

#### Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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25-0018 26MAR Severe Weather				
April 15, 2025				
10:00 AM				
8:00 AM April 14, 2025, to 8:00 AM April 15, 2025				
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TDEM Regions Affected	5
DDs Active	21

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** On March 31, Governor Abbott <u>directed</u> the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to request that Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials join state and local partners in conducting joint preliminary damage assessments in South Texas communities impacted by recent flooding. These assessments will help determine whether Texas meets the federal threshold for disaster assistance.

On March 29, Governor Greg Abbott <u>issued</u> a disaster declaration for four South Texas counties impacted by rainfall and flooding that continues to affect homes, businesses, and the agricultural industry throughout the region. The counties included in the Governor's declaration are Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy. Additional counties may be added as conditions warrant.

On March 26, Governor Greg Abbott directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to <u>activate state emergency response</u> resources ahead of increased threats of severe weather and flash flooding in large areas of the state through the weekend.

#### **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 5 (Includes DDs 19-21)

DD 21 - Weslaco (Includes Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties)

DDEOC 21 Weslaco: Transitioned to Level III (Escalated Response Conditions) on April 4.

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

**Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF):** As of April 14, SWX PKG Teams have had 295 encounters, treated 240 individuals, and have had 173 transports.

## 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 10 individuals.

**Texans On Mission (TXM):** In response to last week's extensive rains and flooding in the Rio Grande Valley, TXM deployed to First Baptist Church in Weslaco. The Mennonite Disaster Relief team is scheduled to begin assistance efforts in Cameron County on April 11. Additionally, First Baptist Church Weslaco is organizing a volunteer team to work on Saturday and again next Wednesday. To date, 443 work orders have been processed, with 354 still pending. TXM has conducted 123 Assessments, completed 6 Tear Out, provided 81 Volunteer Showers, and processed 67 Loads of Laundry for volunteers.

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
EMTF	SWX PKG	11	6	Assigned	Cameron County
EMTF	MIST	1		Assigned	RELLIS – Brazos

# STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

**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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