



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

New Information Is In Blue

Event Name	20-0012 Hurricane Hanna (EM-3530)
Date	August, 01 2020
Time	0900
Operational Period	July 31 to August 1, 2020
Report Number	9

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: The NWS Brownsville Office has posted their initial report about Hurricane Hanna to their website: https://www.weather.gov/bro/2020event_Hanna.

NWS Brownsville: [There is a small chance of a few strong thunderstorms producing gusty winds and heavy rainfall late in the afternoon and this evening.](#)

[Slow moving and persistent thunderstorms may produce localized flooding, especially over areas that received heavy rainfall and flooding from Hurricane Hanna.](#)

Hydrology: [The Flood Warning for the Rio Grande at San Benito was canceled.](#)

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.

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

A drier weather pattern is predicted for the region over the next five days. Counties continue to make progress in the de-watering process. Vector control and debris operations will be commencing in the next few days. State pumps are located in the following locations: five in Cameron County, eight in Hidalgo County, two in Willacy County, three in the City of Edinburg, one in the City of Mercedes and two in the City of La Villa.

Cameron County: Cameron County Office of Emergency Management & County Public Works continue 24-hour pumping operations. There are 17 pumps in eight different locations. Areas of concern continue to be north of Santa Rosa, which is still inundated with flood water. Waters continue to recede north of La Feria. The International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) floodway is no longer inundated throughout the Rio Grande Valley, as there is not a positive flow and all gates are open. Public Works is preparing to commence debris removal. Vector control has begun throughout the county

Hidalgo County: Local jurisdictions are continuing damage assessments as well as debris and vector control. De-watering operations continue. Fourteen state pumps are located in Hidalgo County, supplementing local pumps. An estimated 2,000 customers are still without power. A COVID-19 positive person was identified at the Palm Aire Shelter. No one is being admitted into the shelter at this time. Proper agencies have been notified and testing is being coordinated.

Willacy County: 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. POD commodities are being distributed by TMD personnel to four different sites in Willacy County. TMD is distributing MREs, water and ice in Raymondville and Lyford. Power restoration is progressing and cell reception is improving as AT&T towers are repaired. De-watering operations are continuing with two state pumps supplementing local operations. POD operation is expected until at least August 2nd 2020. Below is what has been distributed since operations started.

Friday the POD in Willacy County delivered:

Water	Ice	MRE's
29 Pallets =	25 Pallets =	23 Pallets =
2,436 cases	5,408 bags	13,248 meals

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 2 Swift Water Rescue Squads and High Profile Vehicle at 3 PM Thursday, July 30.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS): TFS currently has 12 personnel committed to Hurricane Hanna recovery and is providing planning and logistical support to the TDEM. Operational activities include Situation Reports, STAR processing, and resource tracking of pumps and generators.

Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT): AEP has made significant progress on outages Thursday, so much so that they believe they will have all major restoration activities completed by Friday night. Magic Valley Electric Cooperative had two substations go down, East Raymondville and Lasara, neither were a total loss. East Raymondville went back online Wednesday, and Lasara is still on schedule to be back online Friday night.

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. Two PWS continue to operate on generators .

[Sebastian Municipal Utility District \(MUD\) is operating on generator power and expects to lift the Boil Water Notice \(BWN\) within 24 hours pending sample results.](#)

- [North Alamo Water Supply Corporation \(NAWSC\) La Sara plant is operational on generator power and expects to lift the BWN within 24 hours pending sample results.](#)

Wastewater treatment facilities (WWTF):

All 91 wastewater systems have been contacted. [One wastewater system is currently on a generator.](#)

- [Agua Special Utilities District, City of Edinburg, City of La Villa, City of San Juan, City of Donna, Port Mansfield, and Winter Garden Park are now operational on grid power with no significant issues.](#)
- [North Alamo WSC La Sara WWTP continues to operate on generator power.](#)

Temporary Debris Management Sites (TDMS)

TCEQ Harlingen regional office has received six TDMS applications for:

- City of Mission
- Hidalgo County Pct. 2 Lopezville Park ([Approved on July 30, 2020](#))

- Hidalgo County Pct. 1 Donna Collection Site
- Hidalgo County Pct. 1 Sunset Park Citizens Collection Station
- Hidalgo County Pct. 1 Mercedes Collection Site
- Hidalgo County Pct. 1 Monte Alto Collection Site

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):

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 has a total of 31 roads affected by flooding with 12 of those roads closed. TxDOT is supporting the POD site in Willacy County.

