Texas Division of Emergency Management

State Situation Report

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Event Name	**26-0028 23OCT Severe Weather**
Date	November 16, 2026
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM November 15, 2026, to 8:00 AM November 16, 2026
Report Number	17

TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 7
Disaster Districts Activated	None

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On November 11, Governor Greg Abbott requested a disaster declaration from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for El Paso County following severe storms and flooding that impacted communities in Far West Texas.

On November 5, Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments were conducted by the Small Business Administration (SBA), local officials, and TDEM personnel.

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.

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 returned to Level IV (Normal Conditions) on November 4.

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 Conditions) on November 4.

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 Conditions) on November 4.

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. 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 returned to Level IV (Normal Conditions) on November 4.

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 were completed on Thursday, November 5.

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

On November 4, The EMTF Severe Weather Package and the SOC Liaison (LNO) were released from this event.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):

TxDOT personnel are actively monitoring roadways and transportation conditions.

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

On November 6, all resources were released from this incident.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS)

On November 5, all resources were released from this incident.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):

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

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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