



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

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Event Name	26-0026 27SEP Severe Weather
Date	September 29, 2026
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM September 28, 2026, to 8:00 AM September 29, 2026
Report Number	01

TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 6, 7 & 8
Disaster Districts Activated	1, 2, 7, 8

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On September 28, Governor Greg Abbott held a severe weather [briefing and press conference](#) at the Texas State Emergency Operations Center (SOC) to provide an update on the state's preparations for increased heavy rainfall and flooding threats expected to impact large portions of Texas over the next several days. Governor Abbott also directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to activate additional state emergency response resources. The SOC began 24/7 operations effective 7 AM Tuesday September 29.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

- Protect life and property.
- Support rapid & effective response.
- Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
- Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

Region 1 (Includes Disaster District (DD) 1, 2, and 7)

The Region 1 Region Emergency Operations Center (REOC) is activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

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): is activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)

DD 2 – Lubbock (Includes Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry, and Yoakum Counties): is activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)

DD 7 – Abilene (Includes Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, and Throckmorton Counties): DDEOC 7 is activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

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 is activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

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 is activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

DD 22 – Sherman (Includes Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties): DDEOC 22 is activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

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

The Region 7 Region Emergency Operations Center (REOC) activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) in anticipation of the severe weather on September 28, 2026.

DD 8 – El Paso (Includes Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, and Presidio Counties): DDEOC 8 activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) as of September 23.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

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

The State Operations Center (SOC) has activated to Level II (Escalated Response) in

support of this severe weather incident. The SOC is directing interagency coordination to maintain unified communication, deploy necessary resources, and support response operations in affected regions across Texas.

Communications Coordination Group (CCG):

CCG and ESF 2 partners are coordinating with public, private sector, and federal partners in preparation for the forecasted heavy rain event. Partners are identifying and pre-staging communications resources, including Land Mobile Radio (LMR), cellular, satellite communications (SATCOM), amateur radio, and command-and-control capabilities, along with supporting personnel and equipment. The Commission on Statewide Emergency Communications (CSEC) is coordinating with Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and 9-1-1 dispatch centers to identify potential gaps or additional needs.

ESF-5 Incident Support Task Force (ISTF):

As of September 28, ISTF has identified 27 members to remain on standby in support of the event.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):

The Texas A&M Forest Service has activated three Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) All Hazard Strike teams consisting of 58 personnel and 15 Engines in preparation for this severe weather event.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) (Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF)):

On September 27, the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) State Medical Operations Center (SMOC) activated to a Limited Activation in support of severe weather. The DSHS Panhandle Regional Advisory County Regional Medical Operations Center will be activating to monitor healthcare facility statuses, needs, and to coordinate resources.

As of September 27, the Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) has assigned and pre-deployed personnel and six All Hazards (AH) Groups in anticipation of the severe weather.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Texas Task Force 1 (TEEX/TX-TF1):

On September 28, TX-TF1 assigned five swift water rescue boat squads to the event. One of the boat squads has been relocated to El Paso.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):

Crews will be patrolling roadways statewide throughout the week, monitoring flood-prone areas, and clearing drainage systems. Signs, message boards, and barricades are ready for deployment, if needed, to support road closures due to potential flooding. With incoming weather threats, motorists are encouraged to slow down and drive according to conditions. Messaging to the public includes reminders for motorists to check [DriveTexas.org](https://www.drive-texas.org) for the most current road and safety advisories. TxDOT is staffing the State Operations Center and closely monitoring all weather threats. Local crews statewide remain ready to respond and assist as needed.

As of 10:00 a.m. on September 28, TxDOT reported one (Farm-to-Market) FM roadways in Parmer County closed due to flooding. Two FM roadways in Cochran County have reported patches of floodwater on the roadway.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):

TPWD has prepared resources, including Texas Game Wardens and State Parks Police Officers equipped with swift water and shallow water boats, to support rescue operations in areas affected by severe weather. TPWD continues to coordinate with TDEM through the State Operations Center to ensure search and rescue (SAR) resources and first responders are available as needed. Personnel continue to monitor current weather conditions and maintain a state of readiness.

Texas Military Department (TMD):

On September 27, the Texas Military Department (TMD) activated and is supporting the State of Texas and state agency partners with the severe weather event.

As of September 27, TMD has activated five Ground Transportation Platoons (GTPs), two General Support Unit Headquarters + (GSUHQ+), and one Battalion Mission Command (BNMC) with 1.5 Rotary Wing Medium (RWM) MRPs with TX-TF1. TMD has 119 personnel, 36 vehicles, and three rotary wing aircraft committed to this event.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
DSHS	SOC LNO	1	0	Assigned	Austin
DSHS	SCO +MIST	2	0	Assigned	Austin
DSHS	AH Group Zulu	22	11	Assigned	Kerrville
DSHS	AH Group Yankee	22	11	Assigned	Hillsboro
DSHS	AH Group Whiskey	22	11	Assigned	Amarillo

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DSHS	AH Group X-Ray	22	11	Assigned	Hillsboro
DSHS	AH Group Victor	22	11	Assigned	College Station
DSHS	AH Group Uniform	22	11	Assigned	Kerrville
TMD	UH-60 Alamo	7	1	Activated	San Antonio
TMD	UH-60 Alamo	8	1	Activated	San Antonio
TMD	UH-60 TANDM	8	1	Activated	Austin
TMD	GSUHQ+ A	12	4	Activated	Amarillo
TMD	GSUHQ+ B	12	4	Activated	Fort Worth
TMD	GTP A-1	10	5	Activated	Amarillo
TMD	GTP A-2	10	5	Activated	Lubbock
TMD	GTP B-1	10	5	Activated	Hillsboro
TMD	GTP B-2	10	5	Activated	Hillsboro
TMD	GTP B-3	10	5	Activated	Kerrville
TMD	AOC	4	0	Activated	Austin
TMD	BNMC	18	0	Activated	Fort Worth
TX-TF1	WS Fort Worth	6	1	Activated	Hockley County
TX-TF1	WS Dallas	6	1	Activated	Randall County
TX-TF1	WS El Paso	6	1	Activated	El Paso County
TX-TF1	WS San Antonio	6	1	Activated	Jeff Davis County
TX-TF1	WS Austin	6	1	Activated	El Paso County

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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