



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	26-0026 27SEP Severe Weather
Date	September 30, 2026
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM September 29, 2026, to 8:00 AM September 30, 2026
Report Number	02
TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 6, 7 & 8
Disaster Districts Activated	1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, & 22

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).

As of September 29, weather related road closures are being reported in Castro, Lamb, and Parmer counties. The Regional Voluntary Agencies Liaison (VAL) is in contact with the local voluntary organizations active in disaster (VOAD) and Deaf Smith County officials about a community with a history of flooding and will continue to monitor the situation.

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.

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 is activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) as of September 29.

DD 10 – San Angelo (Includes Coke, Concho, Crockett, Edwards, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, and Tom Green Counties): DDEOC 10 is activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) as of September 29.

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):

The Incident Support Task Force is staffing the SOC and monitoring the incoming severe weather system and areas forecasted to be impacted for potential requests for state assistance. As of September 28, ISTF has identified 27 members to remain on standby in support of the event.

ESF-6 Mass Care ISTF:

Monitoring continues for potential Mass Care activities during upcoming operational periods. There are 14 shelters identified throughout the projected impact area and one

shelter on standby in El Paso. Partner agencies remain on standby and prepared to provide support as community needs are identified and requests for assistance are received. Mass Care resources are staged and ready to support transportation and accountability/tracking operations, if requested, for this event.

As of September 29, there are no active shelters, feeding operations, or bulk distributions of emergency supplies.

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

As of September 29, TX-TF1 has activated 13 swift water rescue boat squads, three water group supervisors, two high profile vehicle (HPV) mission ready packages (MRP), and seven rescue swimmers assigned to the Texas Military Department (TMD) and the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) aircraft. TX-TF1 has a total of 108 personnel supporting this incident.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service – Public Works Team (TX-PWRT):

TX-PWRT continues to support and coordinate operations and monitor for any request for assistance.

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 61 personnel and 15 Engines in preparation for this severe weather event.

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)

DPS is monitoring storm impacts. Personnel and assets across the agency have been advised of the potential for severe weather and are ready to respond.

As of September 29, DPS has six hoist helicopters available. The Tactical Marine Unit has units on standby in Burnet County, New Braunfels, the coast, and Rio Grande Valley.

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. As of September 29, the DSHS Panhandle Regional Advisory County Regional Medical Operations Center is activated to Level III (Increased Readiness) and will maintain 24-hour operational periods until the severe weather threat has cleared. The RMOC will monitor healthcare facility statuses, needs, and coordinate resources.

As of [September 29](#), 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 Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):

HHSC is staffing the SOC in support of severe weather response operation as of [September 29](#).

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](#) 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 September 29, TxDOT has reported one \(Farm-to-Market\) FM roadway in Parmer County closed due to flooding. Additionally, there are two state-maintained roads with patches of flood water in Castro and Lamb Counties.](#)

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 29, TMD has activated [six](#) 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 [105](#) personnel, [38](#) vehicles, and three rotary wing aircraft committed to this event.

[Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters \(VOAD\)](#)

American Red Cross (ARC):

ARC is preparing for potential response operations by pre-staging supplies outside of the projected impact zones and identifying volunteers available to support sheltering, feeding, and damage assessment missions.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TDEM	ESF-6	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TDEM	VAL	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TDEM	ISTF HQ	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TX-TF1	WS Fort Worth	6	2	Activated	Hockley County
TX-TF1	WS Dallas	6	2	Activated	Randall County
TX-TF1	WS El Paso	6	2	Activated	El Paso County
TX-TF1	WS San Antonio	6	2	Activated	Jeff Davis County
TX-TF1	WS Austin	6	2	Activated	El Paso County
TX-TF1	WS Denton	6	2	Activated	Lubbock County
TX-TF1	WS Gainesville	5	2	Activated	Randall County
TX-TF1	WS Haltom/Euless	6	2	Activated	Randall County
TX-TF1	WS Bryan/Killeen	6	2	Activated	Kerr County
TX-TF1	WS Longview	6	2	Activated	Hill County
TX-TF1	WS Washington Co	5	2	Activated	Tom Green County
TX-TF1	WS Conroe	6	2	Activated	Val Verde County
TX-TF1	WS ATCEMS/Hurst	6	2	Activated	Hill County
TX-TF1	HPV MRP	12	2	Activated	Brazos County
TX-TF1	HSART	3	0	Activated	Dallas County
TX-TF1	Air Operations	1	0	Activated	Travis County
TX-TF1	Water Group Supervisors	6	0	Activated	
TX-TF1	ESF-9 LNO	2	0	Activated	Travis County
TX-TF1	Overhead	4	0	Activated	Brazos County

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TX-PWRT	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TIFMAS	ST Engine/Tender	58	15	Assigned	Statewide
TIFMAS	Single Resource/Overhead	3	0	Assigned	Statewide
DPS	Tactical Marine Unit	24	11	Available	Burnet County, New Braunfels, and Coast/Rio Grande Valley
DPS	THP Captain and Major	2	0	Assigned	SOC
DPS	Hoist Helicopters	18	6	Available	Alpine, Austin, Dallas, San Antonio, Houston
DSHS	SOC LNO	2	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
DSHS	AH Group X-Ray	22	11	Assigned	Hillsboro
DSHS	AH Group Victor	21	10	Assigned	College Station
DSHS	AH Group Uniform	22	11	Assigned	Kerrville
TXDOT	EMC	2	0	Assigned	Austin
TXDOT	SOC Liaison	2	0	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	SOC
TPWD	PIO	1	1	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	Game Wardens/State Park Police	250	250	Available	Statewide
TPWD	SAR Boat Teams	20	28	Assigned	Lampasas, McLennan, Tom Green, Bastrop, Tyler, Montgomery, Kerr, and Smith Counties

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TPWD	Shallow Boat	0	30	Available	Statewide
TPWD	Air Boat	0	10	Available	Statewide
TPWD	Helicopter	2	3	Available	Austin
TPWD	Drone (UAS) Pilots	40	80	Available	Statewide
TMD	UH-60 Alamo-01	4	1	Assigned	Midland
TMD	UH-60 Alamo-02	4	1	Assigned	Midland
TMD	UH-60 SHINR-01	6	1	Assigned	Grand Prairie
TMD	GSUHQ+ A	12	4	Activated	Lubbock
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 A-3	10	5	Activated	El Paso
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	3	0	Activated	Fort Worth
HHSC	SOC Liaison	1	0	Activated	Austin

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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