



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	26-0003 20JAN Winter Weather
Date	January 23, 2026
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	7:00 AM January 22, 2026, to 8:00 AM January 23, 2026
Report Number	1

TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8
DDs Active	1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18, 23, 24

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On January 22, Governor Greg Abbott issued a [disaster declaration](#) for 134 counties due to severe winter weather. Governor Abbott also directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to increase the readiness level of the Texas State Operations Center to Level II (Escalated Response).

On January 20, Governor Abbott announced that he [directed](#) TDEM to activate state emergency response resources ahead of potential winter weather impacts expected across the state beginning Thursday.

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 1 (Includes DDs 1, 2, and 7)

DD 1 – Amarillo (Includes Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, and Wheeler Counties): [DDEOC 1 activated to Level III - Increased Readiness Conditions at 8:00 AM, January 23.](#)

DD 2 – Lubbock (Includes Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry, and Yoakum Counties): [DDEOC 2 activated to Level III - Increased Readiness Conditions at 8:00 AM, January 23.](#)

DD 7 – Abilene (Includes Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, and Taylor Counties): [DDEOC 7 activated to Level III - Increased Readiness Conditions at 8:00 AM, January 23.](#)

Region 2 (Includes DDs 3, 4, and 22)

DD 3 – Wichita Falls (Includes Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Wichita, Wilbarger, and Young Counties): [DDEOC 3 activated to Level III - Increased Readiness Conditions at 8:00 AM, January 23.](#)

DD 4 – Dallas/Ft. Worth (Includes Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Erath, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Somervell, Tarrant, and Wise Counties): [DDEOC 4 activated to Level III - Increased Readiness Conditions at 8:00 AM, January 23.](#)

Region 3 (Includes DDs 5, 6, 14, and 15)

DD 14 – Lufkin (Includes Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, and Tyler Counties): [DDEOC 14 activated to Level III - Increased Readiness Conditions at 8:00 AM, January 23.](#)

DD 15 – Beaumont (Includes Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange Counties): [DDEOC 15 activated to Level III - Increased Readiness Conditions at 8:00 AM, January 23.](#)

Region 6 (Includes DDs 17, 18, and 24)

DD 18 – New Braunfels (Includes): [DDEOC 18 activated to Level III - Increased Readiness Conditions at 7:00 PM, January 23.](#)

DD 24 – Del Rio (Includes Dimmit, Edwards, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala Counties): [DDEOC 24 activated to Level III - Increased Readiness Conditions at 7:00 PM, January 23.](#)

Region 7 (Includes DDs 8, 9, and 10)

DD 8 – El Paso (Includes Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, and Presidio Counties): [DDEOC 8 activated to Level III - Increased Readiness Conditions at 9:00 AM, January 23.](#)

DD 9 – Midland/Ft. Stockton (Includes Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Reeves, Terrell, Upton, Ward, and Winkler Counties): [DDEOC 9 activated to Level III - Increased Readiness Conditions at 8:00 AM, January 23.](#)

DD 10 -San Angelo (Includes Coke, Concho, Crockett, Edwards, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, and Tom Green Counties): [DDEOC 10 activated to Level III - Increased Readiness Conditions at 8:00 AM, January 23.](#)

Region 8 (Includes DDs 11, 12, 13, and 23)

DD 11 – Waco (Includes Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone, and McLennan Counties): [DDEOC 11 activated to Level III - Increased Readiness Conditions at 5:00 PM, January 22.](#)

DD 12 – Austin (Includes Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis, and Williamson Counties): [DDEOC 12 activated to Level III - Increased Readiness Conditions at 5:00 PM, January 22.](#)

DD 23 – Killeen (Includes Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba Counties): [DDEOC 23 activated to Level III - Increased Readiness Conditions at 5:00 PM, January 22.](#)

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System (TDEM):

Communications Coordination Group (CCG):

[CCG partners are monitoring the situation and continue to prepare resources to respond if necessary. Our partners across the public, private and volunteer sectors are assessing and adjusting their resources in accordance with the situation.](#)

[CCG partners have been notified and are assessing resource availability and deployment plans. Cellular Carriers have begun topping off generators in the event power is lost to cell sites and other telecommunications facilities.](#)

Texas Division of Emergency Management, Incident Support Task Force (ISTF):
[TDEM ISTF Emergency Support Function 5 & 6: The Local Shelter and Seasonal Relief Center Map is being updated continuously as local jurisdictions report site activations, openings, and readiness posture for the coming days.](#)

