



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

New Information Is In Blue

Event Name	20-0012 Hurricane Hanna (EM-3530)
Date	August, 04 2020
Time	0900
Operational Period	August 3 to August 4, 2020
Report Number	12

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 damage assessments and recovery efforts due to Hurricane Hanna.

Weather: The NWS Brownsville Office continues to update their reports about Hurricane Hanna to their website: https://www.weather.gov/bro/2020event_Hanna.

On August 3, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has received federal approval to automatically provide replacement benefits for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients for food lost or destroyed due to Hurricane Hanna in six of the impacted counties: Brooks, Hidalgo, Kenedy, McMullen, Starr and Willacy. Those six counties met federal criteria for mass replacements of benefits based on the severity of storm impacts in their area.

SNAP recipients in the six impacted counties do not need to take any action to receive the mass replacement. A percentage of the regular allotment of benefits will be automatically issued to all regular SNAP households in the affected counties and placed on their Lone Star cards by Aug. 4, 2020.

To allow people to continue social distancing and staying home, HHSC is encouraging SNAP clients to request their replacement food benefits by calling 2-1-1 and pressing option 2. Alternately, recipients can download [Form H1855](#) (Affidavit for Non-receipt or Destroyed Food Stamp Benefits) on the HHSC website. To limit exposure to COVID-19, recipients are encouraged to mail or fax the completed form to HHSC instead of visiting their local offices. Completed forms should be mailed to Texas Health and Human Services Commission, PO Box

149027, Austin, TX, 78714-9027, or faxed to 1-877-447-2839. For more information, please visit hhs.texas.gov.

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](#).

[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 assessments and recovery. The vast majority of damage occurred along the coastline with storm surge and beach erosion

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

Counties continue to make progress in the de-watering process. Vector control and debris operations will continue. AEP will be conducting repairs on a major transmission line August 1-14 in Edinburg.

State Pumps are located in the following locations: [Seven in Cameron County](#), eight in Hidalgo County, two in Willacy County. Seven pumps are still in reserve at the Pharr TxDOT Yard. [The two trailers of ice and one trailer of water were picked up and have been distributed to local agencies. Ice is going to TDCJ in Beeville and water to the Salvation Army.](#)

Cameron County: Cameron County Office of Emergency Management & County Public Works continue 24-hour pumping operations. There are [15](#) pumps in eight different locations. Areas of concern continue to be north of Santa Rosa and the City of La Feria, which are still inundated with flood water.

Hidalgo County: Local jurisdictions are continuing damage assessments. Debris and vector control will become higher priorities over the next few days. Fourteen State pumps are located in Hidalgo County, supplementing local pumps. [An estimated 530 people are still without power.](#) TMD is assisting TDEM Recovery and Hidalgo County in conducting damage assessments.

Willacy County: 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.

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 deployed to DDC-21 Weslaco to assist with damage assessments, volunteer and donations management, and Long Term Recovery Group engagement.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS): TFS currently has 11 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.

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.

Temporary Debris Management Sites (TDMS):

As of [August 3](#), the TCEQ Harlingen Regional Office has received applications for nine TDMS as follows. [Six](#) of these applications have been authorized (via on-site visits and virtual site reviews) as follows:

- City of Mission - Authorized July 31.
- Hidalgo County Pct. 2 Lopezville Park – Authorized July 30.
- Hidalgo County Pct. 1 Donna Collection Site - Authorized July 31.
- Hidalgo County Pct. 1 Mercedes Collection Site - Authorized July 31.
- Hidalgo County Pct. 4 M Road Recovery Center - Authorized July 31.
- Hidalgo County Pct. 1 Sunset Park Citizens Collection Station – [Authorized August 3](#).
- Hidalgo County Pct. 1 Monte Alto Collection Site
- Willacy Co. Pct. 4 Sebastian Transfer Station Site
- City of Harlingen District Main Pumping Plant Site

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

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD currently has [52](#) personnel and [7](#) 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 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 documented the navigational channel markers that may have been displaced during 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 [33](#)), Corpus Christi (population 18) and Weslaco (population [103](#))

- Focusing volunteers on mass care needs and utilizing the disaster survivor information collected through TDEM

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

Coastal Bend Food Bank: All agencies are operational.

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.
- 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.houstantoolbank.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.

Southern Baptist Texas Convention (SBTC)

- 1 Quick Response Feeding Unit in Hidalgo County (Weslaco)
- 1 Quick Response Feeding Unit in Hidalgo County (Sullivan City)
- 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.
- 30 Volunteers, 5,381 Meals Prepared, 1,200 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

Texas Baptist Men (TBM) Disaster Relief: TBM has responded to the Texas Rio Grande Valley in response to damage caused by Hurricane Hanna. TBM has deployed a chainsaw unit, two flood recovery units, a shower/laundry unit, a feeding team (for volunteers), assessors, chaplains, and an Incident Command Team. The Incident Command Team is located and all volunteers are housed at First Baptist Church in Weslaco. All teams are observing all state rules

and regulations regarding COVID-19 including social distancing. TBM is receiving work requests from the field as well as the TBM Disaster Operations Center in Dallas.

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.

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
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

BUSES	HIGH-PROFILE
	
25	3

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
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	0		Released	Willacy County
TMD	GTCHQ	10	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		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	UAS (Drones)	3	3	Activated	Kleberg
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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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