

# Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

## **New Information is in Blue Text**

Event Name	25-0019 01APR Severe Weather
Date	April 13, 2025
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM April 12, 2025, to 8:00 AM April 13, 2025
Report Number	9

TDEM Regions Affected	None
DDs Active	None

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** On April 9, Governor Abbott announced that he <u>directed</u> the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to request that officials from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) join state and local partners in conducting joint preliminary damage assessments in Northeast Texas communities impacted by recent severe storms. These assessments will help determine whether Texas meets the federal threshold for disaster assistance.

On April 4, Governor 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, TX-TF1 deployed four Swift Water Rescue boat squads and one Type 3 Urban Search and Rescue (USAR). TX-TF2 also activated a Type 3 Water-Capable USAR team.

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. Several additional roadways across the Rio Grande Valley and northern regions of the state were impacted by floodwater. Amarillo had 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 TPWD resources have been released from the response. TPWD teams conducted one rescue, evacuated seven individuals, and assisted with the evacuation of one pet.

**Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF):** As of April 13, SWX PKG Teams have had 279 encounters, treated 224 individuals, and have had 164 transports.

**Texas Military Department (TMD):** TMD activated multiple resources in support of TDEM for 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 was assigned to the Texas A&M RELLIS Campus. A SOC Support Team was active in Austin.

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

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. Food and Disaster Emergency Services (DES) distribution operations are ongoing in Cameron, Pharr, and Hidalgo Counties. Additionally, the ARC has initiated client casework and is distributing Immediate Assistance to those affected. The American Red Cross is currently operating two shelters in Bowie and Cameron Counties, providing shelter for 13 individuals. The shelter in Aransas County has closed.

**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 16

chainsaw jobs and logged 122 hours of heavy equipment operation. A total of 31 work orders have been processed, with 18 remaining.

# STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	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	0	Activated	Brazos, Travis County
TEEX	TX-TF2 Type 3 US&R team	43	12	Activated	Dallas County
EMTF	SWX PKG	11	8	Assigned	Cameron County
EMTF	MIST	1	0	Assigned	RELLIS-Brazos
TxDOT	TxDOT District Staff	70	42	Assigned	TxDOT Districts

**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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