**Texas Division of Emergency Management**

**State Situation Report**

**New Information is in Blue Text**

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| **Event Name** | **26-0026 27SEP Severe Weather** |
| **Date** | October 8, 2026 |
| **Time** | 10:00 AM |
| **Operational Period** | 8:00 AM October 7, 2026, to 8:00 AM October 8, 2026 |
| **Report Number** | 10 |
| **TDEM Regions Affected** | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7 |
| **Disaster Districts Activated** | None |

**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)**

**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): DDEOC 1 returned to Level IV (Normal Operations) on October 5.

**DD 2** – Lubbock (Includes Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry, and Yoakum Counties): DDEOC 2 returned to Level IV (Normal Operations) on October 5.

**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 returned to Level IV (Normal Operations) on October 5.

**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 returned to Level IV (Normal Operations) on October 5.

**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 October 5, DDEOC 4 returned to Level IV (Normal Operations).

**DD 22** – Sherman (Includes Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties): DDEOC 22 returned to Level IV (Normal Operations) on October 5.

**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 Operations) on October 3.

**Region 5 (Includes DDs 19-21)**

**DD 19** – Laredo (Includes Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb, and Zapata, Counties): DDEOC 19 returned to Level IV (Normal Operations) on October 3.

**DD 20** – Corpus Christi (Includes Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patricio Counties): DDEOC 20 returned to Level IV (Normal Conditions) on October 7.

**DD 21** – Weslaco (Includes Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties): DDEOC 21 returned to Level IV (Normal Conditions) on October 8.

**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.

**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) returned to Level IV (Normal Operations) on October 3.

**DD 11 –** Waco (Includes Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone, and McLennan Counties): As of October 3, DDEOC 11 returned to Level IV (Normal Operations).

**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.

**DD 23** – Killeen (Includes Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba Counties): As of October 3, DDEOC 23 returned to Level IV (Normal Operations).

## 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):

On October 6, all CCG partners have returned to normal operations.

### ESF-5 Incident Support Task Force (ISTF):

On October 3, ISTF staff demobilized from the SOC and there were no ISTF members deployed during this event.

### ESF-6 Mass Care ISTF:

No requests for Mass Care services or coordination have been received at this time. Partner agencies remain on standby and are prepared to support identified community needs. Mass Care resources are staged and ready to support transportation, accountability, and tracking operations as requested.

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

As of October 7, the remaining boat squad has been released from the incident. The Liaison Officer continues to support the SOC, while ESF-9 overhead personnel remain activated in Brazos County. The TX-TF1 Water Group Supervisor attached to TX-TF3 remains deployed in Cameron County.

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

As of October 4, TX-TF2 US&R has been released.

### Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Texas Task Force 3 (TEEX/TX-TF3):

As of October 2, TX-TF3 activated a swift water rescue boat squad in the Rio Grande Valley.

**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 one Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) All Hazard Strike team prepositioned in Harlingen consisting of 20 personnel and 5 Engines in response to severe weather.

**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.

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

As of October 5, the Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) continues to adjust prepositioned personnel and resources to align with current and potential threats in South Texas and along the Texas Gulf Coast. Currently deployed resources remain ready to support responder force protection, local evacuations, and local 9-1-1 systems.

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 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. Local crews statewide remain ready to respond and assist as needed.

**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 6, Post Oak State Park and South Llano River State Park are open 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):**

As of October 7, TMD has released all remaining resources 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):**

As of October 5, all standby shelter sites have been released. There were no shelter openings required and all shelter resources and personnel have been released. Situational awareness activities have returned to normal operating conditions

## STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

| Agency | Resource Kind and Type | Personnel | Equipment | Status | Location |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TX-TF1 | WS Washington Co | 6 | 2 | Released | Cameron County |
| TX-TF1 | WS Conroe | 6 | 2 | Released | Cameron County |
| TX-TF1 | Water Group Supervisor | 1 | 0 | Activated | Cameron County |
| TX-TF1 | ESF-9 LNO | 1 | 0 | Activated | Remote |
| TX-TF1 | Overhead | 3 | 0 | Activated | Brazos County |

| Agency | Resource Kind and Type | Personnel | Equipment | Status | Location |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TX-TF3 | WS RGV | 6 | 2 | Activated | Cameron County |
| TX-PWRT | SOC Liaison | 1 | 0 | Released | SOC |
| TIFMAS | ST Engine/Tender | 20 | 5 | Assigned | Cameron County |
| DPS | THP Chief's Office | 4 | 0 | Released | SOC |
| DSHS | SOC LNO | 1 | 0 | Assigned | Austin |
| DSHS | AH (EMTF IMT) Group Supervisor + Tech Specialist | 2 | 0 | Assigned | Cameron County |
| DSHS | AH Group Victor | 21 | 10 | Assigned | Harlingen |
| TCEQ | SOC LNO | 1 | 0 | Released | SOC |
| TXDOT | EMC | 2 | 0 | Released | Austin |
| TXDOT | SOC Liaison | 2 | 0 | Assigned | Remote |
| TXDOT | Local District Support | 1078 | 675 | Released | Impacted Districts |
| TPWD | SOC Liaison | 1 | 1 | Released | SOC |
| TPWD | EOC Liaison | 2 | 2 | Released | Kerrville and Gillespie County |
| TPWD | PIO | 1 | 1 | Released | Austin |
| TPWD | Game Wardens/State Park Police | 250 | 250 | Released | Statewide |
| TPWD | SAR Boat Teams | 15 | 21 | Released | Kerrville, Menard, Tarrant, Tyler, McLennan, and Bastrop Counties |
| TPWD | Shallow Boat | 0 | 30 | Released | Statewide |
| TPWD | Air Boat | 0 | 10 | Released | Statewide |
| TPWD | Helicopter | 2 | 3 | Released | Austin |
| TPWD | UAS | 40 | 80 | Released | Statewide |
| TPWD | Drone (UAS) Pilots | 36 | 72 | Released | Statewide |
| TMD | UH-60 Alamo-01 | 7 | 1 | Released | Edinburg |
| TMD | GTP B-1 | 10 | 5 | Released | Harlingen |
| TMD | AOC | 3 | 0 | Released | Austin |

| Agency | Resource Kind and Type | Personnel | Equipment | Status | Location |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TCC | 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:*
https://tdem.texas.gov/response/state-operations-center#tab-3

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