



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	25-0001 Wildfire Season 2025
Date	April 5, 2025
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM April 4 to 8:00 AM April 5, 2025
Report Number	32

TDEM Regions Affected	None
DDs Active	None

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.

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 two 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): DSHS is actively monitoring the situation and prepared to deploy resources as needed, with [two LNOs](#) supporting response efforts at the SOC.

Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF): [EMTF Teams 7 \(Merkel IA\) and 12 \(Amarillo IA\) have been released from Critical Fire Weather response and are scheduled to complete demobilization by April 5.](#)

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	Released	Team 7: Merkel IA 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
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>

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