



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	25-0018 26MAR Severe Weather
Date	April 1, 2025
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM March 31, 2025, to 8:00 AM April 1, 2025
Report Number	5

TDEM Regions Affected	3 & 5
DDs Active	5 & 21

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** On March 31, Governor Abbott directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to request that Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials join state and local partners in conducting joint preliminary damage assessments in South Texas communities impacted by recent flooding. These assessments will help determine whether Texas meets the federal thresholds for disaster assistance.

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)

DD 6 – Tyler (Includes Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties)

**Disaster District Emergency Operations Center (DDEOC) 6:** Activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) on March 30.

### **Region 5 (Includes DDs 19-21)**

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

**DDEOC 21 Weslaco:** Activated to level II (Escalated Response Conditions)

## **RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS**

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

**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 31, shelters have been opened in response to flooding, supporting rescue efforts and assisting individuals displaced by rising waters impacting homes and road access. [There are three emergency shelters operating across Hidalgo, Cameron, and Starr counties that have housed 26 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 three active sites, currently housing a total of 26 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.

**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 help 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 weather alerts and warnings via Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) to cellphones in the affected areas.

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife):** [On March 31, AgriLife released six Disaster Assessment and Recovery \(DAR\) Specialists.](#) 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 Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Texas A&M Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) and TX-TF3:** [On March 31, one Swift Water Boat Squad and one Water Group Supervisor package were demobilized.](#) On March 31, WS-RGV conducted multiple evacuations in the Green Valley area throughout the current and previous reporting periods. TX-TF teams conducted 15 evacuations and no rescues. TX-TF teams have conducted a total of 68 evacuations, rescued five individuals, and evacuated 41 pets/animals during the incident. On March 30, 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. There are currently 21 TX-TF1 personnel supporting this incident.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):** As of March 30, two (2) Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) Strike Teams remain in Region 5. The Texas A&M Forest Service and TIFMAS are prepared to support additional requests for assistance.

**Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS):** 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.

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. A DPS Aircraft equipped with a hoist was deployed to aid in the rescue efforts.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** [As of March 31, TxDOT has 11 state-maintained roads closed due to flooding and numerous road locations are still impacted by floodwaters.](#) The Valley International Airport in Harlingen re-opened on March 31. TxDOT Pharr Headquarters is providing a staging area for the water pumps and for the emergency fuel contractors managing dewatering operations. TxDOT crews are

clearing debris, drainage, and potholes, managing road closures, and providing traffic control. 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):** On March 31, TPWD Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) assisted with flood surveys, delivered medications and supplies to families, and assisted with 17 evacuations, including pets. The 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 UAS has been deployed in Hidalgo and Willacy counties.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):** On March 31, one SWX PKG and one Medical Incident Support Team (MIST) were demobilized, one Severe Weather Package (SWX PKG) is supporting Cameron County, with an additional Light Ambulance Strike Team (AST) 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. On March 30, EMTF teams treated 24 individuals and transported 15 individuals. EMTF teams treated 29 individuals and transported 20 individuals during the incident.

**Texas Military Department (TMD):** TMD has activated two Ground Transportation Platoons (GTPs) staged in Harlingen and one Ground Transportation Company Headquarters (GTCHQ) in Weslaco to support TDEM for severe weather and flooding in South Texas. TMD also has an LNO with the TDEM IMT in McAllen and a SOC Support Team in Austin assisting with the incident. TMD has activated 31 personnel and 10 vehicles for this incident.

### **Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)**

**The Salvation Army (TSA):** TSA continues to serve those affected by the severe weather and flooding in the Rio Grande Valley. TSA has seven mobile feeding units located in Hidalgo, Cameron, and Willacy counties. The Southern Baptist Texas Convention Kitchen is fully operational with a capacity of 5,000 meals per day. Distribution of clean-up kits, hygiene kits, and other relief supplies has begun in the McAllen and Harlingen facilities, and food boxes are slated to be later this week.

**American Red Cross (ARC):** The American Red Cross continues to have resources on standby to respond to humanitarian needs arising from expected severe weather and other disasters in Texas. As of March 30, two shelters are open in response to the

event. The Harlingen Convention Center in Cameron County, managed by the American Red Cross, housed 20 individuals overnight, while the Mercedes Dome in Hidalgo County housed six.

**Feeding Texas:** Feeding Texas has routed nine 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	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TDEM	ISTF HQ Staff	2	0	Assigned	Austin
TDEM	VOAD	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TDEM	IMT	3	0	Assigned	Austin
TX-TF1	SWR Boat Squad Dallas/STRAC	6	4	Released	Titus County - Mt. Pleasant
TX-TF3	FWR Boat Squad TX-TF3	9	6	Assigned	Cameron County-Harlingen
TX-TF1	WGS Abney	2	1	Released	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	2 DAR Area Chiefs, 2 DAR Specialist for IMT Support	4	4	Assigned	McAllen
AgriLife	DAR Specialist for IMT Support	5	5	Released	Grand Prairie South Texas
AgriLife	DAR Specialist for DA Assistance	4	4	Activated	McAllen
AgriLife	DAR PIO	1	0	Activated	College Station
AgriLife	DAR Admin	2	2	Activated	College Station
DPS	SOC Support	2	2	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	1	0	Assigned	Austin
DSHS	SCO	2	0	Assigned	Austin

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
DSHS	MIST	1	0	Released	Austin
EMTF	SWX PKG	14	8	Assigned	Cameron 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 Region 5
TAMFS	Aircraft	0	34	Assigned	TDEM Regions 1-8
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	0	Assigned	Weslaco
TMD	LNO for IMT	1	0	Enroute	McAllen
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-3>

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