

Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

New Information is in Blue Text

Event Name	25-0008 17FEB Severe Weather
Date	February 20, 2025
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM February 19 to 8:00 AM February 20, 2025
Report Number	3

TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8
DDs Active	22

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

On February 17, Governor Abbott <u>provided an update</u> during a press conference on Texas' response to wildfire threats in West Texas, potential flash flooding in East Texas, and severe winter weather impacting large portions of the state following a briefing with state officials at the State Operations Center in Austin.

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): Disaster District Emergency Operations Center (DDEOC) 22 is at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions), City of Gainesville Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is at Level III, and Fannin County is at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions). The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has started 24-hour operations in the area.

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)

DD 15 – Beaumont (Includes Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange Counties)

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): The San Jacinto River Authority is discharging 530.0 cubic feet per second from the Lake Conroe Dam.

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)

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

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

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

DD 18 – San Antonio (Includes Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, McMullen, Medina, and Wilson Counties)

DD 24 – Del Rio (Includes Dimmit, Edwards, La Salle, Kinney, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala Counties)

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 to support as needed.

Mass Care: As of February 19, there are 350 warming centers open, and 21 general population shelters open with a total population of one.

Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC): PUC has prepared for the incoming cold temperatures and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) has issued a cold Weather Watch. ERCOT projects there will be a sufficient supply of electricity to meet an increase in demand.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): TCEQ has agency 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.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD has activated up to eight personnel in support of the severe weather.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): 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. Currently TPWD is staffing the State Operations Center during the Level II Escalated Response activation.

TPWD has activated Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) and All-Terrain Vehicles for this incident.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): On February 19, 1,500 crew members distributed over 110,000 gallons of brine treating priority roads, bridges, & overpasses across the state. TxDOT is staffing the SOC and continues to closely monitor both fire and weather threats across the state. TxDOT crews stand ready to respond and assist.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): DSHS has activated two Liaison Officers (LNO) to the SOC for the Severe Weather incident.

Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF): EMTF has activated a State Coordinating Organization (SCO) team and one Medical Incident Support Team (MIST) to the SOC.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC): HHSC is monitoring the current weather conditions and impacts to state operated facilities.

Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)

American Red Cross (ARC): Nueces County has provided cots to support a warming center at the Corpus Christi Natatorium. Harris County opened two shelters on February 19. McLennan County has delivered 50 cots and blankets to the Waco Warming Center at 1020 Elm Ave and the operating hours are February 18-20, 8:00pm to 10:00am.

Shelter teams and resources are identified and prepared to respond as needed across the state. No ARC shelters are currently open.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
DSHS	LNO	2	0	Assigned	SOC
EMTF	SCO	1	0	Assigned	SOC
EMTF	MIST	1	0	Assigned	SOC
HHSC	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	SOC
PUC	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TCEQ	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TMD	SOC Support Team	8	0	Assigned	SOC
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	SOC

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
Mass Care ESF 6	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	SOC
ISTF HQ Staff	SOC Liaison	2	0	Assigned	SOC
VOAD	SOC Liaison	2	0	Assigned	SOC

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

W. Nim Kidd, MPA, CEM

Chief – Texas Division of Emergency Management Vice Chancellor for Disaster and Emergency Services Texas A&M University System

https://tdem.texas.gov/

Twitter: @TDEM

(512) 424-2208 (24/7)