



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	26-0010 09APR Severe Weather
Date	May 8, 2026
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM May 7, 2026, to 8:00 AM May 8, 2026
Report Number	9

TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 6, 8
Disaster Districts Activated	5, 6, 11

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On May 7, Governor Greg Abbott announced that he directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to request officials from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) join state and local partners in conducting preliminary damage assessments in coastal communities impacted by recent severe storms and tornadic activity. These assessments will help determine if the state meets the thresholds for additional federal disaster assistance.

On May 6, Gov. Abbott amended the state's disaster declaration for severe weather to include Calhoun, Lamar, Palo Pinto, Parker, Victoria, and Wise Counties.

On May 5, Gov. Abbott requested a disaster declaration from the SBA for North Texas communities impacted by severe storms. If approved, the SBA declaration will make federal assistance available through disaster loans for Parker and Wise counties and their contiguous counties.

On May 1, Gov. Abbott amended the state's disaster declaration for severe weather to include Palo Pinto County following impacts from severe storms. With this addition, the total number of counties included in the state's disaster declaration is now four. Additional counties may be added as conditions warrant.

On April 28, Gov. Abbott announced that he issued a disaster declaration for three

North Texas counties impacted by severe storms that continue to affect homes and businesses in the region. The counties included in the Governor's declaration are Lamar, Parker, and Wise. Additional counties may be added as conditions warrant.

On April 10, Gov. Abbott announced that he directed TDEM to activate state emergency response resources in anticipation of severe weather expected to impact multiple regions of Texas over the next several days.

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 2 (Includes DDs 3, 4, and 22)

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): On April 26, DDEOC 4 decreased from Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions). On April 26, Disaster Declarations were received from Parker and Wise Counties. On May 4, DDEOC 4 returned to Level IV (Normal Conditions).

Palo Pinto County: On April 28, an EF-3 tornado with winds up to 145 mph occurred in Mineral Wells according to NWS preliminary reports. Support local recovery efforts by donating to the Mineral Wells Disaster Relief Fund, managed by the Envision Mineral Wells Foundation, Inc. For Palo Pinto County, monetary donations are managed by United Way of Parker County.

Parker County: Six shelters have been opened in Parker County. The First United Methodist Church, Hilltop Family Church, Springtown Church of Christ, Legacy Church, and the Springtown Baptist Temple.

Wise County: Emergency supplies have arrived in the impacted area and are being distributed - Fixed site at 138 Port O' Call, Runaway Bay, TX - providing work gloves, trash bags, masks, shovels, rakes, and tarps. For Wise County, monetary donations are managed by United Way of Wise County.

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 returned to Level IV \(Normal Conditions\) on May 7.](#)

DD 6 – Tyler (Includes Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties): DDEOC 6 activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) on May 6.

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

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) on May 6.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System (TDEM): Sixteen Incident Support Task Force (ISTF) members are deployed to Wise, Parker, and Palo Pinto Counties to assist with EOC operations, damage assessments, donation management, and survivor services. While mass care partners remain on-site for sheltering and feeding, no formal requests for coordination have been received. Mass care teams remain on standby to respond to identified community needs.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Texas A&M Task Force 1 (TEEX/TX-TF1): TDEM has authorized the complete demobilization of all TX-TF resources assigned to this event.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Texas Task Force 2 (TEEX/TX-TF2): On April 26, Texas Task Force 2 (TX-TF2) completed their Wise County Search and returned to their pre-position location in Dallas County to monitor the weather. In total, 56 structures were searched, 27 of those being considered destroyed or severely damaged.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS): TAMFS activated three Saw Teams in Parker

and Wise Counties. There are 13 personnel committed to this event.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): As of April 30, no state-maintained roads have been closed due to severe weather. TxDOT crews have been working on clearing debris and downed trees from state-maintained roadways. Check DriveTexas.org for the most current road safety advisories.

VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTERS (VOAD)

Southern Baptists of Texas Convention Disaster Relief (SBTC): SBTC is responding to the storms that struck Runaway Bay and Springtown area. SBTC has provided 36 showers, completed 13 clean-up and recovery requests, provided 229 meals, made 170 spiritual/emotional care contacts, and provided 920 volunteer hours as of April 30. Assessors arrived in Palo Pinto and Johnson Counties on April 29.

American Red Cross (ARC): ARC assisted with operating shelter locations in Parker, Palo Pinto, and Victoria Counties. As of May 4, all shelters have closed.

Texans on Mission (TXM): As of May 7, the Mineral Wells location has closed, as all work requests have been completed. TXM has received 106 work orders and only have 37 work orders remaining. TXM has performed 80 assessments, completed 51 chainsaw jobs, provided 111 showers, and provided 3,276 volunteer hours.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TDEM	ISTF	16	0	Assigned	Palo Pinto, Parker & Wise Co.
TAMFS	Saw Personnel	13	0	Assigned	Parker & Wise Co.

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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