



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	26-0003 20JAN Winter Weather
Date	January 25, 2026
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM January 24, 2026, to 8:00 AM January 25, 2026
Report Number	3

TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8
DDs Active	1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 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 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): Disaster District Emergency Operations Center

(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. [The following counties have the open shelters and/or warming centers; Brazoria County has two shelters, Galveston County has three shelters and three warning centers, Liberty County has one shelter and five warning centers, Montgomery County has two shelters and six warning centers, and Fort Bend County has 13 warning centers.](#)

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):

TDEM is maintaining contact with their public university system partners. As of January 23, the Texas A&M University College of Dentistry in Dallas is scheduled for closure on Monday, January 26. Approximately 90 school districts impacted as of 7:00 AM today.

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.

Incident Support Task Force (ISTF):

TDEM ISTF ESF 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 [403](#) shelter sites, [374](#) warming centers, and [29](#) Emergency/General Population Shelters.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Texas AgriLife (AgriLife):

Two AgriLife SOC liaisons are monitoring weather conditions. [SOC liaisons are overseeing livestock and pet sheltering questions and issues as they arise](#). Disaster Assessment and Recovery (DAR) Agents and County Extension Strike Team members are on standby. AgriLife Marketing and Communications has distributed preparedness information and educational resources to support county agents, specialists, and agency communications channels in preparation for the Winter Weather. AgriLife has provided updated information through the agency's social media channels as well as our county agent network to support local governments and constituents with preparedness education and resources.

DAR Public Information Officer (PIO) from the State Communications Council is providing updates on messaging, social media outreach, and other communications needs. Slide sets have been pushed out to State, Regional and District Extension Administration for situational awareness and 20 AgriLife Extension Service DDEOC representatives continue to monitor DDEOC activations across the state virtually.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Texas Public Works Response Team (PWRT):

PWRT continues to support and coordinate operations from the SOC and DDEOC's serving as ESF-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. And heat awareness.

PWRT is staffing the SOC with two liaisons. One liaison is staffing DDEOC-5 in Mount Pleasant, and one liaison is staffing DDEOC-13 at RELLIS. A STAR (State of Texas Assistance Request) request was submitted for generators at FEMA generator sites in Fort Worth and RELLIS. [There are six personnel on site to work on the generators, three in Fort Worth and three in RELLIS.](#)

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):

TAMFS continues to support search, rescue, and recovery efforts in the affected regions. TAMFS deployed [nine](#) Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) All-Hazard Strike Teams to assist with winter weather. A Saw Team has been identified for each region. In total, [253](#) 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.

DPS is closely monitoring the winter weather event that is expected to impact multiple DPS Regions across the state. All seven Highway Patrol Regions have personnel ready to respond and will adjust their patrol and operational posture accordingly. DPS Regions have been in contact with their respective TDEM Disaster District Emergency Operations Centers and will provide personnel to staff DDEOC's as they increase their readiness level. DPS stands ready to respond to requests for assistance in response to the winter weather conditions. Personnel from the Texas Highway Patrol (THP) Chief's Office and the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) from the Austin are providing 24hr staffing at the SOC.

The following DPS Offices in the Northwest Texas Region closed at 12:00PM on January 23: Armstrong, Bailey, Baylor, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Clay, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Floyd, Graham, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hockley, Hutchinson, Jack, Lamb, Lipscomb, Montague, Moore, Ochiltrie, Oldam, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler, Wilbarger, Wichita, and Young counties.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):

Regional Health and Medical Operations Centers (RHMOCs) and Regional Medical Operations Centers (RMOCs) to continue to monitor weather and healthcare facility conditions.

DSHS Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF):

EMTF has 176 responders and 90 assets assigned to this incident.

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 had 90 weather related closures for January 23 through January 26. As the weather and weather-related closures change, TEA will report this information to TDEM.

