



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	20-0013 August Tropical Weather
Date	26 August 2020
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Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	2
DDCs Active	DDC's 14 & 15

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

On August 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 Laura. This hurricane is expected to impact the Texas coast and Southeast Texas as early as Wednesday and bring heavy rainfall, flooding, high winds, and storm surge. The Governor also received a briefing from the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), which included an update on response and preparedness efforts from State agency directors and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Additionally, the Governor announced that he has added 36 counties to his State Disaster Declaration due to the threat of severe rain, wind, and flooding.

During the press conference, Governor Abbott discussed the threat of high winds as well as life-threatening storm surge where Hurricane Laura makes landfall. The Governor also discussed evacuation efforts throughout the State, and announced that reception centers in San Antonio, Dallas-Fort Worth, and Austin will open on August 25. The State is providing buses to transport Texans that are evacuating. There are also over 225,000 hotel rooms available across the State to provide shelter to evacuees. A full list of mandatory and voluntary evacuations can be found on the [Texas Hurricane Center web page](#). Governor Abbott urged Texans to take action now to protect themselves and their property.

Hurricane Laura was upgraded from a Tropical Storm earlier today. It is currently a Category 1 hurricane but is expected to gain strength to a Category 3 or 4 hurricane as it makes landfall over Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana late Wednesday or early Thursday. Beginning Wednesday, these areas will experience tropical storm force winds, heavy rain, significant storm surge, possible flash flooding, and rising water levels. The chances of hurricane force winds will increase Wednesday evening. Heavy rainfall that begins over Southeast Texas on Wednesday will shift into Northeast Texas on Thursday. The primary water threat will be from storm surge.

Texans are urged to remain vigilant and aware as Hurricane Laura continues to head towards Texas.

Additional state resources have been rostered to help respond to Hurricane Laura. TDEM has activated the following resources and personnel:

- Texas A&M Forest Service: Incident management teams, chain saw crews, firefighting strike teams, and water evacuation and rescue teams.
- Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service: Urban search and rescue teams and swift water rescue teams, including Texas A&M Task Force 1 and 2.
- Texas A&M Agrilife: Agents positioned to support emergency operations centers and disaster finance teams.
- Texas Military Department: High profile water rescue vehicles, airplanes and helicopters for evacuation and rescue, shelter management teams, evacuee tracking network teams, 6th Civil Support Team available for HAZMAT response.
- Texas Department of Public Safety: Rescue helicopters, command and control airplanes, swift water rescue boat teams, flood response boat teams, dive boat teams, as well as Troopers, agents, and Rangers to assist local Law Enforcement with evacuation and securing evacuated areas.
- Texas Parks and Wildlife: Game Wardens, State Park Police, swift water rescue boats, shallow water evacuation boats, air boats, incident management teams, and a helicopter rescue team.
- Texas Department of State Health Services: Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) AMBUS's, EMTF ambulances, EMTF medical incident management and support teams.
- Texas Department of Transportation: High profile water rescue vehicles, traffic control devices, and flood protection barriers.
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality: Water and waste water monitoring teams and HAZMAT response teams.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission and the Public Utility Commission are also assisting in response efforts. For more information on the state's response to Hurricane Laura, as well as resources for those impacted by the storm, visit the [Texas Hurricane Center](#).

Reception Centers for Evacuees:

[San Antonio](#) (Opened at 3:00 PM CT August 25)
254 Gembler Road
San Antonio, TX 78219

[Austin](#) (Opened at 4:00 PM August 25)
Circuit of the Americas
9201 Circuit of the Americas Boulevard
Austin, TX 78617

[Dallas Fort-Worth](#) (Opened at 7:00 PM August 25)
Mesquite Reception Center
15515 E. IH-20
Mesquite, TX 75181

[Ellis County](#) (Opened at 7:00 PM August 25)

Knights of Columbus Hall
850 S IH-45
Ennis, TX 75119

On August 24, at the order of Governor Abbott, more than 70 members with the Texas Army, Air National Guards, and Texas State Guard with the Texas Military Department (TMD) have been activated and are repositioning throughout the state of Texas ahead of Hurricane Laura. Additional personnel remain ready to respond in impacted areas as needed.

Multiple Texas Army National Guard ground transportation teams with high profile vehicles are currently moving to support local and state agencies. Currently, UH-60 Blackhawks and UH-72 Lakota air crews have been alerted at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport and San Antonio to assist with any emergency search and rescue or emergency evacuations. Additionally, Texas State Guard service members stand ready to provide assistance with local shelter and logistical operations in the affected counties.

