



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	20-0012 Hurricane Hanna (EM-3530)
Date	July 30, 2020
Time	0900
Operational Period	July 29 to July 30, 2020
Report Number	7

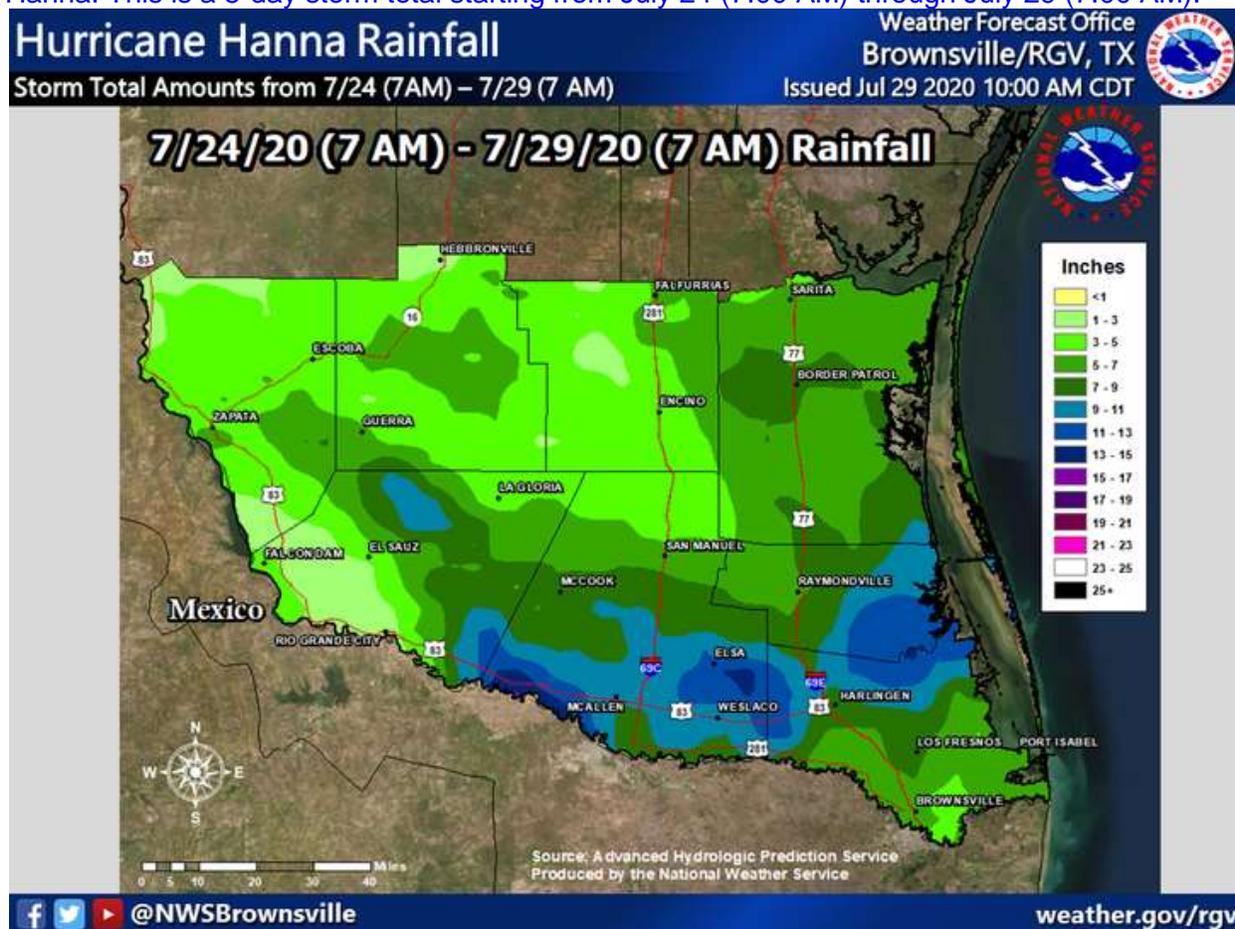
Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	3
DDCs Active	DDC's 20 & 21

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Local jurisdictions along with State and Federal partners and Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOADs) continued with recovery efforts from Hurricane Hanna.

