Texas Division of Emergency Management

State Situation Report

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Event Name	**26-0029 06NOV 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	09

TDEM Regions Affected	1 and 5
Disaster Districts Activated	None

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Severe weather conditions significantly impacted roadway access in areas of Jim Wells County, temporarily restricting residents' ability to leave their homes. Local and state response partners coordinated emergency operations, welfare assessments, and temporary sheltering to support affected residents.

Regional recovery personnel remain engaged to support ongoing local recovery needs.

On November 6, Governor Greg Abbott announced that he directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to mobilize additional state emergency response resources in anticipation of rain and flooding expected to impact the state this weekend.

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 DDs 1, 2, and 3)

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 9.

Region 5 (Includes DDs 19, 20, and 21)

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 November 12.

Jim Wells County remains at Level III (Increased Readiness) Conditions.

On November 10, a Local Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was established at the Premont Police Department in response to severe weather conditions. Construction-related conditions, combined with adverse weather, significantly impacted roadway access, temporarily preventing residents from leaving their homes. A total of 56 residences, representing approximately 168 residents, were affected. Local and state response partners coordinated welfare assessments, emergency access, resource deployment, and sheltering operations. A temporary shelter was established to assist displaced residents, accommodating five individuals.

On November 10, the affected area had been cleared; no additional evacuations were required. Hotel accommodations were arranged for a displaced family of four. No power outages or disruptions to water or wastewater services were reported.

On November 11, disaster declarations have been issued for Jim Wells County and the City of Premont.

A meeting between the contractor and engineer took place to develop a solution for the ongoing road closures impacting residents and their ability to access their homes. The three primary objectives identified are: covering three manholes, completing milling operations, and installing barricades. The City of Premont EOC moved to Level III. State assets returned to the staging area in Alice. TDEM will maintain availability to support the county as needed.

As of November 12, barricades have been placed. Manholes have been covered. Milling operations are ongoing. State assets have been released.

DD 21 – Weslaco (Includes Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties): DDEOC 21 returned to Level IV (Normal Conditions) as of November 10.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

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

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

Department of Transportation (TxDOT):

TxDOT is closely monitoring the weather, as well as river rises. Local crews have been responding and will continue to respond and monitor roadway conditions.

On November 9, TxDOT reports 26 locations along state-maintained roadways impacted by floodwaters, including 18 road segment closures.

On November 10, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) reported multiple closures along U.S. Highway (US) 377 due to high water at low-water crossings.

Road crews have conducted roadway patrols, cleared debris, and repositioned barricades as needed to maintain roadway safety.

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

On November 8, TX-TF1 teams successfully completed at least one evacuation as water levels in creeks and rivers began to rise across Region 5.

On November 12, all resources demobilized from this event.

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

On November 12, all resources demobilized from this event.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):

On November 12, the TIFMAS All Hazards (AH) Strike Team (ST) was released from this incident.

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):

On November 12, the DPS TMU was released from this incident.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):

On November 11, TPWD resources returned to normal operations and will remain available if the need for additional support arises.

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

On November 12, all EMTF resources were released from this event.

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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