



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	26-0003 20JAN Winter Weather
Date	January 31, 2026
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM January 30, 2026, to 8:00 AM January 31, 2026
Report Number	9

TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
DDs Active	5, 11, 12

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On January 27, the State Operations Center (SOC) returned to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

On January 25, Governor Greg Abbott today amended the state's disaster declaration for the ongoing winter storm to include 85 additional counties facing impacts from winter weather.

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 returned to Level IV – Normal Conditions at 12:00 PM, January 27.

DD 2 – Lubbock (Includes Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry, and Yoakum Counties): DDEOC 2 returned to Level IV – Normal Conditions at noon, January 28.

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 returned to Level IV – Normal Conditions at noon, January 27.

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 returned to Level IV – Normal Conditions on January 29.

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 returned to Level IV – Normal Conditions on January 29.

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

DD 5 – Mt. Pleasant (Includes Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, and Titus Counties): DDEOC 5 moved to Level III - Increased Response Conditions on January 29.

DD 6 – Tyler (Includes Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties): [DDEOC](#)

6 moved to Level IV - Normal Conditions on January 30.

DD 14 – Lufkin (Includes Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, and Tyler Counties): DDEOC 14 will be returning to Level IV - Normal Conditions at 8:00 AM, January 31.

DD 15 – Beaumont (Includes Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange Counties): DDEOC 15 returned to Level IV – Normal Conditions on January 27.

Region 4 (Includes DD 16)

DD 16 – Houston (Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton Counties): DDEOC 16 returned to Level IV – Normal Conditions at 1:00 PM, January 27.

Region 5 (Includes DD 19, 20, and 21)

DD 20– Corpus Christi (Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patricio Counties): DDEOC 20 returned to Level IV - Normal Conditions on January 27.

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

DD 17 – Victoria (Includes Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Lavaca, Jackson, and Victoria Counties) DDEOC 17 returned to Level IV – Normal Conditions on January 26.

DD 18 – San Antonio (Includes Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, McMullen, Medina, and Wilson Counties): DDEOC 18 returned to Level IV – Normal Conditions at 4:30 PM, January 28.

DD 24 – Del Rio (Includes Dimmit, Edwards, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala Counties): DDEOC 24 returned to Level IV – Normal Conditions on January 26.

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 returned to Level IV - Normal Conditions at 9:00 AM, January 28.

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 returned to Level IV - Normal Conditions at 8:00 AM, January 28.

DD 10 -San Angelo (Includes Coke, Concho, Crockett, Edwards, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, and Tom Green Counties): DDEOC 10 returned to Level IV - Normal Conditions at 8:00 AM, January 28.

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 on January 22.

DD 13 – Bryan (Includes Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson, and Washington Counties): DDEOC 13 returned to Level IV - Normal Conditions on January 28.

DD 23 – Killeen (Includes Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba Counties): DDEOC 23 returned to Level IV - Normal Conditions on January 28.

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.

Communications Coordination Group (CCG):

CCG partners are monitoring the situation and continue to support restoration operations. Our partners across the public, private and volunteer sectors are assessing and adjusting their resources in accordance with the situation.

There are no major storm-related communications outages or interruptions. As of January 29, repairs have been completed in Cherokee and Nacogdoches counties and services have been restored. Repairs continue in Leon County.

During this event, eight storm-related Integrated Public Alert Warning System (IPAWS) Alerts were broadcast. There are no active IPAWS Alerts in the State. All storm related Amateur Radio nets have been concluded.

Incident Support Task Force (ISTF):

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 31 total shelter sites, including 28 warming centers and 3 Emergency and General Population Shelters. A total of 9 residents are being sheltered as of January 30.

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

Disaster Assessment and Recovery (DAR) staffing continues with 25 Specialists and four Area Chiefs available to support ESF 11 operations. Situation updates and weather briefings continue to be shared with leadership to maintain statewide situational awareness and preparedness.

Eight DDEOCs previously operating at Level III have transitioned to Level IV activation. Eight AgriLife Extension DDEOCs remain at Level III, maintaining virtual and in-person monitoring, and all DDEOC representatives are included in daily briefings. A DAR Specialist is currently assigned to the Kerrville Incident Management Team (IMT) to support on-site damage assessment activities until Friday, January 30. ESF 11 has transitioned out of active status and continues to monitor and address needs as they are identified.

DAR Specialists continue to receive reports of collapsed roofs on agricultural structures in North and Northeast Texas. DAR Specialists continue to follow up on reported agricultural structure damage.

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

As of January 30, one liaison PWRT remains at the SOC. Personnel at the Fort Worth generator staging area (GSA) have demobilized. Three team leads and three personnel continue generator operations at RELLIS GSA. One Water/Wastewater operator remains in Zavalla to advise the city on repairs.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):

TAMFS deployed nine Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) All-Hazard Strike Teams to assist with winter weather. A Saw Team was identified for each region. Three motor graders with operators were activated. TAMFS has personnel staffing DDEOCs in seven districts. In total, 59 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.

As of January 30, TCEQ is tracking 64 drinking water systems on a Boil Water Notice (BWN) serving a population of 84,515.

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):

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.

Statewide, Troopers worked on more than 130 weather-related crashes on January 24-25 and continue to monitor roadway conditions and assess traffic impacts. The number of vehicle accidents has decreased since January 24. THP troopers have assisted TxDOT with de-icing and many of the THP districts have returned to normal operations. As of January 28, THP Troopers have returned to their regular duty schedules and will continue to monitor roadways and respond to calls for assistance.