Weather: NWS Brownsville: Appears that heavy rain threat has finally ended, for the time being, after days of active weather beginning with the arrival of Hurricane Hanna late last week. Per recent visible satellite and radar imagery, looks like the vast majority of the warning area has stabilized, due to several factors: First, an outflow boundary that moved through this morning which was generated by vigorous thunderstorms along the Tamaulipas coast left cooler air in its wake. Second, the upper-level low is drifting away toward the west a little faster than indicated by previous model guidance. Finally (related to the previous point), surface ridging as an extension of the Bermuda high, is already nosing in from the east. Consequently, have opted to cancel the Flash Flood Watch and gradually reduced probability of precipitation from east-to-west into this evening.

Hydrology: Slow-moving flood wave continues to move down the Rio Grande. Earlier, a Flood Warning was issued for the Rio Grande at San Benito, as it is now forecast to reach minor flood stage (55.0 ft.) as early as Thursday night, with a crest about 24 hours later. Will also have to monitor at Brownsville as the wave continues downstream, though it is not currently forecast to reach flood stage. Per our partners at the West Gulf RFC and IBWC, runoff from rains associated with Hanna (estimated as high as 15-20 in. in some of the higher terrain in Mexico) can be handled by the reservoirs across the border, though there is still some uncertainty as to this. Use of the diversion dams is not expected to be required.

GIS map of the observed rainfall amounts for Deep South Texas associated with Hurricane Hanna. This is a 5-day storm total starting from July 24 (7:00 AM) through July 29 (7:00 AM).



On July 28, Governor Greg Abbott visited Corpus Christi to meet with local officials and survey storm damage left by Hurricane Hanna over the weekend. The Governor thanked officials for their leadership during these difficult times and reaffirmed the Lone Star State's commitment to helping the victims of Hurricane Hanna. Governor Abbott was joined by Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) Chief Nim Kidd.

Home and business owners who faced damage as a result of Hurricane Hanna are encouraged to submit a damage survey, which will allow TDEM to request more resources and volunteers into the area to help.

Governor Abbott has waived certain regulations related to commercial trucking in the state of Texas. These suspensions will allow commercial drivers to more quickly deliver supplies, specifically electric power poles, to communities in the Rio Grande Valley and the Coastal Bend that were directly impacted by Hurricane Hanna.

On July 26, Governor Abbott announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and President Trump have granted a Federal Emergency Declaration (EM-3530) request for Public Assistance Category B (Emergency Protective Measures). Specifically, FEMA is authorized to provide emergency protective measures (Category B), limited to direct Federal

assistance and reimbursement for mass care including evacuation and shelter support at 75 percent federal funding.

On July 25, Governor Abbott held a press conference at the Alternate State Operations Center in Austin where he provided an update on the state's response to Hurricane Hanna.

The Governor issued the disaster declaration for Aransas, Bee, Bexar, Brazoria, Brooks, Calhoun, Cameron, Dimmit, Duval, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Harris, Hidalgo, Jackson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, La Salle, Live Oak, Matagorda, McMullen, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr, Victoria, Webb, Wharton, Willacy, and Zapata counties. The declaration provides the Governor, the ability to waive statutes or administrative rules that may hinder the response or recovery, as well as the ability to ask for federal assistance in response to Hurricane Hanna.

For more flood safety tips, [visit ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov).

[View the Governor's Disaster Declaration](#)

[View the Federal Emergency Declaration Request](#)

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)

DDC 20 – Corpus Christi (Includes: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio and San Patricio Counties)

Efforts are focusing on damage assessment and recovery. NWS has begun assessing storm damage and verification of what occurred. The vast majority of damage occurred along the coastline with storm surge and beach erosion. Beach erosion was 10-30 feet in areas. Docks, tee heads, piers and structures on or near the affected coastline have created debris on the inline windward side opposite of the barrier islands.

Kleberg County has concerns regarding wet debris in Baffin Bay and that is being assessed. Wet debris is a concern along the entire coastline from Aransas County to Kenedy County. These affected counties have initiated the process of removing the wet debris. There are no reports of current power outages in district 20.

DDC 21 – Weslaco (Includes: Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties)

De-watering operations continue throughout the region, returning power the area is still a top priority. A POD has been set up in Raymondville, TX and is being managed by Texas Military Department, TFS and TDEM. A pump RSA is being managed by TFS and TxDOT to support local request for pumps.

