



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	20-0013 August Tropical Weather
Date	28 August 2020
Time	0800
Operational Period	August 27 to August 28, 2020
Report Number	5

Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	2
DDCs Active	DDC's 14 & 15

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** On August 27, Governor Abbott traveled to Southeast Texas to survey the damage from Hurricane Laura and meet with local officials. The Governor also held a press conference in Orange, where he provided an update on response and recovery efforts in the area. Governor Abbott commended the Southeast Texas community for evacuating ahead of the storm, as this minimized the loss of life and severe safety concerns, and urged Texans to remain vigilant against flash flooding and potential river flooding.

The Governor was joined by Senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, Congressmen Brian Babin and Randy Weber, State Senator Robert Nichols, State Representatives Joe Deshotel and Dade Phelan, and local leaders from Orange and surrounding communities.

Hurricane Laura made landfall in the middle of the night as a Category 4 hurricane. Tree damage has been reported in Jefferson, Hardin, and Orange counties. Orange County has also reported structural damage. Recovery efforts are already underway in the areas hardest hit by Hurricane Laura. Several State agencies are in the affected area to provide search and rescue capabilities, if needed. They are in communication with local leaders but there are no search and rescue requests at this time.

A number of medical resources were deployed ahead of the storm and remain in the affected areas to assist in recovery efforts. Over 350 Emergency Medical Task Force Members are currently deployed, and over 144 hurricane evacuation missions have been conducted.

For information on resources and information visit: [gov.texas.gov/hurricane](http://gov.texas.gov/hurricane)

On August 26, Governor Abbott waived several regulations related to commercial vehicles to assist in Texas' response to Hurricane Laura. The suspensions include waiving certain size and weight permitting requirements, which will help expedite the delivery of food, water, equipment, medical supplies, and other resources to help communities impacted by the storm. These waivers were requested by and will be coordinated through the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

Three types of regulations are suspended, subject to federal law and DMV safety limitations:

The oversize and overweight permitting requirements under Transportation Code, Chapters 621 through 623, as well as Title 43, Chapter 219 of the Texas Administrative Code, for all divisible and non-divisible vehicles and loads;

The International Registration Plan (IRP) vehicle registration under Transportation Code § 502.091 and 43 Tex. Admin. Code § 217.56, as long as the vehicle is registered in one of the 48 contiguous states of the United States; and

The 72-hour and 144-hour temporary registration permits under Transportation Code § 502.094 and 43 Tex. Admin. Code § 217.40(b)(3), as long as the vehicle is registered in one of the states of the United States.

State resources were rostered on August 25, to help respond to Hurricane Laura. TDEM 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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Gambler Road  
San Antonio, TX 78219

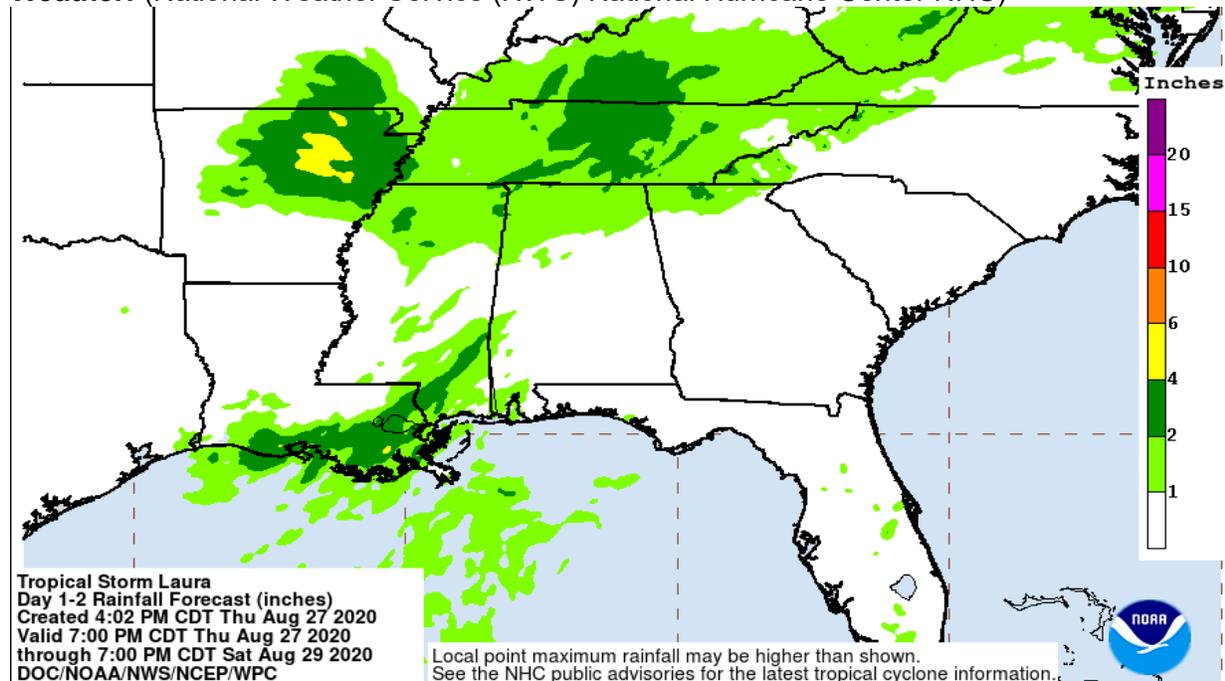
Austin (Opened at 4:00 PM August 25)  
Circuit of the Americas  
9201 Circuit of the Americas Boulevard  
Austin, TX 78617