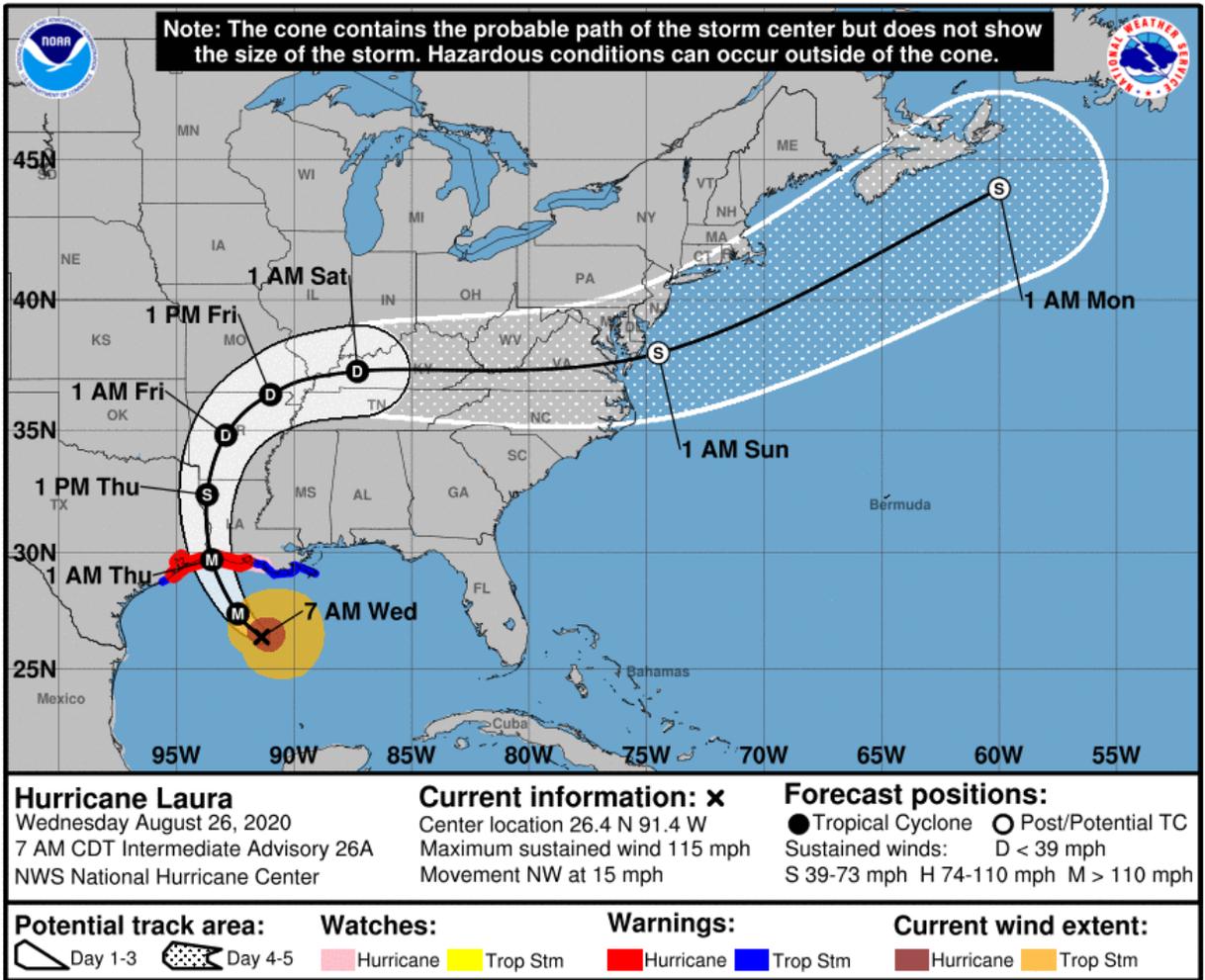
TMD has trained for rescue operations in a COVID-19 environment has strategically placed personal protective equipment (PPE) with aviation assets around Texas. TMD will continue to work with local and state agencies by providing additional personnel and equipment as needed.

In accordance with 49 CFR § 390.23, the Regional Field Administrators for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) Southern and Western Service Centers hereby declare that an emergency exists that warrants issuance of a Regional Emergency Declaration.

On August 24, Governor Abbott announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and President Trump have granted a Federal Emergency Declaration 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. The Governor submitted this request yesterday.

On August 23, 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 Laura, both of which are forecast to impact parts of the Texas Coast and East Texas in the coming days. Prior to the press conference, the Governor received a briefing from the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), as well as an update on response and preparedness efforts from State agency directors and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Weather: (National Weather Service (NWS) National Hurricane Center NHC)



At 7:00 AM CDT (1200 UTC), the eye of Hurricane Laura was located near latitude 26.4 North, longitude 91.4 West. Laura is moving toward the northwest near 15 mph (24 km/h) and this general motion should continue today, followed by a north-northwestward motion tonight. On the forecast track, Laura should approach the Upper Texas and southwest Louisiana coasts this evening and move inland near those areas tonight or Thursday morning.

Data from NOAA and Air Force Hurricane Hunter aircraft indicate that maximum sustained winds have increased to near 115 mph (185 km/h) with higher gusts. Laura is a dangerous category 3 hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale, and is forecast to continue strengthening into a category 4 hurricane later today. Rapid weakening is expected after Laura makes landfall.

Laura is a large hurricane. Hurricane-force winds extend outward up to 70 miles (110 km) from the center and tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 175 miles (280 km). Buoy 42395, located just east of Laura's eye, and recently reported a sustained wind of 74 mph (119 km/h) and a wind gust of 107 mph (172 km/h) and a wave height of 37 feet (11 meters).

The latest minimum central pressure estimated from NOAA and Air Force reconnaissance aircraft data is 963 mb (28.44 inches).

Storm surge and tropical-storm-force winds will arrive within the warning areas well in advance of Laura's center later today. All preparations to protect life and property should be rushed to completion in the next few hours.

Storm Surge: The combination of a dangerous storm surge and the tide will cause normally dry areas near the coast to be flooded by rising waters moving inland from the shoreline. The water could reach the following heights above ground somewhere in the indicated areas if the peak surge occurs at the time of high tide.

- Sea Rim State Park to Intracoastal City including Sabine Lake and Calcasieu Lake 10-15 ft.
- Intracoastal City to Morgan City including Vermilion Bay 8-12 ft.
- Port Bolivar to Sea Rim State Park 6-9 ft.
- Morgan City to Mouth of the Mississippi River 4-7 ft.
- San Luis Pass to Port Bolivar 3-5 ft.
- Galveston Bay 3-5 ft.
- Mouth of the Mississippi River to Ocean Springs including Lake Borgne 2-4 ft.
- Lake Pontchartrain and Lake Maurepas 2-4 ft.
- Freeport to San Luis Pass 2-4 ft.

The deepest water will occur along the immediate coast near and to the right of the landfall location, where the surge will be accompanied by large and destructive waves. This storm surge could penetrate up to 30 miles inland from the immediate coastline in southwestern Louisiana and far southeastern Texas.

Surge-related flooding depends on the relative timing of the surge and the tidal cycle, and can vary greatly over short distances. For information specific to your area, please see products issued by your local National Weather Service forecast office.