Mass Care:

[Mass Care is coordinating resources for 298 shelter sites, including 284 warming centers and 14 Emergency/General Population Shelters.](#)

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Texas Task Force 1 (TEEX/TX-PWRT):

TX-PWRT continues to support and coordinate operations from the SOC and various DDEOC's serving as Emergency Support Function 3, monitoring requests for service through WebEOC. Objectives include life safety briefings to teams in the field on PPE and when and how to use, as well as heat awareness.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):

TAMFS continues to roster overhead personnel to support Disaster District Emergency Operations Centers (DDEOCs) and has organized saw teams across affected regions to address debris and hazard removal needs. The agency was also requested to support TxDOT with motor graders and personnel to assist with Tier 1 highway operations in Amarillo, San Angelo, Merkel, Eastland, Paris, and Lampasas. Additionally, TDEM requested deployment of a portable restroom trailer to TDEM Region 2. Additional personnel and Loaders have been activated in the Ft. Stockton region to work nights with TxDOT.

TAMFS activated six Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) All-Hazard Strike Teams in anticipation of forecasted winter weather. These teams have been pre-positioned in TDEM Regions 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, and 8 to provide support as needed.

In total, over 160 personnel are currently committed to this event.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):

TCEQ has placed emergency management staff and emergency response hazmat contractors on heightened readiness for possible deployment to assist with any air/water/waste related issues including drinking water/wastewater issues and/or emergency response activities.

TCEQ sent notifications to Public Drinking Water Systems to provide reminders to operators on regulatory guidance, procedures, and preparedness steps to take in advance of approaching winter weather.

Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR):

DIR is monitoring the situation using cybersecurity tooling and threat intelligence feeds. No cyber threats related to this weather event have been identified.

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):

The Texas Department of Public Safety issued a waiver allowing commercial truck drivers transporting goods like propane, groceries, and other essential products, to operate outside maximum driving hour requirements, helping to ensure the delivery and availability of critical resources to Texans throughout the state during this weather event. This waiver will be active for five days, and drivers will still be subject to all other commercial vehicle laws and regulations.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):

DSHS was requested to provide an Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) State Coordination Officer (SCO) and a DSHS Liaison Officer (LNO). The DSHS State Medical Operations Center (SMOC) has activated multiple staff to support response.

Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF):

EMTF is supporting operations with an incident total of 138 responders.

Texas Health and Human Services (HHS):

HHSC began staffing the SOC in support of winter weather on January 22. HHSC staff will remain in the SOC for the duration of the incident. HHSC is actively monitoring the situation. Ice, water, and freight vendors are on standby to respond as needed.

Texas Education Agency (TEA):

TEA as of 10 AM on January 22 had zero weather related closures for January 22 through January 23. As the weather and weather-related closures change, TEA will report this information to TDEM.

TEA has posted a message in our school safety school system, Sentinel. The message reminds school districts to monitor the local weather conditions and to report closures and impacts to TEA.

Texas Military Department (TMD):

TMD has six Winter Weather (WW) Mission Ready Packages (MRP), one Battalion Mission Command (BNMC), six Ground Support Units (GSU) HQs, six Ground Transportation Platoons (GTP), and seven Military District Coordinators (MDC) to assist stranded motorists and conduct welfare checks on selected motorways. The WW MRPs, GSU HQs, GTPs and MDCs will be staged in Irving, Fort Worth, Kerr, Sonora, Lubbock and RELLIS. The SOC Support Team supports the State Operations Center in Austin for the Winter Weather event.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):

TPWD has prepared department resources consisting of Texas Game Wardens and State Park Police Officers ready to support as needed in response to the severe winter weather threats throughout the State.

TPWD continues to work closely with TDEM and other state/federal partners through the State Operations Center to ensure TPWD resources and first responders are available should they be needed. TPWD personnel are continuously being advised of the current weather conditions and maintaining a state of readiness.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):

As of 3:40PM, There are no state-maintained road location impacted by weather. TxDOT is staffing the State Operations Center during 24/7 activation.

TxDOT crews in all 25 districts are in winter weather response with pretreating operations. Once winter weather impacts start, crews will begin deicing operations. TxDOT is closely monitoring road conditions and statewide weather threats.

Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)

American Red Cross (ARC):

ARC is receiving requests to open shelters, provide supplies (cots, blankets, snacks), and support warming centers and feeding plans. ARC has rostered shelter worker teams and they are on standby. ARC is supporting multiple EOCs across the state virtually and in-person.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
ESF-6 Mass Care	SOC	1	0	Assigned	Austin
ISTF HQ Staff	SOC	3	0	Assigned	Austin
VOAD	SOC	2	0	Assigned	Austin
TX-PWRT	ESF 3 SOC LNO	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TX-PWRT	ESF 3 LNO	1	1	Assigned	Mount Pleasant
TEEX	SOC	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TEEX	LNO	1	0	Assigned	Mount Pleasant
TAMFS	Overhead	8	0	Activated	Various
TAMFS	TxDOT Support	29	0	Activated	Various
TAMFS	DDEOC	5	0	Activated	Various
TIFMAS	Strike Team	20	0	Assigned	TDEM Region 1
TIFMAS	Strike Team	21	0	Assigned	TDEM Region 2
TIFMAS	Strike Team	18	0	Assigned	TDEM Region 2
TIFMAS	Strike Team	20	0	Assigned	TDEM Region 3
TIFMAS	Strike Team	19	0	Assigned	TDEM Region 6
TIFMAS	Strike Team	19	0	Assigned	TDEM Region 7
DIR	SOC Liaison	2	0	Assigned	SOC
DSHS	SOC LNO	1	0	Activated	SOC
DSHS	EMTF SCO	1	0	Activated	SOC
EMTF	SWX	22	6	Activated	College Station
EMTF	SWX	22	6	Activated	Fort Worth
EMTF	SWX	22	6	Activated	Hopkins Co.
EMTF	SWX	22	6	Activated	Kerr Co.

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
EMTF	SWX	22	6	Activated	Lubbock
EMTF	SWX	22	6	Activated	Sutton Co.
EMTF	MIST	2	0	Activated	Mount Pleasant
EMTF	MIST	2	0	Activated	Tyler
HHSC	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TCEQ	Staff	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TEA	SOC LNO	3	0	Activated	SOC
TMD	BNMC	35	16	Assigned	San Marcos
TMD	BNMC LNO	1		Assigned	Austin
TMD	GSU HQ A	12	1	Assigned	Duncanville
TMD	GSU HQ B	12	1	Assigned	Killeen
TMD	GSU HQ C	12	1	Assigned	Austin
TMD	GSU HQ D	12	1	Assigned	Fort Bliss
TMD	GSU HQ E	12	1	Assigned	Irving
TMD	GSU HQ F	12	1	Assigned	Huntsville
TMD	WWMRP A-1	18	8	Assigned	Duncanville
TMD	WWMRP B-1	18	8	Assigned	Irving
TMD	WWMRP C-1	18	8	Assigned	Brownwood
TMD	WWMRP D-1	18	8	Assigned	Abilene
TMD	WWMRP E-1	18	8	Assigned	Irving
TMD	WWMRP F-1	18	8	Assigned	Hutto
TMD	GTP A-2	10	5	Assigned	Bryan
TMD	GTP B-2	10	5	Assigned	Mission Bend
TMD	GTP C-2	10	5	Assigned	San Marcos
TMD	GTP D-2	10	5	Assigned	Ft Bliss
TMD	GTP E-2	10	5	Assigned	Lubbock
TMD	GTP F-2	10	5	Assigned	San Marcos
TMD	MDC-D	1	0	Assigned	San Angelo
TMD	MDC-E	1	0	Assigned	Lubbock
TMD	MDC-A	1	0	Assigned	Fort Worth
TMD	MDC-F	1	0	Assigned	Bryan
TMD	MDC-C	1	0	Assigned	Kerrville
TMD	MDC DDC-14	1	0	Assigned	Lufkin
TMD	MDC-B	1	0	Assigned	Mount Pleasant
TMD	SOC Support	8	0	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	SOC
TPWD	DDEOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	DDC 12 Austin
TPWD	Game Wardens/ State Park Police	500	500	Available	Statewide

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TPWD	TPWD Drone Pilots	30	30	Available	Statewide
TPWD	All-Terrain Vehicles	0	20	Available	Statewide
TxDOT	EMC	1	1	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	Winter Weather Crews	2,000	1,148	Assigned	Statewide

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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