



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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### New Information is in Blue Text

Event Name	25-0001 Wildfire Season 2025
Date	March 13, 2025
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM March 12 to 8:00 AM March 13, 2025
Report Number	9

Regions Affected	
TDEM Regions Affected	3, 6 & 8
DDs Active	None

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** On March 7, Governor Abbott [announced](#) that he directed TDEM to request officials from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) join state and local partners to conduct joint preliminary damage assessments in South Texas communities impacted by recent wildfires. These assessments will aid in determining whether Texas meets the threshold for additional federal disaster assistance.

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 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):

**Bowie County:** The Bowie 1030 Fire burned five acres and is contained.

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 1029 Fire burned one acre and is contained.

**Panola County:** The Panola 0988 burned seven acres and is contained.

**Upshur County:** The Upshur 1091 Fire has burned 49 acres and is 95% contained.

DD 14 – Lufkin (Includes Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, and Tyler Counties):

**Newton County:** The Newton 1112 Fire burned one acre and is contained.

**Sabine County:** The Sabine 1033 Fire burned over two acres and is contained.

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

**Hardin County:** The Hardin 1031 Fire burned 20 acres and is contained.

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

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

**Calhoun County:** The Bayside fire burned 20 acres and is contained. [The Ocean Front fire burned 508 acres and is contained.](#)

### **Region 8 (Includes DDs 11, 12, 13, and 23)**

DD 23 – Killeen (Includes Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba Counties):

**San Saba County:** The Cottonwood Creek Fire has burned 600 acres and is 70% contained.

## RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

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

**Mass Care:** TDEM partners are adapting to the evolving conditions and are ensuring community needs are met while prioritizing safety. Local agencies continue to support feeding and assess recovery efforts as it transitions to community resources to meet the needs of residents.

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife):** SOC Liaisons maintain daily communication with ESF 11 partners for situational awareness and needs assessment. Disaster Assessment and Recovery (DAR) specialists and County Extension Deployment Team members are on standby to support any ESF 11 efforts associated with animal response or other fire weather response efforts as requested.

**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 staged two Medium MRP with four UH-60 helicopters in San Antonio, and one Heavy MRP with two CH-47 Chinook helicopters in Grand Prairie, both with crews. A SOC Support Team has been assigned to Austin. As of March 11, TMD Rotary Wing aircraft have flown a total of 40.8 hours and dropped a total of 113 buckets for a total of 63,827 gallons of water. TMD has activated 31 personnel and six aircraft in support of this incident.

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):** 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 3:00pm March 12, no roads or highways were impacted by weather conditions. TxDOT started sharing Critical Wildfire messaging on March 12 on DMS road signage and on social media. TxDOT will begin sharing Extreme Wildfire Danger messaging starting March 13 on DMS road signage and on social media.

**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 21 assets for this incident.

**American Red Cross (ARC):** Volunteers have completed damage assessments in Sinton and have identified over 100 affected homes. North Texas teams assessed damage to over 119 homes and have provided disaster emergency supplies.

**The Salvation Army (TSA):** On March 5, TSA of San Antonio Rapid Response unit supported first responders for the Calaveras fire with 176 meals, 75 snacks, and 103 drinks. TSA of Beeville supported first responders and those affected by the Welder Complex fires by providing food, snacks, and water. The Beeville Service Unit is supporting those affected by the Welder Fires in Sinton by providing meals in coordination with the local Baptist Church.

#### STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TDEM	Mass Care	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TDEM	ISTF HQ Staff	2	0	Assigned	Austin
TDEM	VOAD	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TAMFS	Firefighting Resources	227	64	Assigned	TDEM Regions 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8
TAMFS	(15) TIFMAS ST	210	64	Assigned	TDEM Regions 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8
TAMFS	(3) Large Air Tankers; (1) Air Supervision Module; (1) Air Attack		5	Assigned	Abilene
TAMFS	SEATs		3	Assigned	Alice
TAMFS	Air Attack		1	Assigned	Amarillo
TAMFS	Scoopers		3	Assigned	Brownwood
TAMFS	Air Attack		1	Assigned	Corpus Christi

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
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) Scoopers, (1) T1 Helicopter		4	Assigned	Vernon
AgriLife	SOC Liaison	2	1	Assigned	Austin
AgriLife	PIO	1	0	Assigned	College Station
EMTF	EMTFs 7-12	32	21	Activated	Alice, Amarillo, Brownwood, Kerrville, Lubbock, Ozona
EMTF	SCO	1	0	Activated	SOC
EMTF	MIST	1	0	Activated	TAMFS EOC
TxDOT	EMC	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	TxDOT District Staff	119	105	Assigned	Statewide
TMD	SOC Support Team	7	0	Assigned	Austin
TMD	Rotary Wing Medium MRP	8	2	Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	Rotary Wing Medium MRP	8	2	Activated	Austin
TMD	Rotary Wing Heavy MRP	8	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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