



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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| Event Name | 25-0018 26MAR Severe Weather |
| Date | March 28, 2025 |
| Time | 10:00 AM |
| Operational Period | 8:00 AM March 27, 2025, to 8:00 AM March 28, 2025 |
| Report Number | 1 |

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| TDEM Regions Affected | 5 |
| DDs Active | 19, 20 & 21 |

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On March 26, Governor Greg Abbott directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to activate state emergency response resources ahead of increased threats of severe weather and flash flooding in large areas of the state through the weekend.

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 5 (Includes DDs 19-21)

DD 19 – Laredo (Includes Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb, and Zapata, Counties)

Disaster District Emergency Operations Center (DDEOC) 19: Activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) on March 27.

DD 20 – Corpus Christi (Includes Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patricio Counties)

DDEOC 20 Corpus Christi: Activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) on March 26.

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

DDEOC 21 Weslaco: Activated to level II (Escalated Response Conditions) on March 27.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Texas A&M Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) and TX-TF3: Water rescue personnel conducted evacuations and assisted with flood-related emergencies on March 28. Teams worked in coordination with local emergency management and public safety officials to ensure efficient resource deployment. Swiftwater Rescue (SWR) and Flood Water Rescue (FWR) Boats Squads with Water Group Supervisors (WGS) assigned. SWR Boat Squads are set to deploy to Beaumont and Huntsville on March 28.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife): One AgriLife SOC liaison (LNO) is monitoring severe weather conditions. AgriLife has two Disaster Assessment and Recovery (DAR) Area Chiefs serving as a Situation Unit Leader (SITL) and Liason Officer (LOFR) on the Incident Management Team stationed in San Antonio. Disaster Assessment and Recovery specialists and County Extension Deployment Team members are on standby to support animal response or other weather response efforts.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): As of 3 AM on March 28, TxDOT has a total of 54 roads impacted by floodwaters, four of those roads are closed. TxDOT is staffing the SOC and crews have been rostered for high water rescue. TxDOT crews and emergency staff are rostered and ready to respond statewide.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD has prepared department resources consisting of Texas Game Wardens and State Park Police Officers ready to respond to the Severe Weather threat for southern Texas. TPWD continues to work closely with TDEM and state and federal partners to ensure TPWD resources are available. Texas Game Wardens assisted a landowner who was stuck in Cameron County.

Two Liaison Officers (LNO) have been deployed to the SOC. Two LNOs are assigned to DDEOC 21. One helicopter, Search and Rescue (SAR) boat teams, All-Terrain (4x4) Vehicles, and Swift Water and Shallow boats are ready to respond.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): Due to potential impacts from incoming severe weather, Emergency Support Function (ESF) 8 has been activated and LNOs have been sent to the SOC. DSHS is currently monitoring the situation and ready to deploy resources.

Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF): EMTF has activated one Severe Weather Package (SWX PKG) from EMTF Region 8 and one SWX PKG from EMTF Region 11 is on standby.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD has two Ground Transportation Platoons (GTP) to support severe weather operations. One GTP is staged in Alice and one GTP is staged in Victoria. A SOC support team has been sent to Austin. As of March 27, TMD has activated 28 personnel and 10 vehicles for this incident.

American Red Cross (ARC): ARC has established two shelters: one in Weslaco at the First Baptist Church and another in Harlingen at the Loaves of Fishes. Currently, both shelters report a population of zero.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

| Agency | Resource Kind and Type | Personnel | Equip | Status | Location |
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| TEEX TF-1 | SWR Boat Squad Conroe | 6 | 4 | Assigned | Jim Wells County |
| TX-TF1 | SWR Boat Squad Ft Worth | 6 | 4 | Assigned | Hidalgo County |
| TX-TF1 | WGS | 2 | 1 | Assigned | Bee County |
| TX-TF1 | SWR Boat Squad San Antonio | 6 | 4 | Assigned | Hidalgo County |
| TX-TF1 | SWR Boat Squad Washington Co | 6 | 4 | Assigned | Victoria County |
| TX-TF3 | FWR Boat Squad TX-TF3 | 6 | 4 | Assigned | Cameron County |
| AgriLife | SOC Liaison | 1 | 1 | Assigned | Austin |
| AgriLife | DAR Area Chiefs for IMT | 2 | 2 | Assigned | San Antonio |
| DSHS | SOC Liaison | 1 | 0 | Assigned | Austin |
| DSHS | SCO | 1 | 0 | Assigned | Austin |
| DSHS | MIST | 1 | 0 | Assigned | Austin |
| EMTF | SWX PKG | 21 | 10 | Activated | Alice |
| TPWD | SOC Liaison | 2 | 2 | Assigned | Austin |
| TPWD | DDEOC Liaison | 2 | 2 | Assigned | DDEOC 21 |
| TPWD | TPWD Aviation | 2 | 3 | Available | Austin/Travis |
| TPWD | Game Wardens/ State Park Police | 60 | 80 | Available | TDEM Region 5 |
| TPWD | SAR Boat Teams | 10 | 15 | Available | McLennan, Bexar, Milam, Lampasas, Smith |
| TxDOT | SOC Liaison | 2 | 2 | Assigned | Austin |

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| TMD | GTP | 10 | 5 | Activated | Alice |
| TMD | GTP | 10 | 5 | Activated | Victoria |
| TMD | SOC Support Team | 8 | 0 | 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:

- 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-2>

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