Texas Division of Emergency Management

State Situation Report

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Event Name	**26-0026 27SEP Severe Weather**
Date	October 3, 2026
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM October 2, 2026, to 8:00 AM October 3, 2026
Report Number	05
TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8
Disaster Districts Activated	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 11, 19, 20, 21, 22 & 23

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: State emergency response resources remain deployed to support local rain and flood response operations throughout impacted areas.

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): As of September 30, DDEOC 1 maintains 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): As of September 30, DDEOC 2 maintains 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): As of September 30, DDEOC 7 maintains 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): As of September 30, DDEOC 3 maintains 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): As of September 30, DDEOC 4 maintains Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

DD 22 – Sherman (Includes Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties): As of September 30, DDEOC 22 maintains Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)

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 activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) on October 1.

Region 5 (Includes DDs 19-21)

DD 19 – Laredo (Includes Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb, and Zapata, Counties): DDEOC 19 activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) on October 1.

DD 20 – Corpus Christi (Includes Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patricio Counties): DDEOC 20 activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) on October 1.

DD 21 – Weslaco (Includes Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties): DDEOC 21 activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) on October 1.

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

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) on October 2.

Bexar County: As of October 2, there are 12 low water crossings reported closed within the county.

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

The Region 7 Region Emergency Operations Center (REOC) returned to Level IV (Normal Conditions) October 2.

DD 8 – El Paso (Includes Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, and Presidio Counties): As of October 1, DDEOC 8 maintains to Level IV (Normal Conditions).

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): On October 1, DDEOC 9 returned to Level IV (Normal Conditions).

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) on October 2.

Region 8 (Includes DDs 11, 12, 13, 23, and 25)

The Region 8 Region Emergency Operations Center (REOC) is activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

DD 11 – Waco (Includes Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone, and McLennan Counties): As of October 2, DDEOC 11 maintains to Level III (Increased Readiness).

DD 12 – Austin (Includes Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis, and Williamson Counties): DDEOC 12 returned to Level IV (Normal Conditions) on October 2.

Burnet County: As of October 2, northern Burnet County has received approximately eight inches of rain over the past 24 hours. The Lower Colorado River Authority opened one flood gate at the Starke Dam shortly after 1:00 A.M.

DD 23 – Killeen (Includes Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba Counties): As of October 2, DDEOC 23 maintains to Level III (Increased Readiness).

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.

As of October 1, cellular partners have reported no major cellular outages. T-Mobile has deployed additional generators to West Texas and will continue to monitor the weather impacts.

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 October 2, ISTF has identified 28 members available to deploy in support of the event.

ESF-6 Mass Care ISTF:

Monitoring continues for potential Mass Care activities during upcoming operational periods. A total of 26 shelters have been identified and are on standby throughout the

projected impact area. Of these, 25 will be managed by the American Red Cross, while one will be independently managed. 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.

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

As of September 30, TX-TF1 has activated 13 swift water rescue boat squads, six 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.

As of October 3, TX-TF1 remains in a state of readiness to support search and rescue missions associated with this incident.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Texas Task Force 2 (TEEX/TX-TF2):

At the request of TDEM, TX-TF2 has also activated a Type 3 water-capable Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Task Force.

As of October 3, TX-TF2 US&R remains mission ready.

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 four Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) All Hazard Strike teams consisting of 77 personnel and 20 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 October 1, DPS has six hoist helicopters available. The Tactical Marine Unit has 11 units, including seven flood recovery boats, on standby in Burnet County, Georgetown, New Braunfels, and in the Rio Grande Valley. DPS Homeland Security and Infrastructure Operations Division has a command trailer and personnel on standby, available to respond as needed.

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

As of October 2, the Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) has assigned and are adjusting pre-deployed personnel and six All Hazards (AH) Groups to align with updated severe weather locations. All DSHS Public Health Regions continue to actively monitor potential weather impacts in their regions and are ready to support DDEOCs across the state. Public Health Regions 1, 7, 8, and 11 are at Increased Readiness level.

As of October 1, the DSHS Panhandle Regional Advisory County Regional Medical Operations Center (RMOC) has returned to Level IV (Normal Operations). The RMOC will monitor healthcare facility statuses, needs, and coordinate resources.

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.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):

TCEQ has agency staff and emergency response hazmat contractors available to assist with air, water, and waste-related issues, including drinking water and wastewater concerns, as well as emergency response activities.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):

On September 29, HHSC began staffing the SOC in support of severe weather response operations. As of October 2, HHSC has been released from this event.

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 October 2, TxDOT is reporting 26 state-maintained road segments with floodwater on the road and 12 Farm-to-Market (FM) road segment closures.

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.

As of October 2, Post Oak State Park is closed to the public for public safety and remains day-use only. South Llano River State Park is open to the public. Water is impacting some areas of the park, which remain closed to the public. The Devils River State Natural Area Del Norte and Dan Hughes Units are closed due to limited access and flooding. Damage assessments will be completed once the park is accessible. Texas Game Wardens have returned to normal operations and will continue to monitor current weather conditions and support as needed.

