel available for local or state assistance and two PWRT personnel have been deployed to support DDEOC 16 operations.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):

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

Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC):

As of 3 PM on January 22, there were less than 7,000 outages statewide. An estimated 2,000 - 3,000 of them remain from the winter weather.

Utilities across the state have been preparing for several days in anticipation of the winter weather. Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) expects to have sufficient power to meet the demand throughout the event. PUC and ERCOT will continue to monitor the weather and provide updates as the event evolves.

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) sent staff to the SOC on January 20. TAHC has been communicating with regional offices and field staff regarding office closures for the Martin Luther King holiday and winter weather. TAHC is monitoring sale barn closures and messaging preparedness information on protecting animals in extreme weather on the TAHC website and social media pages. Livestock inspectors are positioned across the state and are connecting with local animal response partners to address animal issues. TAHC continues to monitor weather forecasts, communicate with other ESF11 support agencies, and is ready to respond to any requests for assistance. Currently, there have been no reports of animal issues, no animal emergency shelters, or needs.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):

As of January 22, TCEQ is currently tracking eight drinking water systems that are on a Boil Water Notice (BWN). 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 supporting DDEOCs throughout their region. The Catastrophic Medical Operations Center (CMOC) activated to Level II on January 20. CMOC staff are supporting activated DDEOCs 14 and 15 and Harris County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to provide medical support. PHR 6/5S has two personnel supporting DDEOCs 14 and 15. [The CMOC reported Demobilization on 01/22/2025.](#)

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):

[Most TxDOT districts have returned to normal operations.](#) As of January 22, [over 100](#) state-maintained roads had been impacted by the snow and ice. TxDOT had 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.

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 personnel from the northern districts have deployed to support the TxDOT central & southern districts. Coordination has begun with the Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS) and Texas Military Department (TMD) to provide additional support along major highway corridors.

Texas Military Department (TMD):

TMD has six Winter Weather (WW) Mission Ready Packages (MRP) and one Battalion Mission Command (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, and the BNMC is in Fort Worth. Military District Coordinators (MDC) have been activated for DDEOCs 15 and 16. The SOC Support Team is supporting weather operations in Austin. TMD has activated up to 141 personnel and 54 vehicles.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):

As of January 22, all TPWD Field Offices have returned to normal operations.

Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)**American Red Cross (ARC):**

As of January 21, ARC has [six](#) shelters open and there is also [1](#) partner shelter open, that have housed a total of [10](#) residents. The ARC shelters are located at the Kingwood First Baptist in Kingwood and the Tom Bass Community Center in Houston.

[The one partner shelter](#) is located at the Attack Poverty-Friends of North Rosenberg in Rosenberg.

Texans on Mission (TXM):

TXM is assisting with breakfast and dinner meals for the warming shelters in the Dallas area. TXM has provided 268 volunteer hours, 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	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TDEM	Mass Care	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TDEM	ISTF HQ Staff	2	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

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
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	4	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
TPWD	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	SOC
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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