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), two Ground Support Unit Hybrids (GSU-H), and 10 Military District Coordinators (MDC) to assist stranded motorists and conduct welfare checks on selected motorways. The WW MRPs, GSU HQs, GTPs, GSU-Hs, and MDCs are staged in Duncanville, Mt. Pleasant, [Kerrville](#), Sonora, Lubbock, Huntsville, and RELLIS. Additionally, 10 MDCs are in [Ft Worth](#), [Mt. Pleasant](#), [Kerrville](#), [San Angelo](#), [Lubbock](#), [Bryan](#), Tyler, Lufkin, and San Antonio. The SOC Support Team supports the State Operations Center in Austin for the Winter Weather event. [TMD has activated 359 personnel and 134 vehicles in support of 26-0003 20JAN Winter Weather 2026.](#)

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.

[TPWD has assisted motorists, local law enforcement and fire departments in Calhoun, Baylor, Hardeman, Jones, Palo Pinto, Panola, Crocket, Mitchell, Williamson, Ochiltree, Edwards, Sutton, and Tom Green Counties.](#)

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.

Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC):

PUC continues to prepare for the incoming winter weather. Emergency operations centers are up and running, supplies have been procured, and mutual assistance agreements are being activated. The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) continues to forecast that there will be sufficient electricity to meet demand throughout the duration of this event.

As of January 24, PUC is tracking 55,000 power outages with the bulk of outages in Northeast Texas. Impacted utilities included Oncor, Southwestern Electric Power County (SWEPCO), Deep East Texas Electric Cooperative, Rusk County Electric Cooperative, Bowie-Cass Electric Cooperative, and Tri-County Electric Cooperative. Utilities have been working on the restoration, and a second wave of power outage is expected with the next wave of winter weather.

Voluntary 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.

ARC has activated winter storm sheltering. The North Texas Region has two shelters currently open, the Christ United Methodist Church in Plano and Bowie Community Center. Statewide, a total of 31 shelter locations are on standby.

ARC has 15 shelters open with 18 clients in impacted communities including Houston, Kyle, Baytown, Bowie, Fritch, Plano, Cooper, Bryan, Fredericksburg, Jasper, Lockhart, and Waco. There are 29 additional shelters on standby across multiple regions, should conditions change or demand increase.

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	SOC LNO	3	1	Assigned	SOC
TX-PWRT	LNO DD5	1	1	Assigned	Mount Pleasant
TX-PWRT	ESF 3 LNO DD13	1	1	Assigned	RELLIS
TX-PWRT	Staging Team	3	3	Assigned	Ft Worth GSA
TX-PWRT	Staging Team	3	0	Assigned	RELLIS GSA
TX-PWRT	Warehouse Support	1	0	Assigned	RELLIS GSA
TEEX	SOC	2	0	Assigned	Austin
TEEX	LNO	1	0	Assigned	Mount Pleasant
TAMFS	TIFMAS Strike Team	21	6	Assigned	Grand Prairie
TAMFS	TIFMAS Strike Team	20	6	Assigned	Lubbock
TAMFS	TIFMAS Strike Team	20	6	Assigned	Mt. Pleasant
TAMFS	TIFMAS Strike Team	19	6	Assigned	Kerrville
TAMFS	TIFMAS Strike Team	19	6	Assigned	Sonora
TAMFS	TIFMAS Strike Team	18	6	Assigned	RELLIS
TAMFS	TIFMAS Strike Team	19	6	Assigned	Alice
TAMFS	TIFMAS Strike Team	19	6	Assigned	Liberty
TAMFS	TIFMAS Strike Team	19	6	Assigned	Hillsboro
TAMFS	TXDOT Support	29	0	Assigned	Various
TAMFS	Overhead	10	0	Assigned	Various
TAMFS	Field Operations	42	0	Assigned	Various
TAMFS	DDEOC	2	0	Assigned	4
TAMFS	DDEOC	3	0	Assigned	5
TAMFS	DDEOC	1	0	Assigned	6