Wind: Hurricane conditions are expected in the hurricane warning area tonight and Thursday. Tropical storm conditions are expected to reach the coast in the hurricane warning area late today or tonight, and are expected in the tropical storm warning area tonight and Thursday.

Hurricane-force winds and damaging wind gusts are also expected to spread well inland into portions of eastern Texas and western Louisiana early Thursday.

Rainfall: From this afternoon through Friday, Laura is expected to produce rainfall totals of 5 to 10 inches, with isolated maximum amounts of 15 inches across portions of the northwestern Gulf Coast from western Louisiana to far eastern Texas, and northward into much of Arkansas. Over the lower to middle Mississippi Valley from central Louisiana into western Tennessee and Kentucky, and southeastern Missouri, 2 to 4 inches of rainfall with isolated totals of 6 inches are expected. This rainfall will cause widespread flash and urban flooding, small streams to overflow their banks, and minor to isolated moderate river flooding.

By late Friday into Saturday, portions of the Tennessee and Ohio Valley could see 2 to 4 inches with locally higher amounts as tropical moisture from Laura moves through the region. This rainfall could lead to localized flash and urban flooding along small streams.

Tornadoes: A few tornadoes are expected this evening through tonight over Louisiana, far southeast Texas, and southwestern Mississippi. The risk for a few tornadoes should continue into Thursday across Louisiana, Arkansas, and western Mississippi.

Surf: Swells produced by Laura are affecting the U.S. Gulf coast from the west coast of Florida to Louisiana and are expected to reach the coast of Texas and northeastern Mexico today. These swells are likely to cause life-threatening surf and rip current conditions. Please consult products from your local weather office.

Current preparations for Hurricane Laura include:

- TDEM activated the Alamo Regional Command Center (ARCC)
- TDEM has ordered 100 buses to arrive at the ARCC.
- TDEM activated the state contract for fuel and hygiene services.
- TDEM Mass Care is working with VOADs regarding shelter capacity, feeding, and other support operations. Capacity to shelter 5,000 evacuees has been identified
- TDEM has packaging shelter sanitation kits ready for deployment.
- TDEM has relocated one tractor trailer of MREs to the State warehouse in San Antonio.
- TEEX has rostered two each Type 3 (35 person) search and rescue teams, pre-positioning eight swift water boat squads along the Texas coast, and has three high profile vehicles.
- TFS has identified saw crews to support response.
- TFS has identified incident management teams (IMTs).
- DSHS has activated EMTF severe weather packages.
- DSHS has activated 50 ambulances, staging manager, and medical incident support personnel.
- DSHS has identified two current warm status COVID ACS facilities that can be converted to medical shelters; one in San Antonio and one north of the Houston area.
- DSHS has alerted BCFS on the possible need to establish a Medical Shelter Task Force.
- TxDOT is standing by to help with any requests.
- TxDOT crews are prepared to respond to any highway condition related issues.
- TxDOT has identified 15 high-profile vehicles and crews to support.
- TxDOT has seven miles of water barrier as well as contractors on-call in the event flooding occurs on IH-10 @ Winnie to remove concrete highway barriers.
- TxDOT is staffing the SOC on a 24 hour basis.
- The following Districts have been put on notice for a possible response including the Austin, Brownwood, Dallas, Laredo, San Antonio, San Angelo, Tyler and Waco Districts. This would bring in an additional 120 employees for incident response.
- TxDOT is currently working through M-Sat checks agency-wide.
- TxDOT is checking IRAT plans to prepare for possible crew assignments.
- HHSC has activated the state ice and water contract.
- DPS-THP has rostered their marine unit swift water rescue teams (four boat squads; two in Weslaco and two in Rockport) and helicopters with hoist capability, as well as 1,000 Highway Patrol Troopers as needed.
- TMD has activated one Ground SAR transportation packages beginning Monday (08/24) and have identified available helicopters with hoist capability (three UH-60 in San Antonio and one Lakota in Austin).
- TMD has identified shelter teams and embarkation hub teams (ETN Teams).

- TPWD has activated their SAR shallow bottom boats and teams to support water rescue operations, an aircraft with hoist capability and helo rescue swimmer; 10 drone teams, and 100 Game Wardens.

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 1 (Includes DDCs 4A, 4B Garland, 5, 6 and 22)

DDC 4B – Garland (Includes: Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro and Rockwall Counties)

DDC 4B EOC activated to Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) on August 25.

The DFW Regional Shelter HUB has been activated by the State in preparation to receive hurricane evacuees. So far the Mesquite Reception Center (MRC) has been activated and will be operational by 19:00 on August 25th.

A self-evacuee reception center is being established at the Knights of Columbus off of I-45 in Ennis. They are actively working with the county and city partners to establish non-congregate sheltering options within the district.

Dallas County – Dallas County submitted a Disaster Declaration on August 25.

Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and DDC Pierce)

DDC 14 – Lufkin (Includes: Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity and Tyler Counties)

DDC 14 EOC activated to Level I (Emergency Response Conditions) on August 25.

Angelina, Jasper, Newton, Nacogdoches and Sabine Counties, as well as the City of Lufkin, EOCs are activated.

Jasper County – Jasper County issued a mandatory evacuation order on August 25.

Jasper County submitted a Disaster Declaration on August 24.

Newton County – Newton County issued a mandatory evacuation order on August 25.

Newton County submitted a Disaster Declaration on August 25.

Polk County – Polk County submitted a Disaster Declaration on August 25. Polk County issued a voluntary evacuation order on August 25.

The Alabama-Coushatta Tribe submitted a Disaster Declaration on August 25.

One Assisted Living Facility was evacuated in Polk County.

Sabine County – Sabine County submitted a Disaster Declaration on August 25.

Tyler County – Tyler County submitted a Disaster Declaration on August 24.

