Texas Division of Emergency Management

State Situation Report

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Event Name	**26-0028 23OCT Severe Weather**
Date	November 4, 2026
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM November 3, 2026, to 8:00 AM November 4, 2026
Report Number	6

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

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Severe storms, including heavy rainfall, damaging wind, large hail, flash flooding, and possible tornadoes, posed a threat across large portions of West, North, Central, and East Texas over several days beginning in late October. Storms may continue to threaten the Coastal Plains later this week.

On October 29, Governor Greg Abbott issued a disaster proclamation for El Paso County in response to severe storms that began on October 23, 2026, and urged impacted Texans to report damage using TDEM's Individual State of Texas Assessment Tool (iSTAT): damage.tdem.texas.gov.

On October 28, Governor Greg Abbott directed the TDEM to activate state emergency response resources ahead of heavy rainfall and potential flash flooding expected to impact portions of West and South-Central Texas.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

- Protect life and property.
- Support rapid and effective responses.

- 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 is activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) as of October 24.

DD 2 – Lubbock (Includes Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry, and Yoakum Counties): DDEOC 2 is activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) as of October 25.

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) as of October 25.

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 Conditions) on November 4.

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

Damage assessments have been completed in El Paso County. Incident Support Task Force (ISTF) staff are evaluating the need for Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) assistance and other recovery support. Region 7 staff will continue to provide technical assistance and assist with recovery efforts as the needs arise.

DD 8 – El Paso (Includes Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, and Presidio Counties): DDEOC 8 is activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) as of October 29.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

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

The State Operations Center (SOC) is directing interagency coordination to maintain unified communication, deploy necessary resources, and support response operations in affected regions across Texas.

ESF-16 Recovery:

Region 7 has completed initial Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) in coordination with county officials. Joint PDAs with the Small Business Administration (SBA), local officials, and TDEM personnel are scheduled to take place on Thursday, November 5. There are a total of 193 iSTAT submissions with 25 submissions categorized as having sustained major damage in El Paso County.

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

The State Medical Operations Center is at limited activation and is monitoring for severe weather development and resource requests. One EMTF Severe Weather Package has been reassigned to Hillsboro to provide responder force protection, evacuation assistance, and support for local 911 systems.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):

TxDOT personnel are actively monitoring roadways and transportation conditions. As of 10:00 AM on October 29, there are no state-maintained road closures due to weather.

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

TEEX TX-TF1 has activated in response to the possible impact of severe weather.

On November 3, three boat squads were repositioned to Region 3 as storm remnants were poised to move into Louisiana.

On November 2, one boat squad has been repositioned eastward into TDEM Region 2 in preparation for potential severe weather. No requests for service have been received within the past 24 hours.

On November 1, boat squads were repositioned in Regions 1, 4, 7, and 8 to enhance preparation for the expected severe weather.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS)

TAMFS is supporting search, rescue, and recovery efforts in affected regions. There is one All-Hazards Strike Team and one Group Supervisor in Hill County.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):

TPWD has Game Wardens, rescue boat teams, and helicopters with hoist capability to assist with incident response.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TDEM	ISTF SOC Liaison	3		Assigned	Travis County
TX-TF1	Overhead	4		Activated	Brazos County
TX-TF1	LNO	1		Activated	Travis County
TX-TF1	WGS	2		Activated	McLennan County
TX-TF1	WS Austin	6	2	Activated	Jasper County
TX-TF1	WS Conroe	6	2	Activated	Nacogdoches County
TX-TF1	WS Gainesville	6	2	Activated	San Jacinto County
TX-TF1	WS Longview	6	2	Activated	Brazoria County
TX-TF1	HPV MRP	6	2	Activated	Brazoria County
TAMFS	Overhead	1	1	Assigned	Hill County
TIFMAS	AH Strike Team	20	6	Assigned	Hill County
DSHS	LNO	2		Assigned	Travis County
DSHS	SWX PXG (AH TF Uniform)	22	10	Assigned	Hill 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:
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