Cameron County: The cities of La Feria, Santa Rosa, Rio Hondo, Los Fresnos and North Harlingen continue to see rising waters and power outages. Around 4,200 customers are without power. The Police and Fire Departments for the City of Rio Hondo have relocated due to a critical power outage. The new address is 200 W Main, Rio Hondo TX. One additional rescue was conducted by La Feria FD. The county EOC, Brownsville and Harlingen continue to remain active. Three state pumps are operating in Cameron County: two in Santa Rosa and one in La Feria.

Hidalgo County: An estimated 300 homes have been affected. TDEM recovery teams along with local jurisdictions continue to conduct damage assessments. De-watering operations continue, local pumps have been supplemented by five state pumps. The county has requested 10 more pumps: nine for the county and one for City of La Villa. This request will be filled using the pumps in staging.

Willacy County: Progress is being made in restoring power, with estimates ranging from late Wednesday to Thursday. Communication is intermittent due to AT&T towers out of order. Most of the roads are clear, and county is working on the remaining road issues. A Point of Distribution (POD) is open in Raymondville; Texas Military Department, TDEM and Texas A&M Forest Service are coordinating with the county to distribute the ice and water.

The first day of operation the POD in Willacy County delivered:

- 11 Pallets of Water
- 4 Pallets of Ice

They made it to four cities: San Perlita, Lyford, Sebastian, Lasara. 48 MREs will be delivered on Thursday.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), Texas A&M University System (TAMUS): The State of Texas State Operations Center remains at Readiness Level II Escalated Response Conditions, with Daily Operations staff processing disaster declarations, letters to the Governor, Disaster Summary Outlines, State of Texas Assistance Requests (STARs), as well as disseminating severe weather messages, preparing Snapshots and the State SITREP. The State Management Team (SMT) continues conducting operations in the alternate State Operations Center, working together with activated members of the State's Emergency Management Council. TDEM District Coordinators are working closely with their local emergency management partners to assist with unmet needs and resources.

TDEM Communications Coordination Group (CCG): The TDEM CCG is actively monitoring communications systems in the affected region and coordinating for the needed support where it's needed.

TDEM Disaster Recovery Task Force (DRTF): The TDEM Disaster Recovery Task Force has three members who deployed to DDC-21 Weslaco to assist with damage assessments, volunteer and donations management, and Long Term Recovery Group engagement.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Texas Task Force – One (TX-TF1): Demobilized the Type I USAR at 12 PM Wednesday, July 29.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS): TFS currently has 12 personnel committed to Hurricane Hanna Response and is providing planning and logistical support to the Texas Division of Emergency Management. Response activities include Situation Reports, STAR Processing, and Resource Tracking of pumps and generators

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): TCEQ staff completed the calls to the public drinking water systems (PWS) and wastewater treatment facilities located in Nueces, Kleberg, Jim Wells, Cameron, Hidalgo, Willacy, and Starr Counties. The following systems have reported issues:

Public Drinking Water Systems (PWS):

All 85 community PWS have been contacted. Four PWS continue to operate on generators.

- Port Mansfield PWS is operating on a generator with no operational issues. Tank leak was repaired.
- Sebastian Municipal Utilities District (MUD) and North Alamo Water Supply Corporation (NAWSC) – La Sara plant are operating on a generator and will issue a Boil Water Notice (BWN) due to low pressure.
- NAWSC issued a BWN for San Perlita and Willamar areas.
- City of La Joya Water System is operating on a generator and plans to issue a BWN for low water pressure

TCEQ Harlingen regional staff will conduct site visits on July 29, 2020 to Sebastian MUD, NAWSC, and City of La Joya for on-site assessments and technical assistance.

Wastewater treatment facilities (WWTF):

Contact has been made with 89 of the 91 wastewater systems. On site assessment will occur on 7/29/2020 for the two systems with no contact. 12 wastewater systems are currently on a generator. One system is currently partially operational.