DDC 15 – Beaumont (Includes: Hardin, Jefferson and Orange Counties)

DDC 15 EOC activated to Level I (Emergency Response Conditions) beginning Tuesday, August 25 at 6:00 AM.

Hardin County EOC was activated to Level III (Elevated Response Conditions). Jefferson and Orange Counties EOCs and the Cities of Beaumont, Port Arthur and Orange EOCs were activated to Level II (Escalated Response Conditions).

Hardin County – Hardin County submitted a Disaster Declaration on August 24.

The City of Kountze submitted a Disaster Declaration on August 25.

Hardin County issued a mandatory evacuation order for all residents on August 25.

Two Nursing Facilities and two Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities were evacuated in Hardin County.

Jefferson County – Jefferson County issued a mandatory evacuation order for all residents.

Jefferson County submitted a [Letter to the Governor and a Disaster Declaration](#) on August 23.

The City of Beaumont submitted a Disaster Declaration on August 24.

[The City of Port Arthur submitted a Disaster Declaration on August 24.](#)

The City of Port Arthur issued a mandatory evacuation order for the entire city effective Tuesday August 25 at 6:00 AM. Emergency evacuation operations will begin at 8:00 AM at the Port Arthur Civic Center.

Six Nursing Facilities, one Assisted Living Facilities and 22 Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities were evacuated in Jefferson County.

Orange County – Orange County issued a mandatory evacuation order for the entire county effective Tuesday August 25 at 6:00 AM.

[Orange County submitted a Disaster Declaration on August 24.](#)

The City of Bridge City submitted a Disaster Declaration on August 24.

Two Nursing Facilities and one Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities were evacuated in Orange County.

DDC 16A – Houston (Includes: Chambers and Harris Counties)

Chambers County – Chambers County submitted a Letter to the Governor and a Disaster Declaration on August 24.

Chambers County issued a voluntary evacuation order for persons living in flood-prone and low-lying areas.

The City of Mont Belvieu submitted a Disaster Declaration on August 25.

Harris County – City of Nassau Bay Mayor Mark Denman issued a voluntary evacuation recommendation for Nassau Bay's most vulnerable residents including the disabled and those with medical needs.

The City of Baytown submitted a Disaster Declaration on August 25. The City of Baytown issued a voluntary evacuation order for all persons within zip codes 77520 and 77523.

The City of El Lago issued a voluntary evacuation order on August 25.

The City of Jersey Village submitted a Disaster Declaration on August 25.

The City of Shoreacres issued a voluntary evacuation order on August 25.

Harris County issued a voluntary evacuation order for Coastal Harris County on August 25.

The City of Pasadena issued a voluntary evacuation order on August 25. The City of Pasadena submitted a Disaster Declaration on August 25.

The City of Jersey Village submitted a Disaster Declaration on August 25.

The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) will suspend operations of all transit services on Wednesday, August 26.

DDC 16B – Texas City (Includes: Brazoria and Galveston Counties)

Brazoria County: The City of Angleton submitted a Disaster Declaration on August 25.

The City of Lake Jackson submitted a Disaster Declaration on August 25.

Brazoria County issued a voluntary evacuation order on August 25.

Galveston County: The City of Galveston issued a mandatory evacuation order and curfew on August 25.

The City of Jamaica Beach issued a mandatory evacuation order on August 25.

The City of Tiki Island issued a mandatory evacuation order on August 25.

Bolivar Peninsula and low lying areas in Galveston County issued a voluntary evacuation order on August 25.

The City of Dickinson submitted a Disaster Declaration on August 25. The City of Dickinson issued a voluntary evacuation order on August 25.

Two Nursing Facilities and nine Assisted Living Facilities were evacuated in Galveston County.

DDC 16C – Conroe (Includes: Liberty, Montgomery, Walker and Waller Counties)

Liberty County – Liberty County issued a voluntary evacuation order on August 25.

The City of Dayton submitted a Disaster Declaration on August 25.

Liberty County submitted a Disaster Declaration on August 24.

The City of Daisetta submitted a Disaster Declaration on August 24.

Walker County – Walker County submitted a Disaster Declaration on August 25.

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

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

DDC 20 EOC activated virtually to Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) on August 25.

Region 6 – (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18 San Antonio, 18 ARCC/Bexar and 23)

DDC 12 – Austin (Includes: Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis and Williamson Counties)

DDC 12 EOC activated to Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) on August 25 with the emergency declaration and sheltering operations in Austin and surrounding counties.

City of Austin activated the Capitol Area Shelter Hub Plan (CASHP) to receive people evacuating from Southeast Texas.

DDC 17 – Victoria (Includes: Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca and Victoria Counties)

DDC 17 EOC activated to Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) on August 25.

DDC 18B – ARCC/Bexar (Includes: Atascosa, Bexar, Karnes, McMullen and Wilson Counties)

DDC 18B sent 50 buses to Ford Park (Beaumont) and 50 buses to Texas City; 100 buses were ordered to backfill. Sun Coast refueling on-site and operational. United Services delivered 15 portable toilets. Ambulance task force activated at the LSA. Reception center is operational.

Evacuations: There are currently 1,171 rooms with 3,309 evacuees being assisted by the State Shelter Hubs and the American Red Cross.

