



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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### New Information is in Blue Text

Event Name	25-0001 Wildfire Season 2025
Date	April 9, 2025
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM April 8, 2025, to 8:00 AM April 9, 2025
Report Number	36

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 have optimized their systems to accommodate increased network activity in the Gillespie County area following the recent impacts.

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

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):** The Texas A&M Forest Service continues to closely monitor fire weather conditions and has prepositioned heavy equipment, engines, and personnel—along with fixed-wing and rotor-wing aircraft.

**Texas Military Department (TMD):** TMD provided direct support to TAMFS with aerial fire suppression capability, staging 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 was assigned to Austin. TMD activated 34 personnel and six aircraft in support of this incident. As of March 24, TMD Rotary Wing aircraft flew 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):** DIR is continuing to monitor the situation using cybersecurity tooling and threat intelligence feeds. No cyber threats related to this weather event have been identified. No requests for network or technology have been made at this time.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** TxDOT shared TAMFS and Extreme Wildfire Danger messaging 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. As of April 5, EMTF Teams are demobilized.

#### STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TDEM	Mass Care	1	0	<a href="#">Released</a>	Austin
TDEM	ISTF HQ Staff	1	0	<a href="#">Released</a>	Austin
TDEM	VOAD	1	0	<a href="#">Released</a>	Remote
TAMFS	SOC Liaison	1	1	<a href="#">Released</a>	Austin

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TAMFS	Firefighting Resources (Field and C/G)	164	26	Assigned	TDEM Regions 1, 5, 6, 7
TAMFS	Aircraft		14	Assigned	TDEM Regions 1, 3, 4, 7
DSHS	EMTF	12	6	Released	TDEM Region 1
DSHS	SCO LNO	2	0	Released	Austin
TxDOT	EMC	1	0	Released	Austin
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1	0	Released	Austin
TMD	SOC Support Team	7	0	Released	Austin
TMD	Rotary Wing Medium MRP	8	2	Released	San Antonio
TMD	Rotary Wing Medium MRP	8	2	Released	Austin
TMD	Rotary Wing Heavy MRP	10	2	Released	Grand Prairie
TPWD	SOC Liaison	8	0	Released	Austin
TPWD	TPWD Aviation	2	3	Released	Austin/Travis County
TPWD	Game Wardens	2	2	Released	Hutchinson County
TPWD	Game Wardens	2	2	Released	Randall County

**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-3>

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