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TAMFS	DDEOC	2	0	Assigned	11
TAMFS	DDEOC	1	0	Assigned	12
TAMFS	DDEOC	1	0	Assigned	13
TAMFS	DDEOC	1	0	Assigned	16
TAMFS	DDEOC	1	0	Assigned	23
DIR	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	SOC
DSHS	SOC LNO	2	0	Activated	SOC
DSHS	EMTF SCO	1	0	Activated	SOC
DSHS	SOC IT Support	1	0	Activated	SOC
DSHS	MIST	2	0	Activated	SOC
DSHS	SMOC	10	0	Activated	Austin
EMTF	SWX	21	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.
EMTF	SWX	19	7	Activated	Hill Co.
EMTF	SWX	22	6	Activated	Lubbock
EMTF	SWX	21	6	Activated	Sutton Co.
EMTF	SWX	22	6	Activated	Harris Co.
EMTF	CATRAC RMOC	0	0	Activated	Cedar Park
EMTF	SETRAC CMOC	9	0	Activated	Houston
EMTF	MIST	2	0	Activated	Mount Pleasant
EMTF	MIST	2	0	Activated	Tyler
EMTF	WS San Antonio	6	2	Assigned	Gillespie County Fredericksburg
HHSC	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TCEQ	Staff	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TEA	SOC LNO	3	0	Activated	SOC
TMD	BNMC	37	14	Assigned	San Marcos
TMD	BNMC LNO	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TMD	GSU HQ A	14	6	Assigned	Duncanville
TMD	GSU HQ B	13	4	Assigned	Mt Pleasant
TMD	GSU HQ C	8	3	Assigned	Kerrville
TMD	GSU HQ D	12	2	Assigned	Sonora
TMD	GSU HQ E	13	3	Assigned	Lubbock
TMD	GSU HQ F	10	2	Assigned	RELLIS
TMD	WWMRP A-1	18	9	Assigned	Gainesville
TMD	WWMRP B-1	9	3	Assigned	Mt Pleasant

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TMD	WWMRP C-1	18	8	Assigned	Kerrville
TMD	WWMRP D-1	18	7	Assigned	Sonora
TMD	WWMRP E-1	16	8	Assigned	Lubbock
TMD	WWMRP F-1	20	9	Assigned	RELLIS
TMD	GTP A-2	10	5	Assigned	Duncanville
TMD	GTP B-2	11	4	Assigned	Mt Pleasant
TMD	GTP C-2	11	5	Assigned	Kerrville
TMD	GTP D-2	10	5	Assigned	Sonora
TMD	GTP E-2	10	5	Assigned	Lubbock
TMD	GTP F-2	11	5	Assigned	RELLIS
TMD	GSU-H G-1	38	14	Assigned	Huntsville
TMD	GSU-H G-2	30	10	Assigned	Huntsville
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	2	0	Assigned	Mount Pleasant
TMD	MDC DD-18	1	0	Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	MDC DD-5	1	0	Assigned	Tyler
TMD	SOC Support	11	0	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	SOC
TPWD	DDEOC Liaison	8	8	Assigned	DDEOC 1,2,3,7,6,12,14, 18
TPWD	Game Wardens/ State Park Police	500	500	Available	Statewide
TPWD	TPWD Drone Pilots	30	60	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
PUC	SOC LNO	3	0	Assigned	SOC
DPS	SOC LNO	5	5	Assigned	SOC
DPS	THP/CVE Troopers	852	852	Assigned	Statewide

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AgriLife	SOC Liaison	2	1	Assigned	SOC
AgriLife	AgriLife Admin	2	0	Activated	College Station
AgriLife	Marketing and Comms	1	0	Activated	College Station
AgriLife	DAR Agents and Area Chiefs	30	15	Activated	Statewide
AgriLife	DDEOC Representatives	20	2	Activated	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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