County	Jurisdiction	Effective Date	Type
Brazoria	Brazoria County	08/24/2020	Voluntary
Chambers	Chambers County	08/25/2020	Mandatory
Galveston	Bolivar Peninsula	08/25/2020	Voluntary
Galveston	City of Clear Lake Shores	08/25/2020	Mandatory
Galveston	City of Dickinson	08/25/2020	Voluntary
Galveston	City of Galveston	08/24/2020	Mandatory
Galveston	City of Jamaica Beach	08/25/2020	Mandatory
Galveston	City of La Marque	08/25/2020	Voluntary
Galveston	City of Tiki Island	08/25/2020	Mandatory
Hardin	Hardin County	08/25/2020	Mandatory
Harris	Harris County	08/25/2020	Voluntary
Harris	City of Baytown	08/25/2020	Voluntary
Harris	City of El Lago	08/25/2020	Voluntary
Harris	City of La Porte	08/25/2020	Voluntary
Harris	City of Pasadena	08/25/2020	Voluntary
Harris	City of Shoreacres	08/25/2020	Voluntary
Harris	City of Nassau Bay	08/24/2020	Voluntary
Harris	City of Seabrook	08/24/2020	Voluntary
Jasper	Jasper County	08/25/2020	Mandatory
Jefferson	Jefferson County	08/24/2020	Mandatory
Jefferson	City of Port Arthur	08/25/2020	Mandatory
Liberty	Liberty County	08/25/2020	Voluntary
Newton	Newton County	08/25/2020	Mandatory
Orange	Orange County	08/25/2020	Mandatory
Polk	Polk County	08/25/2020	Voluntary

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

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

The State of Texas State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Readiness Level II Escalated Response Conditions. The Daily Operations staff continues to process 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 any unmet needs and resources.

TDEM Communications Coordination Group (CCG): The CCG has alerted public, private and volunteer sector partners to be on alert for possible communications response due the tropical systems threatening the State.

Amateur radio operators in the storm path were alerted to the possible negative impact the tropical systems could pose to local communications systems. Operators were encouraged to contact their local EOCs / DDCs / governmental and volunteer agencies and be prepared to provide emergency communications support if required. Amateur Radio Operators are reporting to the local EOCs and the SOC, to provide support for ongoing communications operations.

AT&T / FIRSTNET has pre-staged dedicated deployable network assets to provide cellular phone service to first responders in the impacted areas. These included Satellite Cell on Light Trucks (SatCOLTs) and Cells on Wheels (COWs). Assets are staged, with additional national assets available if required. Additional backup generators have been installed at critical cell towers and switching facilities, essential equipment in flood prone areas have been relocated and the Network Disaster Recovery (NDR) team is on standby and prepared to deploy if needed.

DHS Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has issued additional letters for essential workers supporting disaster operations. CISA requests any courtesy that can be extended to essential workers involved in communications infrastructure operations, maintenance and restoration.

Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) has 572 Public Safety Alerting Points (PSAP) in Texas. CSEC is monitoring the status of the 257 Public Safety Alerting Points (PSAP) under their jurisdiction. The remaining PSAPs fall under the purview of the Emergency Communications Districts, which have local administration of 9-1-1 systems. CSEC is closely coordinating the districts regarding 9-1-1 status and operations.

Coordination with FEMA Region 6 Regional Emergency Communications Coordinator was conducted to identify personnel and support available to Texas if required. FEMA Region 6 communications liaisons were on standby if requested.

Multiple governmental and non-governmental agencies are testing alternate forms of communications, such as mobile satellite equipment in preparation for operating in areas that have experienced communications outages. Stations have begun conducting satellite test calls with the SOC. Test will continue through Tuesday August 25.

Sprint/T-Mobile is preparing for the impacts of the tropical systems threatening the Gulf coast states. T-Mobile's Business Continuity Office, National Network Disaster Recovery Team and

Emergency Response Team (ERT) are coordinating response efforts. They are prepared and ready to provide data, voice and cellular solutions to organizations within the impacted areas and groups responding to the areas impacted by these storms.

Verizon activated their Global Crisis Management Team and they are monitoring the tropical storms at this time. They have both Network and Verizon Crisis Response Manager (VCRM) resources staged and ready to respond if requested.

TDEM Disaster Recovery Task Force (DRTF): The DRTF is engaging with local jurisdictions, providing financial guidance and discussing sheltering operations.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service: Until activated, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is standing ready to support the Texas Division of Emergency Management, the Texas Animal Health Commission, TAMU VET and local jurisdictions in Southeast Texas to provide assistance with sheltering.

AgriLife Communications has distributed disaster hurricane preparedness information to news media and on social media. They have also promoted the Texas Extension Disaster Education Network (Texas EDEN) on social media for disaster preparedness information for the public.

Extension personnel are in contact with agency partners, stakeholders and NGO partners to determine capabilities and respond to post-storm issues. Extension is monitoring status of evacuation hubs for people and animals with the Texas Animal Health Commission.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Texas Task Force 1 (TEEX/TX-TF1): TX-TF1 ESF-9 Operations at the SOC is being staffed for 24-hour operations.

- Type-1 SAR Team rostered and activated,
- Type-3 SAR Team rostered and activated,
- SWR Squads and SWR Managers rostered and activated,
- Overhead Team rostered and activated,
- Beaumont Disaster District (DC-15) LO rostered and activated

San Antonio SWR Boat Squad assisted the Galveston Fire Department evacuate 47 people from Gulf Coast Health Facility in Galveston to a San Antonio facility.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS): TFS currently has 45 personnel assigned and numerous resources rostered to assist with needs relating to August Tropical Weather response. TFS is currently providing planning and logistical support, and other functional areas as needed, to TDEM and local entities. Response activities include Situation Reports, STAR Processing, logistical support for shipping and receiving medical and sheltering supplies, and incident management support.

Public Utilities Commission of Texas (PUC): As of Tuesday; 7,000+ across the Entergy (Beaumont) system, 6,500 for Texas and this number is expected to grow to over 8,000.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):
<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/hurricanes/hurricane-laura>

Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ): The TDCJ established a command center on August 24, 2020, to monitor the impact of Hurricane Laura. TDCJ is evacuating three secure facilities and a portion of a fourth facility, and three residential facilities in the Beaumont and Jasper areas.

The evacuation of the Leblanc, Gist, Goodman, and part of the Stiles units will include approximately 3,400 offenders. Offenders are being relocated to units in Huntsville, Woodville, Lovelady and Henderson. The evacuation of the residential facilities will include approximately 200 clients, who are being relocated to a secure facility in Richmond.

