



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	25-0018 26MAR Severe Weather
Date	March 30, 2025
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM March 29, 2025, to 8:00 AM March 30, 2025
Report Number	3

TDEM Regions Affected	3 & 5
DDs Active	21

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On March 29, Governor Greg Abbott issued a disaster declaration for four South Texas counties impacted by rainfall and flooding that continues to affect homes, businesses, and the agricultural industry throughout the region. The counties included in the Governor's declaration are Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy. Additional counties may be added as conditions warrant.

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 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)

Disaster District Emergency Operations Center (DDEOC) 5: Activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) on March 30.

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

DDEOC 15: Returned to Level IV (Normal Conditions) on March 29.

Region 5 (Includes DDs 19-21)

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

DDEOC 19: Returned to Level IV (Normal Conditions) on March 29.

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: Returned to Level IV (Normal Conditions) on March 29.

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

Communications Coordination Group (CCG): There have been minor impacts to cell sites in certain areas. The Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) has contacted Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) supporting the South Texas region to offer assistance if needed. Additionally, DPS Communications and the Statewide Interoperable Communication Office (SWIC) are actively monitoring the situation and remain on standby to provide support upon request. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) has been overseeing Alerts & Public Warning / IPAWS messages throughout the event, while National Weather Service (NWS) offices have issued several weather alerts and warnings via Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) to cellphones in the affected areas.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Texas A&M Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) and TX-TF3: On 30 March, WS-RGV conducted a water rescue, safely extracting two individuals from a vehicle that was taking on water and coordinating their transport to a local shelter. TX-TF teams conducted two evacuations and two rescues. TX-TF teams have conducted a total of 53 evacuations, rescued five individuals, and evacuated 26 pets/animals during the incident.

On 29 March, TDEM has approved the demobilization of 3 swift water boat squads and a water group supervisor. TX-TF resources in TDEM Region 5 are coordinating with state and local partners, with 33 TX-TF1 personnel supporting the incident.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife): As of March 29, AgriLife is actively supporting severe weather response efforts. Two DAR Area Chiefs and one DAR Specialist are supporting the Incident Management Team (IMT) in McAllen. Two DAR Specialists are on standby for IMT support in South Texas, and three are on standby for activation at Hensley Field in Grand Prairie. Four DAR Specialists will assist with damage assessments in TDEM Region 5. Pet, livestock, and agricultural needs are being evaluated.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS): As of March 29, two (2) Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) Strike Teams are scheduled for release and to be replaced with 1 Team of Engines and High-Profile Vehicles.

Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS): Texas Department of Public Safety stands ready to respond to requests for assistance due to flooding. TXDPS is actively supporting the state's response to the ongoing severe weather event across multiple DPS Districts, patrolling roadways, monitoring traffic, and assessing road conditions. TXDPS stands by ready to respond to motor vehicle crashes and requests for assistance in response to the severe weather conditions.

DPS Aircraft Operations Division's Unmanned Aircraft System received a request from TDEM's Operations Technology Division to conduct aerial assessments for damage in Willacy, Hidalgo, Starr, and Cameron Counties. DPS Aircraft assisted in the rescue of an individual who got swept away into a canal. A helicopter equipped with a hoist was deployed to aid in the rescue efforts.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):

As of March 29, TxDOT has 7 state-maintained roads closed due to flooding and over 60 road locations impacted by floodwaters in Region 5. SH-119 remains closed due to the Sunray explosion, with alternate routes available. Valley International Airport in Harlingen is closed due to flooding. A malfunctioning railroad crossing in Penitas was addressed by Rail authorities, with no trains scheduled over the weekend. TxDOT crews are clearing debris, drainage, and potholes, managing road closures, and providing traffic control. Pharr crews will continue road assessments over the weekend. TxDOT Pharr HQ supports TDEM operations by staging water pumps and emergency fuel contractors for dewatering operations. TxDOT Communications is promoting the "Turn Around, Don't Drown" message on social media. High-profile equipment and

crews are rostered, but no activations or standbys have occurred. TxDOT continues staffing the State Operations Center (SOC) and remains ready to respond statewide.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): As of March 29, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has assigned two liaisons to the State Operations Center (SOC) and two to DDEOC 21. TPWD has statewide resources activated that includes a helicopter based in Austin, State Game Wardens, State Park Police Officers, Search and Rescue (SAR) boat teams, all-terrain vehicles, 4x4 vehicles, and swift water or shallow-running boats. Additionally, one Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) has been deployed in Hidalgo and Willacy counties. The TPWD UAS Team also assisted with flood assessments in these areas. On March 28, TPWD conducted Six (6) evacuations in the La Feria, Harlingen, and Rio Hondo area due to severe flooding. TPWD teams have conducted a total of seven evacuations and rescued one person during the incident.

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. As of March 29, one SWX PKG is supporting Cameron County, with an additional Lite Ambulance Strike Team in Harlingen supporting Hidalgo County. EMTF 6 has one SWX Package on standby due to excessive rainfall.

Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF): EMTF has one Severe Weather Package (SWX PKG) in Cameron County and one Lite Ambulance Strike Team in Hidalgo County. EMTF 6 maintains 1 SWX PKG on STANDBY due to excessive rainfall. On March 29, EMTF teams treated 5 individuals and transported 5 individuals. EMTF teams have treated 5 individuals and transported 5 individuals during the incident.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD has activated two (2) Ground Transportation Platoons (GTP) and one (1) Ground Transportation Company Headquarters (GTCHQ) in support of our State Partners Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) and Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) for Severe Weather and flooding in South Texas. Both GTPs are staged in Harlingen and the GTCHQ is located in Weslaco. As of March 30, TMD has activated 30 personnel and 10 vehicles for this incident.

