

Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	ent Name 25-0019 01APR Severe Weather				
Date	April 8, 2025				
Time	10:00 AM				
Operational Period	8:00 AM April 7, 2025, to 8:00 AM April 8, 2025				
Report Number	4				

TDEM Regions Affected	0
DDs Active	None

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On April 4, Governor Greg Abbott directed TDEM to <u>activate</u> additional state emergency response resources ahead of increased threats of severe weather and flash flooding in large portions of the state beginning today through the weekend, as well as snow potential in the Panhandle.

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 A&M Engineering Extension Service Texas Task Force 1 (TEEX/TX-TF1) & Texas Task Force 2 (TEEX/TX-TF2): On April 2, 2025, the State Operations Center activated Texas A&M Task Force 1, deploying four Swift Water Rescue boat squads and one Type 3 Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Team in response to forecasted severe weather. These teams are mobilized to their assigned locations and remain in place. Texas Task Force 2 also activated a Type 3 Water-Capable USAR team, currently staged in Dallas. All resources are actively monitoring conditions and remain ready to respond.

On April 4, two boat squads assisted local authorities with vehicle rescues from flooded roadways, the only service calls received that day. As of April 5, three boat squads have been repositioned, while all other resources remain at their current locations. TX-TF teams have successfully completed two rescue operations.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): TxDOT crews and emergency staff are rostered and prepared to respond statewide. Crews continue clearing debris, managing drainage, repairing damaged roadways, and providing traffic control. TxDOT is supporting response efforts by staffing the State Operations Center during the activation. As of April 5, TxDOT reports 15 state-maintained road closures due to flooding. Several additional roadways across the Rio Grande Valley and northern regions of the state remain impacted by floodwaters. Amarillo has 56 roadway locations impacted by ice and snow conditions. The Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS) provided a motor grader to assist in clearing snow from both eastbound and westbound I-40, west of Amarillo.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): On April 6, Texas Game Wardens in Van Zandt County assisted local first responders in rescuing an individual from a vehicle swept into a rushing creek. In Cass County, Game Wardens successfully evacuated two occupants from a vehicle stranded in high water. All Texas Parks and Wildlife Department resources have since been released from the response. TPWD teams have conducted one rescue, evacuated seven individuals, and assisted with the evacuation of one pet.

Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF): EMTF assets currently activated in support of the severe weather response include: one SWX Package with an Ambulance Strike Team (AST) in Cameron County, one MIST deployed to the RELLIS campus in Brazos County, one SWX Package at Hensley Field in Dallas County, and one SCO and one MIST supporting operations at the State Operations Center in Travis County. As of April 5, EMTF 2 and 7 are on awareness, while SWX Packages EMTF 4 and 6 are on standby.

Texas Military Department (TMD): As of April 6, The Texas Military Department (TMD) has activated multiple resources in support of TDEM for ongoing incidents including two Winter Weather Mission Ready Packages (MRPs) staged in Lubbock and Abilene, and four Ground Transport Platoon MRPs positioned in Corsicana, Huntsville, and the Houston area. One Liaison Officer MRP is assigned to the Texas A&M RELLIS Campus. A SOC Support Team is active in Austin.

Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD):

Texans On Mission (TXM): In response to the spring storms and the Lone Star Tornado, TXM deployed local teams to assist with clearing tree debris from homes. Two additional chainsaw/HE teams arrived at Lakeview Assembly Camp to begin

operations at the camp and surrounding areas, with a site coordinator on location to oversee efforts. To date, TXM has completed five chainsaw jobs and logged 50 hours of heavy equipment operation.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TEEX	SWR Boat Squad El Paso	6	4	Assigned	Titus County
TEEX	SWR Boat Squad Austin	6	4	Assigned	Harrison County
TEEX	WGS Abney	2	1	Assigned	Titus County
TEEX	SWR Boat Squad San Antonio	6	4	Assigned	Nacogdoches County
TEEX	SWR Boat Squad Gainesville	5	4	Assigned	Bowie County
TEEX	TX-TF1 Type 3 US&R	44	12	Activated	Brazos County
TEEX	TX-TF1 OHT	2		Activated	Brazos, Travis County
TEEX	TX-TF2 Type 3 US&R team	43	12	Activated	Dallas County
TxDOT	SOC liaison	1	1	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	TxDOT District Staff	70	42	Assigned	TxDOT Districts
TPWD	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	SOC
TPWD	TPWD Aviation	2	3	Available	Austin
TPWD	Game Wardens/State Park Police	35	35	Available	TDEM Regions 1, 2 & 3
TPWD	SAR Boat Teams	10	15	Available	McLennan, Trinity, Montgomery, Tyler & Smith
TMD	WW 01	18	8	Released	Lubbock
TMD	WW 02	18	8	Released	Abilene
TMD	GTP 01	10	5	Released	El Campo
TMD	GTP 02	10	5	Released	Angleton
TMD	GTP 03	10	5	Released	Corsicana

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TMD	GTP 04	10	5	Released	Huntsville
TMD	LNO	1	0	Released	College Station
TMD	SOC Support Team	8	0	Assigned	Austin

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level III (Increased Readiness 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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