District parole offices have identified high risk parolees in the area and are making arrangements to move those individuals to secure facilities out of the path of the storms, in the event a mandatory evacuation order is issued. Local community supervision (probation) offices and facilities in the areas of projected impact have been contacted and are receiving assistance in the placement of probationers who need housing.

All units located in the area of projected impact as well as those receiving evacuated offenders have staffing, supplies, and sufficient space to maintain operations while continuing with the agency's COVID-19 mitigation efforts. Food, water, ice, personal protective equipment, and essentials are being monitored continuously and will be replenished as needed. Offenders being transported will be provided an N95 mask and Vital Oxide foggers will be used to disinfect buses in between transports to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

The agency will continue to operate a 24-hour command center at the Huntsville headquarters and will provide periodic updates.

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS): [DPS has rostered and staged Texas Highway Patrol \(THP\), Criminal Investigations Division \(CID\), Texas Ranger Division \(TRD\), Aircraft Operations Division \(AOD\), THP Tactical Marine Unit \(TMU\), and Infrastructure Operations Division \(IOD\) personnel in support of the Hurricane Laura response.](#)

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):

Health and Medical Actions started Monday evening August 24:

- Preparing to activate medical shelter at Freeman Coliseum in San Antonio (280 patients, decision on August 24)
- Assets in place, staff on standby in San Antonio
- Preparing to activate medical shelter at Austin Convention Center (50 patients, decision on August 24)
- Assets moving on order August 24
- Staff rostered and started deploying Sunday night (August 23) to be ready for mission assignment
- EMTF rostering all available resources and sending to staging at Ford Park (Ambulance, AMBUS, MIST)
- Assessing hospital plans for evacuation in SE Texas (Port Arthur, Beaumont & Galveston)
- Currently only one hospital Port Arthur evacuating COVID vent patients to Houston. Plan is to utilize local air ambulance assets. EMTF air assets are being identified if needed.
- Working with HHSC to determine medical transportation assets required for nursing home evacuations

- Alerting O2 contractors for potential support to medical shelters, general population shelters and medical transportation staging

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): TxDOT is standing by to help with any requests. Crews are prepared to respond to any highway condition related issues. [Five HPV crews are on standby in Bryan for deployment with TX-TF1. Ten HPV crews remain rostered in Houston and Waco.](#) Seven miles of water barrier have been pre-staged along the coastal districts for post incident deployment. Austin, Brownwood, Dallas, Laredo, San Antonio, Tyler and Waco Districts have been put on notice for a possible response, which would bring an additional 120 employees for incident response. TxDOT is currently working through M-Sat checks agency-wide, and is checking IRAT plans to prepare for possible crew assignments. [TxDOT Courtesy Patrol is providing assistance to motorists on State roadways in Southeast Texas. Evacuation lanes are being used on US 69, SH 87, and SH 321 to help relieve evacuation congestion.](#)

Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF): The EMTF has activated and staged emergency medical response resources in San Antonio, Ford Park and La Marque.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD currently has activated up to [521](#) personnel, [39](#) HPVs and [8](#) Aircraft in support of the August Tropical Weather Response. TMD deployed contingency forces to protect life and property. TMD is supporting TX-TF1 with search, rescue and other missions. [The State Air Operations has been activated at Camp Mabry, Austin.](#)

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): [TPWD has rostered Texas Game Wardens and State Park Police Officers ahead of Hurricane Laura and is prepared to respond to areas affected by either storm to support boat rescue operations as needed.](#)

Federal Communication Commission (FCC) The FCC has activated their EOC, with particular interest in the status of Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) in the path of either tropical system.

Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOADs): [Many local and statewide VOADs are on standby ready to provide assistance where and when needed.](#)

Feeding Texas: [Feeding Texas is a statewide network of food banks leading a unified effort to end hunger in Texas. Preparing food banks and food pantries to be able to respond after landfall.](#)

The following Members of Feeding Texas are responding to 20-0013 August Tropical Weather Event:

[Southeast Texas Food Bank](#)

- 1) [Services Orange, Jefferson, Hardin, Polk, Tyler, Jasper, Newton, and Sabine counties.](#)
- 2) [Due to the mandatory evacuation order for Jefferson and Orange counties that went into effect this morning here is the food banks projected work schedule:](#)
 - [Today, August 25th, they will continue securing our facility, attending to deadline driven matters affected by the storm's timing, and making any last local disaster product deliveries we can among evacuation traffic flow.](#)

- Wednesday and Thursday, August 26-27th, the food bank will be closed. 1 Executive staff member will remain at the food bank, during the storm. This will allow for food assistance if needed to those that are in the immediate area. Due to potential flooding the food bank and surrounding area tends to become an island after a hurricane, therefore the staff to service the area.
- Friday, August 28th, plan to open and begin relief and recovery follow through.

Houston Food Bank:

- 1) Services Brazoria, Fort Bend, Harris, Austin, Waller, Walker, San Jacinto, Liberty, Chambers and Trinity counties
 - Will provide additional support to Galveston County Food Bank if needed
- 2) Trucks loaded and staged for disaster response in multiple high ground locations
- 3) 63 partners who committed to being disaster distribution sites
 - Committed to stay open to assist with disaster response
- 4) Obtained extra warehouse space for receiving and distribution of product
- 5) Our kitchen has the capacity to prepare 5000 people 2 meals a day.

Galveston County Food Bank

- 1) Services Galveston County only
- 2) Has pushed food out to their agencies designated first line agencies.
- 3) Their trucks are loaded and ready to deploy after landfall.
- 4) Staff have been issued identification badges to facilitate ease of movement if necessary.