Texas Military Department (TMD):

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

As of October 2, 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 and one Rotary Wing Heavy (RWH) MRP with TX-TF1. TMD has 132 personnel, 39 vehicles, and four rotary wing aircraft committed to this event.

Texas Cyber Command (TCC):

Texas Cyber Command is monitoring the situation and stands ready to support the state's response efforts. No cyber threats related to this event have been identified.

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.

As of October 2, The ARC has identified 25 shelters and remains on standby. Staffing readiness for shelter operations, logistics, and damage assessments is being coordinated across affected areas. Shelter trailers are stocked and ready for deployment. West Texas damage assessments begin following improved weather conditions.

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	Van Zandt County
TX-TF1	WS Dallas	6	2	Activated	Fannin County
TX-TF1	WS El Paso	6	2	Activated	Sutton County
TX-TF1	WS San Antonio	6	2	Activated	Caldwell County
TX-TF1	WS Austin	6	2	Activated	Webb County
TX-TF1	WS Denton	6	2	Activated	Johnson County
TX-TF1	WS Gainesville	5	2	Activated	Hunt County
TX-TF1	WS Haltom/Euless	6	2	Activated	Navarro 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	Austin County
TX-TF1	WS Conroe	6	2	Activated	Atascosa County
TX-TF1	WS ATCEMS/Hurst	6	2	Activated	Washington County
TX-TF1	HPV MRP	6	2	Activated	Medina County
TX-TF1	HSART	3	0	Activated	Dallas County
TX-TF1	HSART	2	0	Activated	Webb County
TX-TF1	HSART	2	0	Activated	Uvalde 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-TF2	Type 3 US&R	47	0	Activated	Dallas County
TX-TF1	Overhead	4	0	Activated	Brazos County
TX-TF1	HPV MRP 2	6	2	Activated	Uvalde County
TX-TF1	Water MRP	16	4	Activated	Medina County

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TX-TF3	WS RGV	6	2	Activated	Jim Wells County
TX-PWRT	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TIFMAS	ST Engine/Tender	74	20	Assigned	Statewide
TIFMAS	Single Resource/Overhead	3	0	Assigned	Statewide
DPS	Tactical Marine Unit	24	11	Available	Burnet County, New Braunfels, Georgetown, and Coast/Rio Grande Valley
DPS	THP Chief's Office	4	0	Assigned	SOC
DPS	Hoist Helicopters	18	6	Available	Alpine, Austin, Dallas, San Antonio, and Houston
DPS	Type I Mobile Emergency Operations Center (MEOC)	4	1	Available	Austin
DPS	Mobile Tower Site	3	0	Available	Austin
DPS	Cache Radios (Motorola APX7000, multi-band radios)	0	40	Available	Austin
DPS	GIS Personnel	2	0	Available	Austin
DSHS	SOC LNO	2	0	Assigned	Austin
DSHS	SCO + MIST	3	0	Assigned	Austin
DSHS	Group Supervisor + Tech Specialist	2	0	Assigned	Alice
DSHS	AH Group Zulu	22	11	Assigned	Kerrville
DSHS	AH Group Yankee	22	11	Assigned	Hillsboro
DSHS	AH Group Whiskey	22	11	Assigned	Laredo
DSHS	AH Group X-Ray	22	11	Assigned	Rellis
DSHS	AH Group Victor	21	10	Assigned	Alice

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DSHS	AH Group Uniform	22	11	Assigned	Kerrville
TCEQ	SOC LNO	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TXDOT	EMC	2	0	Assigned	Austin
TXDOT	SOC Liaison	3	2	Assigned	Austin
TXDOT	Local District Support	600	490	Assigned	Impacted Districts
TPWD	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	SOC
TPWD	EOC Liaison	2	2	Available	Kerrville and Gillespie County
TPWD	PIO	1	1	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	Game Wardens/State Park Police	250	250	Available	Statewide
TPWD	SAR Boat Teams	15	21	Available	Kerrville, Menard, Tarrant, Tyler, McLennan, and Bastrop Counties
TPWD	Shallow Boat	0	30	Available	Statewide
TPWD	Air Boat	0	10	Available	Statewide
TPWD	Helicopter	2	3	Available	Austin
TPWD	UAS	40	80	Available	Statewide
TPWD	Drone (UAS) Pilots	36	72	Available	Statewide
TMD	UH-60 Alamo-01	3	1	Assigned	Laredo
TMD	UH-60 Alamo-02	10	1	Assigned	Uvalde
TMD	UH-60 SHINR-01	7	1	Assigned	Temple
TMD	CH-47 TANDM-11	11	1	Activated	Grand Prairie
TMD	GSUHQ+ B	12	4	Assigned	Fort Worth
TMD	GTP B-1	10	5	Assigned	Alice
TMD	GTP B-2	10	5	Assigned	Hillsboro
TMD	GTP B-3	10	5	Assigned	Kerrville
TMD	GTP B-4	10	5	Assigned	Laredo
TMD	AOC	7	0	Activated	Austin
TMD	BNMC	10	1	Activated	Fort Worth

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TCC	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
HHSC	SOC Liaison	1	0	Released	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:
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