



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	25-0001 Wildfire Season 2025
Date	March 6, 2025
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM March 5 to 8:00 AM March 6, 2025
Report Number	2

Regions Affected	
TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8
DDs Active	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 19, 20, 21, 22

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On March 5, Governor Abbott [announced](#) that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved the state's request for Fire Management Assistance Grants for the Welder Fire in San Patricio County and the Duke Fire in Bexar County.

On March 4, Governor Abbott [directed](#) 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 Conditions) 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 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, Stonewall, Swisher, and Wheeler Counties):

Gray County: The Combs fire has burned 500 acres and is 100 percent contained.

Stonewall County: The Double Fork fire has burned 216 acres and is 95 percent contained.

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)

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)

Panola County: The Panola 0873 fire has burned two acres and is 50 percent contained.

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)

Cherokee County: The Cherokee 0874 fire has burned 10 acres and is 10 percent contained.

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):

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

Duval County: The Red Rose fire has burned 572 acres and is 95% contained.

Hidalgo County: The Garza fire has burned 38 acres and is 95% contained.

San Patricio County: The Railway fire has burned 718 acres and is 95% contained. The Welder Complex fire has burned 803 acres and is 95% contained.

Sinton Independent School District (ISD) was closed on March 6 due to utilities being turned off because of houses burning near the elementary campus. Sinton ISD reports that all campuses are operational and not damaged.

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

Hidalgo County: The Brush Line fire has burned 58 acres and is 95% contained.

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)

Bexar County: The Calaveras fire has burned 284 acres and is 100% contained. The Duke fire has burned 244 acres and is 100% contained.

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

La Salle County: The Twin Oryx fire has burned 1,000 acres and is 75% contained.

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):

Blanco County: The Klett fire has burned 101 acres and is 95% contained.

Hays County: The Onion Creek fire has burned 190 acres and is 85% contained. The Longhorn fire has burned 4 acres and is 95% contained.

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

Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System (TDEM):

Mass Care: Continuous monitoring of local jurisdictional changes across the state is ongoing, with response efforts scaling based on fire conditions. Key activities include tracking mandatory evacuation notifications, establishing temporary evacuation points, and facilitating emergency sheltering when necessary. Partners are adapting to evolving

conditions, ensuring community needs are met while prioritizing safety. Engagement with local agencies continues to support sheltering, feeding, and assessing recovery efforts.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife): Two AgriLife SOC liaisons (LNO) are monitoring fire and severe weather conditions. AgriLife has one Disaster Assessment and Recovery (DAR) Specialist serving as an LNO on the Incident Management Team stationed in Merkel. There are 25 DAR specialists, and a County Extension Deployment Team member on standby to support animal response or other fire weather response efforts. DDEOC Liaisons are on standby virtually to provide support if requested.

Texas A&M AgriLife Marketing and Communications has distributed preparedness information and educational resources to support county agents, specialists and agency communications channels in preparation for the Wildfire and Severe Weather by providing updated information through the agency's social media channels as well as our county agent network to support local governments and constituents with preparedness education/resources.

The DAR Public Information Officer continues to participate in weather calls and represented AgriLife Extension on the State Communications Council providing updates on messaging, social media outreach and other communications needs.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS): TAMFS has firefighting resources positioned in all TDEM Regions. Air Tankers, Attack helicopter aircraft, Single Engine Airtankers (SEAT), heavy equipment and engines are positioned throughout the state. TAMFS has activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in College Station. Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) strike teams are in Amarillo, Lubbock, Merkel, San Angelo, Ozona, Brownwood, Kerrville, Silverton, Burkburnett, Childress, Waco, McGregor, Uvalde, Alice, and Beeville.