Central Texas, North Texas and San Antonio Food Banks: Have been on coordination calls regarding sheltering hubs in their cities

Feeding Texas is working with Feeding America, HEB and state food banks to get more ready to eat type food boxes ready to send into the area if needed. Coordinating with ESF 6, Texas Feeding Taskforce, and Texas VOAD

The Salvation Army: TSA has been in communication with all affected field units and placed several feeding units on standby for staging. Coordination calls with local, state, and federal partners to include VOAD partner agencies have commenced. All teams will be adhering to safety protocols put into place due to COVID19, wearing PPE and social distancing where applicable. The Salvation Army State Operations Center Liaison will be supporting virtually.+ Ten mobile feeding units (capacity: 1,500 meals per day per feeding unit) in Texas and an IMT have been placed on standby for staging. Meals are being delivered to the Ford Park RSA for first responders. TSA is coordinating with the Texas City RSA and will begin feeding first responders on August 25. A third feeding operation is being staged in Huntsville as the first of the major shelter hubs. Five additional mobile feeding units have been placed on standby.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

AMBULANCES	BOATS	BUSES	AIRCRAFT	HIGH-PROFILE
				
56	76	369	18	66

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
AgriLife A&M	SOC Liaison	1		Activated	SOC/Austin
AgriLife A&M	Administration	2		Activated	College Station
AgriLife A&M	DDC Liaison	1		Activated	Houston/Harris County
TFS A&M	TFS/ESF 4 Representatives	3		Assigned	SOC/Austin
TFS A&M	TFS EOC Support	3		Assigned	College Station
TFS A&M	All-Hazards Planning Modules	5		Assigned	DDC 14 Lufkin
TFS A&M	All-Hazards Planning Modules	2		Assigned	DDC 15 Beaumont
TFS A&M	All-Hazards Planning Modules	3		Assigned	DDC 16A Houston
TFS A&M	All-Hazards Planning Modules	2		Assigned	DDC 16B Texas City
TFS A&M	All-Hazards Planning Modules	2		Assigned	DDC 17 Victoria
TFS A&M	All-Hazards Planning Modules	3		Assigned	Hardin County
TFS A&M	All-Hazards Planning Modules	2		Assigned	Jasper County
TFS A&M	All-Hazards Planning Modules	4		Assigned	Jefferson County
TFS A&M	RSA/POD IMT & Logistical Support	7		Assigned	Ford Park RSA
TFS A&M	RSA/POD IMT & Logistical Support	7		Assigned	Texas City RSA
TFS A&M	All-Hazards Planning Module	2		Assigned	DPS Regional Command
TEEX TX-TF1	SOC Liaisons	3		Assigned	SOC/Austin
TEEX TX-TF1	DDC15 Liaison	1		Activated	Beaumont

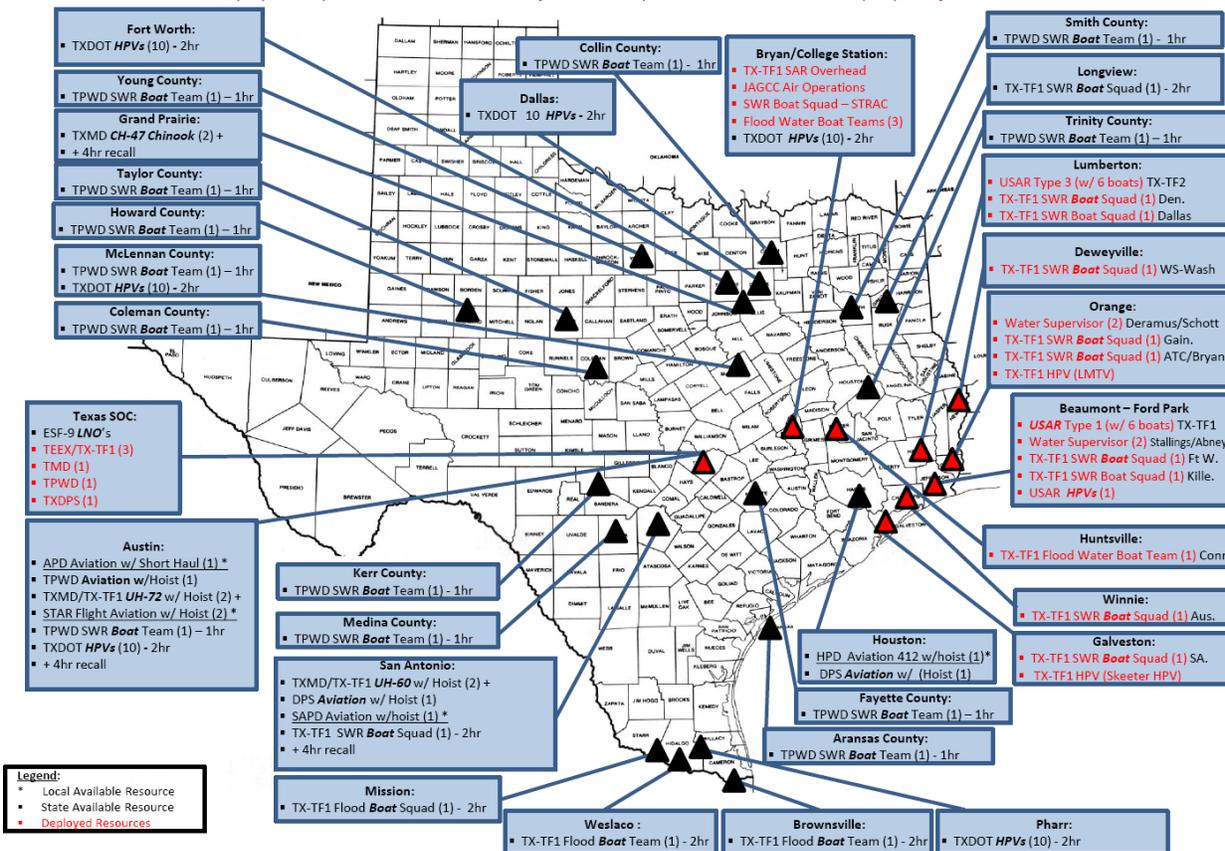
TEEX TX-TF1	Over Head Team	2		Activated	College Station
TEEX TX-TF1	Texas A&M Task Force #1 (Type-1)	77	7	Activated	Ford Park Beaumont
TEEX TX-TF1	Texas A&M Task Force #2 (Type-3)	40	6	Activated	Lumberton
TEEX TX-TF1	SWR Boat Squads and SWR Managers	100	31	Activated	Beaumont (Ford Park), Lumberton, Huntsville, College Station, Galveston, Orange, Winnie, Deweyville
DPS	Helicopter with hoist	12	4	Activated	Southeast Texas
DPS	Helicopter for recon.	3	1	Activated	Southeast Texas
DPS	Helicopter for recon.	6	2	Activated	Austin
DPS	Cessna 208 fixed wing	2	1	Activated	Southeast Texas
DPS	PC12 fixed wing	2	1	Activated	San Antonio
DPS	Aircraft fuel trailer	2	2	Activated	Southeast Texas
DPS	TMU Boat	8	3	Activated	Winnie
DPS	TMU Boat	3	2	Activated	Victoria
DPS	TMU Boat	1	1	Activated	Texas City
DPS	TMU Boat	1	1	Activated	Conroe
DPS	TMU UAS	1	1	Activated	Winnie
DPS	TMU Boat fuel trailers	2	2	Activated / Staged	Southeast Texas
DPS	TMU personnel/ boats	12	5	Activated / Staged	Southeast Texas
DPS	THP Commissioned personnel and vehicles	766	766	Activated / Staged	Southeast Texas, Nacogdoches, Beaumont, Austin
DPS	CID commissioned personnel and vehicles	154	154	Activated / Staged	Southeast Texas
DPS	TRD commissioned personnel and vehicles	88	88	Activated / Staged	Southeast Texas/ statewide