THP supervisors are providing staffing support at Fort Worth and Mt. Pleasant DDEOCs, as well as staffing support at the State Operations Center in the ESF-13 position.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):

The State Medical Operations Center remains activated and continues to monitor weather and healthcare facility conditions. All regional Medical Operations Centers demobilized on January 29.

DSHS Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF):

EMTF has prepositioned resources for all-hazards response due to potential impacts of winter weather and statewide coordination needs. There are a total of 38 personnel and 17 assets assigned to this incident as of January 30. EMTF response totals for this incident are 194 first responders treated, 78 aided, 17 treated, and 16 transported.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):

HHSC began staffing the SOC in support of winter weather on January 22. HHSC staff were released and returned to normal operations.

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 two Winter Weather (WW) Mission Ready Packages (MRP), one Battalion Mission Command (BNMC), two Ground Support Units (GSU) HQs, one Ground Transportation Platoon (GTP), one General Support Unit, and five Military District Coordinators (MDC) to assist stranded motorists and conduct welfare checks on selected motorways.

The WW MRPs, GSU HQs, GTP, and MDCs are staged in Mt. Pleasant, Duncanville, Gainesville, Joaquin, and Tyler. Military District Coordinators are located in Ft Worth, Mt Pleasant, Kingwood, and Tyler. The SOC Support Team supports the State Operations Center in Austin for the Winter Weather event.

TMD has activated 154 personnel and 53 vehicles in support of winter weather.

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 Baylor, Calhoun, Crockett, Edwards, Hardeman, Henderson, Jones, Limestone, Mitchell, Ochiltree, Palo Pinto, Panola, Sutton, Tom Green, and Williamson Counties.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):

TxDOT works to maintain safe roadways for the traveling public during adverse conditions. As of [January 30](#), there [were 596](#) state-maintained roads impacted by snow and ice. No roads are closed due to snow or ice.

Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC):

As of January 29, there are 2,800 power outages remaining in Deep East Texas Electric Cooperative and 1,800 in Rusk County Electric Cooperative. Complete restoration is still expected by February 1.

Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)

State and Local VOAD are standing by to support mass care operations.

American Red Cross (ARC):

ARC is supporting multiple EOCs across the state virtually and in-person. ARC operations across Texas remain steady, with three open shelters supporting [9](#) clients.

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	1	0	Assigned	Austin
VOAD	SOC	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TX-PWRT	SOC LNO	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TX-PWRT	Staging Team	3	3	Released	Ft Worth GSA
TX-PWRT	Staging Team	3	0	Assigned	RELLIS GSA
TX-PWRT	Generator Task Force Lead	3	3	Assigned	RELLIS GSA
TX-PWRT	Water Operator	1	1	Assigned	Zavalla
TEEX	SOC	2	0	Assigned	Austin

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TEEX	LNO	1	0	Assigned	Mount Pleasant
TAMFS	TIFMAS Strike Team	21	6	Assigned	Mt. Pleasant
TAMFS	Overhead	4	0	Assigned	Various
TAMFS	Saw Personnel	25	0	Assigned	Various
TAMFS	Field Operations	4	0	Assigned	Various
TAMFS	DDEOC	5	0	Assigned	Various
DIR	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	SOC
DSHS	SOC LNO	1	0	Activated	SOC
DSHS	EMTF SCO	1	0	Activated	SOC
DSHS	SOC IT Support	1	0	Activated	SOC
DSHS	MIST	1	0	Activated	SOC
DSHS	SMOC	5	0	Activated	Austin
EMTF	SWX	22	6	Activated	Hopkins Co.
TCEQ	Staff	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TEA	SOC LNO	3	0	Activated	SOC
TMD	BNMC	38	16	Assigned	San Marcos
TMD	GSU HQ A	14	4	Assigned	Duncanville
TMD	GSU HQ B	12	3	Assigned	Mt Pleasant
TMD	WWMRP A-1	18	8	Assigned	Gainesville
TMD	WWMRP B-1	18	8	Assigned	Joaquin
TMD	GTP B-2	10	6	Assigned	Tyler
TMD	GSU-G-3	30	9	Assigned	Mount Pleasant
TMD	MDC-A	1	0	Assigned	Fort Worth
TMD	MDC-B	1	0	Assigned	Mount Pleasant
TMD	MDC DDC-14	1	0	Assigned	Kingwood
TMD	MDC DD-5	1	0	Assigned	Mount Pleasant
TMD	MDC DD-6	1	0	Assigned	Tyler
TMD	SOC Support	9	0	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	SOC
TPWD	DDEOC Liaison	8	8	Assigned	DDEOC 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 12, 14, 18
TPWD	Game Wardens/ State Park Police	500	500	Available	Statewide
TPWD	TPWD Drone Pilots	30	60	Available	Statewide

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TPWD	All-Terrain Vehicles	0	20	Available	Statewide
TxDOT	EMC	1	1	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	Winter Weather Crews	1,687	1,502	Assigned	Statewide
PUC	SOC LNO	3	0	Assigned	SOC
DPS	SOC LNO	5	5	Assigned	SOC
DPS	THP Supervisor	1	1	Assigned	DDEOC 4
DPS	THP Supervisor	1	1	Assigned	DDEOC 5
DPS	THP/CVE Troopers	40	40	Available	Statewide
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 Specialists and Area Chiefs	29	15	Activated	Statewide
AgriLife	DDEOC Representatives	20	0	Activated	Statewide

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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