



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	25-0008 17FEB Severe Weather
Date	February 21, 2025
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM February 20 to 8:00 AM February 21, 2025
Report Number	4

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

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

On February 17, Governor Abbott provided an update 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)

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 20, there are 438 warming centers open, and 19 general population shelters open with a total population of 111 people and one pet.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife): AgriLife has two SOC liaisons monitoring weather conditions, and 26 Disaster Assessment and Recovery (DAR) specialists and County Extension Strike Teams on standby. AgriLife Marketing and Communications has distributed preparedness information and educational resources to support county agents and specialists.

Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC): Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) set a new unofficial peak of 2080,154 Milliwatts (mW) on February 20 but has maintained ample energy reserves. Statewide outage counts have remained low and scattered, and ERCOT continues to project sufficient energy reserves through the end of this event.

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. As of February 20,

TCEQ is tracking nine drinking water systems that have Boil Water Notices (BWN) for 4,023 residents.

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS): On February 19, DPS Director Martin issued an [emergency declaration](#) for property-carrying vehicles.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): DAL/FTW managed lanes reopened 2/19 afternoon. As of 10am, NO state-maintained road closures due to weather. 2 highway locations being impacted by patches of ice/snow in region 3. Reports of waterlines beginning to break and freeze across Tyler District which could adversely impact road conditions due to freezing/subfreezing conditions. TXDOT emergency management staff have supported SOC operations throughout this weather event. TXDOT has worked 24-hour operations across the state in the impacted areas during this weather event. Over 1,600 TxDOT employees were out 2/19 treating roads, bridges, and overpasses. TxDOT distributed over 122,900 gallons of brine on 2/19. Most TxDOT districts have returned to normal operations today. TxDOT crews will patrol and monitor state-maintained roads and will pretreat/retreat roads, bridges, and overpasses as needed. TxDOT urges motorists to drive with caution and to allow ample room for equipment and crew on the roads for the safety of everyone. Check [DriveTexas.org](#) for the latest road conditions. TxDOT crews and emergency staff stand ready to respond statewide.

Texas Education Agency (TEA): As of February 20, six school districts have been impacted due to the severe weather: three closures (Alba-Golden ISD, Grand Saline ISD, and Woodson ISD) and three delayed starts (Bovina ISD, Grandview-Hopkins ISD, and Prairie Valley ISD).

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD has activated 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. TPWD is staffing personnel to the SOC. TPWD has activated Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) and All-Terrain Vehicles for this incident.

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 provided cots to support a warming center at the Corpus Christi Natatorium. Harris County opened two shelters on February 19. McLennan County delivered 50 cots and blankets to the Waco Warming Center.

Shelter teams and resources are identified and prepared to respond as needed across the state. [ARC is maintaining an increased readiness posture in all regions and two ARC shelters are open in Harris County: Lincoln Park Community Center and Bayland Community Center.](#)

Texans On Mission (TXM): [TXM began providing meals for warming shelters on February 18. As of February 20, TXM provided 405 volunteer hours, eight showers, 20 loads of laundry, and 9,200 meals.](#)

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

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
AgriLife	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	SOC
AgriLife	AgriLife Administration	2	2	Activated	College Station
AgriLife	Marketing & Communications	1	0	Assigned	College Station
AgriLife	DAR Specialist	26	15	Activated	Statewide
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

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TCEQ	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TEA	SOC Liaison	2	0	Activated	SOC
TMD	SOC Support Team	8	0	Assigned	SOC
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	SOC
TxDOT	EMC	1	1	Activated	Austin
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	2	0	Activated	SOC
TxDOT	District Staff	2,689	2,008	Activated	Statewide

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>

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