DPS	TRD Zodiac		2	Activated / Staged	Southeast Texas
DPS	TRD Safe boat		1	Activated / Staged	Southeast Texas/ Statewide
DPS	TRD Armored Personnel Carriers		9	Activated / Staged	Southeast Texas/ Statewide
DPS	IOD LEC command trailers		4	Activated / Staged	Austin, Abilene, Weslaco
DPS	IOD LEC CEO Teams	12		Activated / Staged	Statewide
TX-EMTF	EMTF Command Team	2		Activated	ARCC San Antonio
TX-EMTF	Ambulance Staging Management Team	6		Activated	ARCC San Antonio
TX-EMTF	Ambulance Staging Management Team			Activated	Ford Park
TX-EMTF	Ambulance Staging Management Team			Activated	La Marque
TX-EMTF	Ambulance Strike Teams (AST)	110	50	Activated	ARCC San Antonio
TX-EMTF	AMBUS	18	3	Activated	ARCC San Antonio
TX-EMTF	Paramedics	10		Activated	ARCC San Antonio
TX-EMTF	AMBUS		3	Standby	Various
TX-EMTF	Medical Incident Support Team (MIST)	4		Standby	Various
TMD	2 Ground Transportation Platoons	20	10	Assigned	Beaumont
TMD	Ground Transportation HDQTRs	12		Assigned	Beaumont
TMD	2 Ground Transportation Platoons	20	9	Assigned	Beaumont
TMD	BNMC	18		Activated	Beaumont
TMD	MDC DDC 15	1		Activated	Beaumont
TMD	MDC DDC 16	1		Activated	Texas City
TMD	MDC DDC 4	2		Activated	Fort Worth
TMD	Ground Search & Rescue	12		Activated	
TMD	General Medical Response Team	4		Activated	
TMD	Shelter Management Teams (x20)	120		Activated	
TMD	Ground Transportation Company	40	20	Activated	

TMD	GTC HQTRs	12		Activated	
TMD	ETN Teams (x16)	112		Activated	
TMD	TAC Air CMD & TAC Air Party	7		Activated	
TMD	Rotary Wing MRPs 3X	39	3	Activated	
TMD	Rotary Wing Heavy MRP	10	1	Activated	
TMD	SOC Military Desk	2		Assigned	Austin RSOC
TMD	SOC Logistics	5		Assigned	Austin RSOC
TMD	BNMC	18		Activated	Houston
TMD	BNMC	66		Activated	College Station
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	Austin/SOC
TPWD	Game Wardens	35	35	Activated	Lumberton
TPWD	SAR Game Wardens	9	9	Activated	Beaumont
TPWD	Aviation Game Wardens	4		Activated	Houston
TPWD	SAR Game Wardens	2	2	Activated	Collin County
TPWD	SAR Game Wardens	2	2	Activated	Fayette County
TPWD	SAR Game Wardens	2	2	Activated	Bell County
TPWD	State Park Police	12	12	Activated	Livingston
TPWD	Swift Water Boat		1	Activated	Lumberton
TPWD	Swift Water Boats		4	Activated	Beaumont
TPWD	Swift Water Boat		1	Activated	Collin County
TPWD	Swift Water Boat		1	Activated	Fayette County
TPWD	Swift Water Boat		1	Activated	Bell County
TPWD	Air Boats		9	Activated	Lumberton
TPWD	Air Boat		1	Activated	Livingston
TPWD	Shallow Draft Boats		3	Activated	Livingston
TPWD	Flat Bottom Boat		1	Activated	Livingston
TPWD	Incident Command Trailer		1	Activated	Livingston
TPWD	500 Gallon Fuel Tank		1	Activated	Livingston
TPWD	Helicopter		1	Activated	Houston
TxDOT	HPV Team	10	5	Rostered	Houston
TxDOT	HPV Team	10	5	Rostered	Waco
TxDOT	HPV Team	10	5	Standby	Bryan
TxDOT	SOC Liaisons	3	0	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	Incident Response	120		Standby	Statewide

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This map depicts a snapshot in time. Resource locations are fluid based on response needs. Use normal resource request process for SAR assistance.



FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) remains 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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