

# Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

#### **New Information is in Blue Text**

Event Name	25-0010 04MAR Severe Weather			
Date	March 5, 2025			
Time	10:00 AM			
<b>Operational Period</b>	8:00 AM March 4 to 8:00 AM March 5, 2025			
Report Number	1			

Regions Affected	
<b>TDEM Regions Affected</b>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8
DDs Active	2,7

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** Governor Abbott <u>directed</u> the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to elevate the readiness level of the Texas State Emergency Operations Center (SOC) to Level II (Escalated Response) on March 4 as the state braced for extremely critical wildfire conditions and severe weather threats. The Governor also added 33 counties to the state's wildfire disaster declaration, which now totals 236 counties impacted by increased fire weather conditions.

## **OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:**

- 1. Protect life and property.
- 2. Support rapid & effective response.
- 3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decisionmaking.
- 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)

**Disaster District Emergency Operations Center (DDEOC) 2**: has activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

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)

**DDEOC 7**: has activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

### 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)

Jasper County: On March 4, a disaster declaration was issued.

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)

DDEOC 20: has activated to Level II (Escalated Response).

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 Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):** TCEQ has agency staff on heightened readiness for deployment to assist with any air, water, and waste related issues including drinking water and wastewater emergency response. There are four drinking water systems that are on a Boil Water Notice (BWN) serving a population of 687.

**Texas Military Department (TMD):** TMD has activated two Rotary Wing Medium (Mission Ready Packages) MRPs, consisting of four UH 60 Blackhawk helicopters, staged in San Antonio and Fredericksburg. One Rotary Wing Heavy MRP consisting of two CH 47 Chinook helicopters staged in Grand Prairie. A has SOC Support Team has been assigned in Austin.

**Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR):** DIR is monitoring the situation using cybersecurity tooling and threat intelligence feeds. Currently, no cyber threats related to this event have been identified.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)**: As of March 4, there was one statemaintained partial road closure. The City of Wills Point (Van Zandt Co) closed a section of Farm to Market (FM) 47 indefinitely due to a partial building collapse. TxDOT offices are reporting downed trees and debris impacting roadways, including Interstate Highway (IH) 35, United States Highway (US) 180, and US-281 in North Texas. TxDOT crews are patrolling roads and clearing downed trees and debris from state-maintained roadways across the state.

American Red Cross (ARC): The ARC is on standby to respond to needs arising from expected fire weather and other disasters in Texas. On March 3, one shelter was supported in Bell County that housed five residents. On March 4, ARC performed damaged assessments as weather permitted.

**The Salvation Army (TSA):** TSA of Lewisville activated their Canteen (mobile feeding unit) at the request of Irving Emergency Management after a suspected tornado that caused the evacuation of the Tree Country Apartments in Irving.

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TMD	Rotary Wing Medium MRP	8	2	Assigned	Fredericksburg
TMD	Rotary Wing Heavy MRP	13	2	Assigned	Grand Prairie
TxDOT	EMC	1		Assigned	Austin

### STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

TxDOT	SOC Liason	1	Assigned	Austin
TCEQ	SOC	1	Assigned	Austin

**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:

(Emergency Conditions)
(Escalated Response Conditions)
(Increased Readiness Conditions)
(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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