



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

---

### New Information is in Blue Text

|                    |                                          |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Event Name         | 25-0001 Wildfire Season 2025             |
| Date               | April 3, 2025                            |
| Time               | 10:00 AM                                 |
| Operational Period | 8:00 AM April 2 to 8:00 AM April 3, 2025 |
| Report Number      | 30                                       |

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Regions Affected      |   |
| TDEM Regions Affected | 1 |
| DDs Active            | 2 |

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** On March 20, Governor Abbott [announced](#) that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved the state's request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant for the Pauline Road Fire in San Jacinto and Montgomery Counties. The approval of this Fire Management Assistance Grant makes Texas eligible for a 75 percent reimbursement from the federal government for costs associated with fighting the Pauline Road Fire. Fire Management Assistance Grants are available to states and local jurisdictions for the mitigation, management, and control of fires on publicly or privately owned forests or grasslands, which threaten such destruction and would constitute a major disaster.

### 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 Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Potter, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, and Wheeler Counties)

**Disaster District Emergency Operations Center (DDEOC) 1:** [Returned to Level IV \(Normal Conditions\) on April 2.](#)

DD 2 – Lubbock (Includes Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry, and Yoakum Counties)

**DDEOC 2:** Decreased to Level III (Increase Response Conditions) on April 1.

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

**Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System (TDEM): Communication Coordination Group (CCG):** Cellular providers in the impacted area have tuned their systems to support increased cellular activity in the Gillespie County area.

**Mass Care:** The Regional Disaster Finance Coordinator continues to work with local jurisdictions on cost tracking and providing guidance for disaster finance documentation.

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife):** AgriLife personnel have been released.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):** The Texas A&M Forest Service is closely monitoring fire weather conditions and has prepositioned heavy equipment, engines, and personnel along with 19 fixed wings and 2 rotor wing aircraft in key locations across all TDEM Regions.

**Texas Military Department (TMD):** TMD is providing direct support to TAMFS with aerial fire suppression capability in response to the critical fire weather. TMD has staged two Medium Mission Ready Packages (MRP) with two UH-60 helicopters in Lufkin, two in Austin, and one Heavy MRP with two CH-47 helicopters in Grand Prairie. A SOC Support Team has been assigned to Austin. TMD has activated 34 personnel and six aircraft in support of this incident. As of March 24, TMD Rotary Wing aircraft have flown a total of 125.9 hours and dropped a total of 627 buckets for a total of 352,693 gallons of water.

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):** TPWD has the following Statewide resources available to support: one LNO at the SOC, one helicopter in Austin, All-Terrain Vehicles, State Game Wardens, and State Park Police Officers.

**Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR):** No cyber threats have been identified and no requests for network or technology have been made.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** TxDOT continues to share TAMFS and Extreme Wildfire Danger messaging today on DMS road signage and on social media.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):** is currently monitoring the situation. DSHS has two LNO's assigned to the SOC.

**Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF):** Multiple teams with Wild Land Fire Support (WLFS) packages were deployed or prepositioned across Texas to support wildfire response efforts. [WLFS Teams have made 5,722 encounters, treated 14 individuals, and have had two transports. As of April 2, EMTF 1&9 are at awareness for WLFS. EMTF teams are deployed for Critical Fire Weather, with Team 7 stationed in Mekeel IA and Team 12 in Amarillo IA.](#)

#### STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

| Agency | Resource Kind and Type                 | Personnel | Equip | Status    | Location                                  |
|--------|----------------------------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------------------------------------------|
| TDEM   | Mass Care                              | 1         | 0     | Assigned  | Austin                                    |
| TDEM   | ISTF HQ Staff                          | 1         | 0     | Assigned  | Austin                                    |
| TDEM   | VOAD                                   | 1         | 0     | Assigned  | Remote                                    |
| TAMFS  | SOC Liaison                            | 1         | 1     | Assigned  | Austin                                    |
| TAMFS  | Firefighting Resources (Field and C/G) | 189       | 50    | Assigned  | TDEM Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8       |
| TAMFS  | 9 TIFMAS ST                            | 37        | 10    | Assigned  | TDEM Regions 1 & 7                        |
| TAMFS  | Aircraft                               | 0         | 21    | Assigned  | TDEM Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8       |
| TAMFS  | EMTF                                   | 12        | 6     | Assigned  | TDEM Region 1                             |
| DSHS   | SCO LNO                                | 2         | 0     | Assigned  | Austin                                    |
| EMTF   | EMTF's 7,12                            | 12        | 8     | Activated | Team 7: Merkel IA<br>Team 12: Amarillo IA |
| TxDOT  | EMC                                    | 1         | 0     | Assigned  | Austin                                    |
| TxDOT  | SOC Liaison                            | 1         | 0     | Assigned  | Austin                                    |
| 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     | Assigned  | Austin                                    |
| TMD    | Rotary Wing Heavy MRP                  | 10        | 2     | Assigned  | Grand Prairie                             |
| TPWD   | SOC Liaison                            | 8         | 0     | Assigned  | Austin                                    |

| Agency | Resource Kind and Type | Personnel | Equip | Status   | Location             |
|--------|------------------------|-----------|-------|----------|----------------------|
| TPWD   | TPWD Aviation          | 2         | 3     | Assigned | Austin/Travis County |
| TPWD   | Game Wardens           | 2         | 2     | Assigned | Hutchinson County    |
| TPWD   | Game Wardens           | 2         | 2     | Assigned | Randall 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>

**W. Nim Kidd, MPA, CEM**

Chief – Texas Division of Emergency Management  
Vice Chancellor for Disaster and Emergency Services  
Texas A&M University System

<https://tdem.texas.gov/>

Twitter: [@TDEM](#)

(512) 424-2208 (24/7)