



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

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Event Name	26-0010 09APR Severe Weather
Date	May 18, 2026
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM May 17, 2026, to 8:00 AM May 18, 2026
Report Number	19

TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 6, 8
Disaster Districts Activated	None

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On May 13, Governor Greg Abbott announced that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved his request for a disaster declaration for additional Texas communities following impacts from last month's severe storms. The SBA has added the following counties to its declaration: Calhoun, Dewitt, Goliad, Jackson, Lavaca, Refugio, and Victoria. These counties have been included in addition to the North Texas communities approved for SBA assistance.

On May 11, Gov. Abbott requested that the SBA include additional Texas communities in the federal disaster declaration following impacts from last month's severe storms. If approved, the SBA declaration will make federal assistance available through disaster loans for Victoria County and its contiguous counties, in addition to the North Texas counties already included.

On May 7, Gov. Abbott announced that he directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to request officials from the 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 6 – Tyler (Includes Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties): DDEOC 6 returned to Level IV (Normal Conditions) on May 11.

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 were 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 443 showers, completed 101 clean-up and recovery requests, provided 1,337 meals, made 539 spiritual/emotional care contacts, and provided 6,250 volunteer hours. Recovery operations for SBTC are anticipated to be completed on May 22.

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 14, TXM received 123 work orders and only have 16 work orders remaining. TXM has performed 85 assessments, completed 85 chainsaw jobs, provided 230 showers, and provided 5,522 volunteer hours.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TDEM	ISTF	16	0	Assigned	Palo Pinto, 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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