



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

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Event Name	26-0027 12OCT Severe Weather
Date	October 14, 2026
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM October 13, 2026, to 8:00 AM October 14, 2026
Report Number	01

TDEM Regions Affected	1 & 7
Disaster Districts Activated	1, 2, 7, 8, 9

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On October 13, Governor Greg Abbott directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to activate state emergency response resources ahead of severe weather, heavy rainfall, and potential flash flooding expected to impact portions of West Texas this week.

According to the National Weather Service, an approaching weather system caused by the remnants of Hurricane Simon is expected to bring rounds of thunderstorms capable of producing large hail, damaging winds, and excessive rainfall leading to flash flooding. These threats are anticipated across portions of the Texas Panhandle beginning October 13 and continuing into midweek, before expanding further south and east to include areas such as the South Plains, Permian Basin, Big Country, Texoma, Big Bend, and Texas Border regions. Texans are encouraged to closely monitor local forecasts as weather conditions develop.

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 activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) on October 13, 2026.

DD 2 – Lubbock (Includes Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry, and Yoakum Counties): DDEOC 2 activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) on October 13, 2026.

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 activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) on October 13, 2026.

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

The Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC) 7 activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) on October 13.

DD 8 – El Paso (Includes Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, and Presidio Counties): DDEOC 8 activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) on October 13.

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 activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) on October 13.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

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

The State Operations Center (SOC) maintains 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.

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

In response to the possible impact of severe weather in Texas, TEEX TX-TF1 has activated to support life and property within the state.

On October 13, TX-TF1 activated three Swift Water Rescue boat squads and routed them into TDEM Regions 1 and 7 to integrate with local rescue crews.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TX-TF1	WS Fort Worth	6	2	Activated	Randall County
TX-TF1	WS Euless/HC	6	2	Activated	Lubbock County
TX-TF1	WS El Paso	6	2	Activated	Pecos County
TX-TF1	Water Group Supervisor	2	0	Activated	Lubbock County
TX-TF1	LNO	1	0	Activated	Travis County
TX-TF1	Overhead	4	0	Activated	Brazos 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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