Incident Support Task Force (ISTF): ISTF Members are rostered and prepared to deploy in support of the incident as early as Monday preparation for assignments are underway. Efforts remain focused on aligning partner activities to meet identified needs and support the recovery of affected communities effectively.

As of March 29, shelters have been opened in response to flooding, supporting rescue efforts and assisting individuals displaced by rising waters impacting homes and road access. Five emergency shelters are operating across Hidalgo, Cameron, and Starr counties, housing 52 individuals overnight. Ongoing assessments are underway to evaluate needs and measure the flooding's impact, ensuring resources and services are effectively adjusted to support local jurisdictions. Mass care resources are being coordinated to support individuals affected by the incident. Sheltering operations include 5 active sites, currently housing a total of 52 individuals. The ISTF Regional Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL) team is actively supporting community response and identifying key recovery needs, such as food access, debris removal, and muck-outs.

Salvation Army: A Salvation Army Divisional IMT will deploy to Harlingen on Saturday, with preparations underway for Mass Feeding Kitchen Operations if a fixed kitchen site cannot be secured. Southern Baptist DR is prepared to assist with kitchen support. Seven (7) canteens are on alert for potential deployment on Saturday and Sunday, while the McAllen Canteen and Port Isabel (Laguna Madre) RRU are operational today. Essential supplies, including clean-up kits, hygiene kits, water, food for 15,000 meals, and two pallets of snacks, will be delivered to the McAllen warehouse on Saturday.

American Red Cross (ARC): On March 28, the Red Cross maintained contact with local emergency managers and operated three shelters housing 30 individuals. On March 29, ARC planned to continue supporting existing shelters, transition clients able to return home, conduct damage assessments when safe, and remain on standby to respond statewide if needed.

As of March 29, three shelters are open in response to the event. The Harlingen Convention Center, managed by the American Red Cross, housed 20 individuals overnight. The First Baptist Church in Weslaco (Hidalgo County) and Loaves & Fishes in Harlingen (Cameron County) are operating independently but had no overnight population.

Feeding Texas: Feeding Texas has routed nine (9) truckloads of water, snacks, disaster boxes, and MREs from their network and HEB to the Food Bank of Rio Grande Valley and South Texas Food Bank, ensuring coverage for Cameron, Hidalgo, and Starr Counties.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TDEM	Mass Care ESF6	2	0	Assigned	Austin
TDEM	ISTF HQ Staff	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TDEM	VOAD	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TDEM	IMT	3	0	Assigned	Austin
TX-TF1	SWR Boat Squad Dallas/STRAC	6	4	Assigned	Titus County - Mt. Pleasant
TX-TF1	SWR Boat Squad Conroe	6	4	Assigned	Hidalgo County – Mission
TX-TF1	SWR Boat Squad San Antonio	6	4	Assigned	Hidalgo County- Mission
TX-TF3	FWR Boat Squad TX-TF3	6	4	Assigned	Cameron County- Harlingen
TX-TF1	WGS Abney	2	1	Assigned	Hidalgo County - McAllen
TX-TF1	TX-TF1 Overhead	2	0	Assigned	Brazos County
TX-TF1	ESF9 Liaison	2	0	Assigned	Austin
AgriLife	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	Austin
AgriLife	DAR Area Chiefs for IMT	2	2	Assigned	McAllen
AgriLife	DAR Specialist for IMT Support	1	1	Assigned	McAllen
AgriLife	DAR Specialist for IMT Support	5	5	Activated	Grand Prairie South Texas
AgriLife	DAR Specialist for Damage Assessment Assistance	4	4	Activated	McAllen
AgriLife	DAR PIO	1	0	Activated	College Station
AgriLife	DAR Admin	2	2	Activated	College Station
DPS	SOC Support			Assigned	Austin
DPS	DPS Aviation	12	4	Assigned	Austin, Dallas, Edinburg, Houston
DPS	Tactical Marine Unit	12	4	Assigned	Port Lavaca, Weslaco
DPS	Unmanned Aircraft	1	1	Assigned	Hidalgo County
DSHS	SOC Liaison	2	0	Assigned	Austin
DSHS	SCO	1	0	Assigned	Austin
DSHS	MIST	1	0	Assigned	Austin
EMTF	SWX PKG	20	10	Assigned	Cameron County

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
EMTF	Lite Ambulance Strike Team	7	4	Assigned	Hidalgo County
TAMFS	SOC	1	1	Assigned	Austin
TAMFS	TAMFS(Field and C/G)	201	50	Assigned	TDEM Regions 1-8
TAMFS	TIFMAS	36	10	Assigned	TDEM Regions 1,6,8
TAMFS	Aircraft		34	Assigned	TDEM Regions 1 - 8
TAMFS	EMTF	12	6	Assigned	TDEM Regions 1
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	DDEOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	DDEOC 21
TPWD	TPWD Aviation	2	3	Available	Austin/Travis
TPWD	UAS	1	1	Assigned	TDEM Region 5
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	EMC	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	TxDOT District Staff	77	57	Assigned	Pharr Districts
TMD	GTP 01	10	5	Assigned	Harlingen
TMD	GTP 02	10	5	Assigned	Harlingen
TMD	Ground Transportation Company HQ	2		Assigned	Weslaco
TMD	LNO for IMT	1	0	Enroute	McAllen
TMD	SOC Support Team	7	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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