- Agua Special Utilities District, City of Santa Rosa, Hidalgo County MUD 1, City of Edinburg, City of La Villa, City of Palm Valley, North Alamo WSC La Sara WWTP, City of Peñitas, City of San Juan, Military Highway WSC (Joines Road), City of Donna, and Port Mansfield were reported to be operating on generators.
- Operators at City of La Joya WWTF indicate that they continue to attempt to access their site as the WWTF continues to be inaccessible due to flooding.

TCEQ Harlingen regional staff will conduct site visits on July 29, 2020 to City of Santa Rosa, City of La Joya, and Peñitas for on-site assessments and technical assistance. In addition, staff will conduct site visits at the Bayview Detention Center and Winter Garden Park to determine wastewater operational status.

Temporary Debris Management Sites (TDMS)

TCEQ Harlingen regional office has received two TDMS applications for the City of Mission and Hidalgo County Pct. 2.

The TCEQ Hurricane Hanna website is now live at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/hurricanes/hanna>

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS): Texas Department of Public Safety Aviation has rostered and staged resources (helicopter with hoist capabilities) in Houston and San Antonio to respond to areas impacted by Hurricane Hanna. THP Tactical Marine Unit (TMU) has rostered and staged resources (shallow water boats, swift water boats) in Weslaco, Rockport, Port Lavaca to assist with water rescues. Dive Recovery Teams are staged across Texas for any emergency response. They have two hoist operators/rescue swimmers on call to deploy with DPS Aircraft when mobilized. DPS personnel in South Texas Region patrolling area of responsibility monitoring storm and standby ready to respond.

Mission Information and Details

- DPS Aviation 107 in response to Hurricane Hanna conducted an aerial reconnaissance flight in the following areas: Corpus Christi, Kingsville, Port Mansfield, Raymondville, Harlingen, Mid Valley and Mission.
- [DDC-21 requested DPS Tactical Marine Unit \(TMU\) staged in Weslaco to conduct drone and aerial reconnaissance in La Feria, Santa Rosa, Combes, and Primera. While surveying the Combes/Harlingen area TMU personnel rendered assistance to an individual whose vehicle was stuck in water and in the bar ditch.](#)

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): DSHS has worked to get Alternate Care Sites established recently for COVID-19 response.

State-Operated Medical Shelters

- Freeman Coliseum (San Antonio)
- Hotel in Pharr, TX Ready to receive patients

Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF): EMTF has 4 severe weather packages on standby. A Severe Weather Package includes: [1] Task Force Leader; [1] Medical Incident Support Team; [1] AMBUS; [1] Ambulance Strike Team.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): TxDOT is monitoring roads for flooding, clearing debris, and making repairs as needed. TxDOT is prepared to assist with High Profile Vehicles. TxDOT has a total of 41 roads affected by flooding with 13 of those roads closed. The 5 HPV teams in Laredo have been released per TX-TF1. TxDOT provided 190 gallons of unleaded fuel and trailer for Port Mansfield PD and 30 cones for the Willacy County POD site.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC): HHSC is reporting a power outage at a state run behavioral/mental health hospital in the Rio Grande Valley. COVID units at the hospital do not have HVAC or Negative Pressure capability on generator. Hospital is on generator power with limited coverage. Crews are onsite trying to restore power.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD currently has 103 personnel and 25 vehicles in support of the July Tropical Weather Response. TMD is supporting DDC-20 and 21 with Military District Coordinators. TMD is supporting the Rio Grande Valley with shelter teams.

Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD): TPWD continues to have resources consisting of Texas Game Wardens and State Parks Police Officers equipped with swift water boats, shallow water boats to support Cameron County and Hidalgo County with boat rescue and evacuation operations available in areas affected by Hurricane Hanna. A TPWD Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) team is continuing to provide Drone footage of areas affected in Willacy, Cameron, and

Nueces counties from Hurricane Hanna. The team includes 5 drone operators and 5 drones. The footage obtained is being sent to TDEM and DPS.

Mission Information and Details

- TPWD LE continues manning its disaster district chairperson seat at DDC 21 Weslaco daily.
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department currently has an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) team headed to Willacy and Cameron County to assist with damage assessment from Hurricane Hanna. The team includes 4 drone operators and 4 drones.

Texas Wing Civil Air Patrol (CAP): CAP has dispatched aircraft and crews from Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana to conduct aerial photo reconnaissance missions of the damaged areas in South Texas from Hurricane Hanna.

Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOADs)

2-1-1: 2-1-1 is requesting partner agencies add all public-facing services and operations (feeding sites, hygiene kits, cleaning kits) to the 2-1-1 website or email Melissa.Korpi@hhsc.state.tx.us (Interim Disaster Coordinator for 2-1-1)

American Red Cross (ARC)

- [Overnight populations: \(5\) shelters open](#)
- [Two congregate shelters in La Feria \(population: 27\) and Elsa \(population: 11\)](#)
- [Non-congregate shelters: Corpus Christi \(population 1\), San Antonio –\(population: 2 – closed on July 29\) and Weslaco \(population: 100\)](#)
- Focusing volunteers on mass care needs and utilizing the disaster survivor information collected through TDEM

Coastal Bend VOAD: Still waiting for damage assessment information.

Crisis Clean-up: Currently on stand-by and waiting for a local request to establish an incident online / survivor hotline phone number

Feeding Texas: The following 3 Members of Feeding Texas are responding to Hurricane Hanna:

Coastal Bend Food Bank

- Coastal Bend Food Bank is fine. All agencies are operational. Most of the damage was in the Kennedy, Kleberg and Brooks counties but the EOC's in those counties are not requesting any assistance at this time.
- Operations are normal, pantries are open in all areas.

Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley: Electricity has been restored to FBRGV. No food was lost.

South Texas Food Bank

- South Texas Food Bank is assisting Starr County officials and VOAD. Watching for more flooding in the area and coordinating with their local VOAD to assist in operations.
- Coordinating with the County Judge to provide food water and volunteers where needed.

Houston Community ToolBank: The Houston Community ToolBank is on standby and ready to support any organization who needs tools for muck and gutting, debris removal or any other efforts in response to Hurricane Hanna. We are lending tools for free. Here is a link to our inventory: www.houstontoolbank.org. We also have utility trailers, dump trailers and enclosed trailers available for free. Muck-Out kits and hand-washing stations are available in addition to standard resources.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS)

- Assessing needs and exploring the need for clean-up crews in the RGV
- Requested information on volunteer safety regulations regarding response during COVID-19

Lutheran Church (LCMS) – Texas District

- Teams in Harlingen
- 1-2 pallets of cleaning supplies

Southern Baptist Texas Convention (SBTC)

- 2 Quick Response Feeding Units in Hidalgo County (Edinburgh and Mission)
- [1 Recovery Team](#)
- Toll free number for survivors needing help with chainsaw or mud-out: 855.728.2374.
- [1,360 Meals Prepared, 200 Volunteer Hours](#)

Society of St. Vincent de Paul: SVDPS USA is monitoring the situation in the Rio Grande Valley.

United Methodist Church – Rio Texas Conference

- 700 flood buckets delivered to First UMC in Mission, TX
- UMC has minimal tarps, 300 flood buckets, and 2 generators available for VOAD member partners

The Salvation Army (TSA): Coordination calls with local, state, and federal partners to include VOAD partner agencies have commenced. TSA SOC Center Liaison will be supporting virtually. TSA continues to engage and coordinate with local and state Emergency Management and other partner agencies providing food and hydration in the affected areas. [To date: meals served-6,481, snacks & drinks-5,441.](#)

Mission Information and Details

- Service delivery link:
<https://app.usfleetracking.com/view/8E9Ef9g2jLKqbAXTBwhskiHs4sV7FCQkztJHKI7kaAn2Rgs?mobile=false>
- TSA is currently providing food and hydration at these locations: Corpus Christi, Laguna Vista, Sullivan City, Port Mansfield, McAllen, and Flour Bluff.
- Food service is pending for the North Beach area (Nueces County) until the water recedes.
- The San Antonio Canteen has been reassigned to Corpus Christi as services were not needed in Kingsville.
- 1 Semi-load of bulk items (Snacks, Bleach, Tarps, Trash Bags, and Clean up kits) will arrive in McAllen Tuesday for distribution.
- 2 Canteens (Laredo and Bryan) are on standby until further assessments are done.
- [TSA along with its feeding partners are working closely with local jurisdictions to ensure resources are not duplicated.](#)

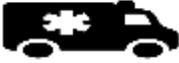
- Planning for bulk distribution is ongoing.
- TSA is currently providing food and hydration at these locations:

Unit	Locations	Address
Austin	Sullivan City Fire Department	500 Cenizo Dr. Sullivan City
Kerrville	Palm View Greggs Ballroom	434 W. Expway 83 Mission
Victoria	Port Mansfield Comm Center	101 E. Port Dr. Port Mansfield
Victoria	San Perlita Community Center	14085 FM 2209 Raymondville
San Antonio	Sebastian Fire Station	Bus 77 & Main Street
San Antonio	Lyford Fire Station	8124 US 77 Bus Lyford
Drop-off	Palm Aire Hotel (ARC)	415 S. Inter'l Blvd. Weslaco
Drop-off	La Feria Dome (ARC)	1700 S. Main St. La Feria
McAllen	McAllen TSA	1600 N. 23rd

If you sustained damage, to your home or business, as a result of Hurricane Hanna, please utilize the link below to submit a damage survey. Within the survey, disaster survivors will have the opportunity request assistance from VOAD's. This information, will facilitate us requesting additional resources and volunteers into the area affected. <https://arcg.is/0C8GSj>

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

AMBULANCES	BOATS	BUSES	AIRCRAFT	HIGH-PROFILE
				
18	32	25	3	30

Type	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TDEM TAMUS	Alamo Area Regional Command – Evacuee Shelter Reception Center	12	30	Activated	Lower Rio Grande Valley
TDEM TAMUS	Evacuation Buses	25	25	Activated	SOC
TDEM TAMUS	Sanitation Packages			Available	SOC
TDEM TAMUS	TDEM Disaster Recovery Task Force	3		Assigned	DDC 21

Type	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
Texas A&M TFS	ESF4 Rep	1		Assigned	Austin SOC
Texas A&M TFS	EOC Support	3		Assigned	College Station
Texas A&M TFS	IMT	4		Assigned	DDC 21
Texas A&M TFS	Resource Tracking Team	3		En-Route	DDC 21
Texas A&M TFS	POD Support	1		Assigned	Willacy County
DPS Aviation	Aircraft/ W Hoist	2	2	Assigned	San Antonio-Houston
DPS Boat Team 1 and 6	Flood water boat	4	4	Activated	Weslaco
DPS Boat 3	Flood water boat	2	1	Activated	Rockport
DPS Boat	29 foot yellow fin shallow	3	1	Activated	Rockport
DPS Boat Team 4	Flood water boat	4	2	Activated	Port Lavaca
DPS Boat	29 foot yellow fin shallow	3	3	Activated	Port Lavaca
DPS Dive Team	Dive Recovery Team		6	Activated	Statewide
DSHS	Ambulance Strike Teams (EMTF)	36	18	Activated	Hidalgo, Cameron, Starr Counties
DSHS	Staging Area (TFL & MIST) (EMTF)	6	0	Activated	Pharr
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon (GTP)	10	5	En Route	Weslaco
TMD	GTP	10	5	Assigned	Weslaco
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TMD	GTP	10	5	Assigned	Weslaco
TMD	GTCHQ	11	2	Assigned	Corpus Christi
TMD	GTCHQ	11	2	Assigned	Weslaco
TMD	Shelter Operations Team (SOT)	13		Assigned	Edcouch
TMD	SOT	11		Assigned	Weslaco
TMD	SOT	2		Assigned	La Feria
TMD	Shelter Operations HQ	3		En Route	RGV
TMD	POD	12			Raymondville
TMD	MDC	1		Assigned	Corpus Christi
TPWD	SOC LNO	2	2	Assigned	Austin/SOC
TPWD	DDC 21 Liaison	1	1	Assigned	DDC 21 EOC
TPWD	Game Wardens	25	25	Assigned	Hidalgo/Cameron
TPWD	Game Wardens	4	2	Assigned	Starr/Zapata
TPWD	State Park Police	10	10	Assigned	Hidalgo/Cameron
TPWD	Swift Water Boats	5	7	Assigned	Hidalgo/Cameron
TPWD	Shallow Water Boats	15	15	Assigned	Hidalgo/Cameron
TPWD	Helicopter	2	1	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	UAS (Drones)	5	5	Activated	Willacy/Cameron/Nueces

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/situation-reports/>

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