For information about active and recently contained wildfires, visit the Texas A&M Forest Service Incident Viewer: <https://public.tfswildfires.com/>. For information about the Current Wildfire Situation, visit <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/CurrentSituation>.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD is providing direct support to TAMFS with aerial fire suppression capability in response to critical fire weather. 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. As of March 4, TMD Rotary Wing aircraft have flown a total of 25.7 hours and dropped a total of 31,200 gallons of water. TMD has activated 37 personnel and six aircraft in support of this incident.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD has prepared department resources consisting of Texas Game Wardens and State Park Police Officers ready to

support as needed in response to the increased Wildfire threat throughout the State. TPWD continues to work closely with TDEM and other state and federal partners to ensure TPWD resources and first responders are available. TPWD personnel are continuously being advised of the current weather conditions and maintaining a state of readiness.

TPWD has the following Statewide resources available to support, one LNO to the SOC, one helicopter in Austin, State Game Wardens, and State Park Police Officers, and All-Terrain Vehicles.

TPWD Aviation responded to the Onion Creek Wildfire in Hays County and successfully made 18 water bucket drops (2,070 gallons of water).

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 state-maintained 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.

As of 3:30pm on 05 March, there were no road closures or impacts due to weather conditions.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): DSHS is currently monitoring the situation and ready to deploy resources and respond as the incident requires. DSHS has two LNOs assigned to the SOC.

Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF): EMTF has activated one Medical Incident Management Team (MIST) and one State Coordination Organization (SCO) personnel. EMTF has activated 34 personnel and 24 assets for this incident.

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 4, two shelters were supported in response to fires with an overnight population of four. On March 5, ARC performed damaged assessments as weather permitted.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TAMFS	Firefighting Resources			Assigned	Statewide
TAMFS	TIFMAS ST			Assigned	TDEM Regions 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8
TAMFS	(4) Large Air Tankers; (1) Air Supervision Module; (1) Air Attack		6	Assigned	Abilene
TAMFS	Air Attack		1	Assigned	Amarillo
TAMFS	Fire Bosses		3	Assigned	Brownwood
TAMFS	SEATs		3	Assigned	Dumas
TAMFS	Type 1 Helicopter		1	Assigned	Eastland
TAMFS	SEATs		3	Assigned	Fort Stockton
TAMFS	(3) SEATs; (1) Air Attack		4	Assigned	Fredericksburg
TAMFS	Type 3 Helicopter		1	Assigned	Huntsville
TAMFS	Type 3 Helicopter		1	Assigned	Lufkin
TAMFS	(3) SEATs; (2) Super Scoopers		5	Assigned	Mineral Wells
TAMFS	Air Attack		1	Assigned	Odessa
TAMFS	(3) SEATs; (1) T1 Helicopter			Assigned	Vernon
AgriLife	SOC Liaison	2	1	Assigned	Austin
AgriLife	DAR Specialist for IMT	1	1	Assigned	Merkel
AgriLife	PIO	1		Assigned	College Station
EMTF	[1] MEDL; [1] Tech Spec; [1] WPU; [1] AST Ambulance	6	4	Activated	Jim Wells County
EMTF	[1] MIST; SOC Liaison; SCO; MIST	5	1	Activated	Austin
EMTF	[1] MEDL; [1] Tech Spec; [1] WPU; [1] AST Ambulance	6	4	Activated	Lubbock County
EMTF	MIST	1	1	Activated	TAMFS EOC
EMTF	[1] MEDL; [1] Tech Spec; [1] WPU; [1] AST Ambulance	6	4	Activated	Taylor County
EMTF	[1] MEDL; [1] Tech Spec; [1] WPU; [1] AST Ambulance	6	4	Activated	Atascosa County
EMTF	[1] MEDL; [1] Tech Spec; [1] WPU; [1] AST Ambulance	6	4	Activated	Kerr County
TxDOT	EMC	1	0	Assigned	Austin

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	TxDOT District Staff	36	29	Assigned	Corpus Christi District
TEA	SOC Liaison	2	0	Activated	Austin
TMD	SOC Support Team	8	0	Assigned	Austin
TMD	Rotary Wing Medium MRP	8	2	Assigned	Fredericksburg
TMD	Rotary Wing Medium MRP	8	2	Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	Rotary Wing Heavy MRP	13	2	Assigned	Grand Prairie
TPWD	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	TPWD Aviation	2	3	Assigned	Austin/Travis 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://tdem.texas.gov/response/state-operations-center#tab-3>

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