

Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	25-0008 17FEB Severe Weather
Date	February 22, 2025
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM February 21 to 8:00 AM February 22, 2025
Report Number	5

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

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

The Texas State Emergency Operations Center (SOC) remains activated in 24-hour operations at Level II (Escalated Response) to support requests for state assistance from local officials and ensure Texas communities have the resources they need to respond to continued winter and severe weather impacts.

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 21st, there are 438 warming centers open, and 19 general population shelters open with a total population of 154 people.

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 Stike 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, 80,154 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. Utilities continue normal operations and ERCOT's weather watch expired as of noon, February 21st.

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 21, TCEQ is tracking eleven drinking water systems that are on a Boil Water Notice (BWN) serving a population of 5,455 and one drinking water system that is non-operational with a population of 661.

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS): On February 19, DPS Director Martin issued an <u>emergency declaration</u> for property-carrying vehicles.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): As of 2:45 a.m. on February 22nd, there were no state-maintained road closures or weather impacts. TxDOT crews in the Austin, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, and Yoakum districts continued overnight patrols and treatments on priority roadways and hotspots.

TxDOT warns motorists of potential roadway hazards from broken water lines in several counties. TxDOT emergency management staff supported SOC operations, with over 1,600 personnel conducting winter weather operations on February 20 and distributing over 122,900 gallons of brine. Patrols and monitoring of state-maintained roads will continue.

Texas Education Agency (TEA): As of February 21, two school districts, Rising Star ISD, and Woodson ISD, have been impacted due to severe weather.

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): The American Red Cross has completed their sheltering mission and support for this event. The City of Houston and Harris County will close all warming centers on February 21.

Texans On Mission (TXM): Due to freezing temperatures, on Feb 18th TXM began assisting with meals for warming centers and shelters in the Dallas area. Cumulative Meals Distributed 9200, at 1 Fixed Feeding Site.

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
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	0	Assigned	SOC
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TxDOT	District Staff	221	0	Assigned	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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