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. Hospital is on generator power with limited coverage. Crews are onsite trying to restore power.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD currently has 84 personnel and 22 vehicles in support of the Hurricane Hanna Response. TMD is supporting DDC-20 with a Military District Coordinator. TMD is supporting the Rio Grande Valley with shelter operations teams.

Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD): TPWD remains ready with resources consisting of Texas Game Wardens and State Parks Police Officers equipped with swift water boats and shallow water boats.

Mission Information and Details

- TPWD LE continues manning its disaster district chairperson seat at DDC 21 Weslaco daily.
- TPWD's Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) team is assisting DDC 20 with debris documentation along the Kleberg County shoreline to identify debris hazards in the water. Also document navigational channel markers that may have been displaced during Hurricane Hanna.

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@hpsc.state.tx.us (Interim Disaster Coordinator for 2-1-1)

American Red Cross (ARC)

- Non-congregate shelters: [Brownsville \(population 23\)](#), Corpus Christi (population 11) and Weslaco (population 120)
- Focusing volunteers on mass care needs and utilizing the disaster survivor information collected through TDEM

Coastal Bend VOAD: Still waiting for damage assessment information.

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

Coastal Bend Food Bank

- 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:

- Pounds distributed so far for Hurricane Hanna relief = 610,653
- Disaster Partner Agencies opened in Edinburg and Monte Alto
- An emergency produce distribution was done in the City of Lasara.

South Texas Food Bank

- South Texas Food Bank is assisting Starr County officials and VOAD.
- Coordinating with the County Judge to provide food water and volunteers where needed.
- Conducting mobile distributions in Starr County
- Coordinating volunteer management and assisting the Feeding Taskforce with information regarding feeding needs in the valley.

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.

Southern Baptist Texas Convention (SBTC)

- 1 Quick Response Feeding Unit in Hidalgo County (Weslaco)
- 1 Quick Response Feeding Unit in Starr County (Roma)
- 1 Team and Mobile Command Post
- 1 Pickup Truck
- 1 Recovery Team
- 1 Van Unit
- 1 55 KW generator
- 1 Shower and laundry Unit
- Toll free number for survivors needing help with chainsaw or mud-out: 855.728.2374.
- 21 Volunteers, 3,589 Meals Prepared, 570 Volunteer Hours

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 11,146, snacks & drinks 9,154.

Mission Information and Details

- Service delivery link:
<https://app.usfleettracking.com/view/8E9Ef9g2jLKqbAXTBwhskiHs4sV7FCQkztJHKI7kaAn2Rgs?mobile=false>
- The San Antonio Canteen has been reassigned to Corpus Christi as services were not needed in Kingsville.
- 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.
- Southern Baptist Texas Convention has provided 7 volunteers to their McAllen Corps, preparing hot meals in their kitchen for distribution.
- TSA is currently providing food and hydration at these locations:

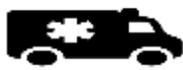
Unit	Locations	Address
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Austin	Sullivan City Fire Department	500 Cenizo Dr. Sullivan City
Kerrville	Palm View Greggs Ballroom	434 W. Expway 83 Mission
Victoria	Port Mansfield Comm Center	101 E. Port Dr. Port Mansfield
Victoria	San Perlita Community 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>

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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
Texas A&M TFS	ESF4 Rep	1		Assigned	Austin SOC

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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	Assigned	Weslaco
TMD	GTP	10	5	Assigned	Weslaco
TMD	GTP	12	5	Assigned	Raymondville
TMD	GTCHQ	10	2	Assigned	Corpus Christi

Type	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TMD	Shelter Operations Team (SOT)	13		Assigned	Edcouch
TMD	SOT	11		Assigned	Weslaco
TMD	SOT	2		Assigned	La Feria
TMD	Shelter Operations HQ	3		Assigned	RGV
TMD	POD	12	5	Assigned	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)	3	3	Activated	Kleberg

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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