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, 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).

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



At 4:00 AM CDT (0900 UTC), the center of Tropical Depression Laura was located near latitude 35.8 North, longitude 91.5 West. The depression is moving toward the northeast near 13 mph

(20 km/h) and this motion is expected to become east-northeasterly during the day on Friday, with some acceleration expected Saturday and Sunday.

Maximum sustained winds are near 30 mph (45 km/h) with higher gusts. Little change in strength is expected on Friday, with strengthening expected late Saturday into Sunday as Laura moves into the northwest Atlantic.

**Texas Flooding:** None Reported

#### **OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:**

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

To view the summaries of disaster declarations, letters to the Governor or Disaster Summary Outlines go to: <https://tdem.texas.gov/disaster-summary-outline-2/>

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

**DDC 4A – Hurst** (Includes Denton, Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant, Wise Counties)

DDC 4A EOC activated to Level II on August 26.

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

A self-evacuee reception center was established at the Knights of Columbus off of I-45 in Ennis. They were 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 16 Rosenberg)**

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

Point of Distribution (POD) operations are scheduled to begin Friday August 28, for: Jasper, Newton, Polk, Sabine and Tyler counties.

Angelina, Jasper, Newton, Nacogdoches, Sabine and Tyler Counties, as well as the Alabama Coushatta Tribe and the Cities of Lufkin and Livingston, EOCs are activated.

Cities of Newton, Jasper, and Kirbyville are without power. Crews are getting out and assessing the damages.

No impact to 9-1-1. Newton, Jasper, Sabine, San Augustine and Shelby Counties have reports of trees down and scattered power outages.

**Jasper County** – Jasper County issued a Curfew Order on August 27, 9:00PM to 6:00AM daily. Jasper County issued a Termination of Mandatory Evacuation order on August 27.

**Newton County** – Toledo Village WSC issued a Boil Water Notice on August 27. Curfew began for all of Newton County Thursday, August 27, 2020 between the hours of 10:00PM and 6:00AM each day, until terminated.

**Polk County** – Polk County issued a Termination of Mandatory Evacuation order on August 27. Polk County has reduced to Readiness Level IV (Normal Conditions) on August 27.

**Tyler County:** Tyler County issued a Termination of Mandatory Evacuation order on August 27. A mandatory curfew order was issued for Tyler County from 10:00PM – 6:00AM daily effective August 26.

**DDC 15 – Beaumont** (Includes: Hardin, Jefferson and Orange Counties)  
DDC 15 is planning to support any requested PODs and continues to work with local jurisdictions for re-entry operations.

Damage assessments are being done on August 27 in Hardin, Orange and Jefferson counties. Citizens are asked to not return at this time.

No impact to 9-1-1. Newton, Jasper, Sabine, San Augustine and Shelby Counties have reports of trees down and scattered power outages.

**Hardin County:** A curfew for Hardin County was ordered, effective August 26 from 8:00PM to 6:00AM daily until terminated.

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

**Jefferson County:** The City of Port Neches issued a Boil Water Notice on August 26. City of Beaumont is planning re-entry operations for their evacuated citizens to begin Friday, August 28, 2020 at 1030 hrs.

Curfew began Wednesday, August 26, 2020 between the hours of 10:00pm and 6:00am each day, and continuing until further orders are issued or this order is terminated.

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:** The City of Bridge City issued a Boil Water Notice on August 26. Orange County and the City of Rose City issued Boil Water Notices on August 27.

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

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):

Harris and Chambers Counties, as well as the Cities of Houston and Mont Belvieu, EOCs were activated.

**Chambers County –** First responders are surveying the area. No reports thus far of road closures, damages, flooding, or power outages.

Chambers County issued a Termination of Mandatory Evacuation order on August 27.

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

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 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 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)

RSA deactivated at this time. DDC16B-Texas City supporting evacuations in designated areas prior to storm impact.

**Brazoria County:** 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 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:** On August 26 a curfew was ordered from 8:00PM to 6:00AM daily. Liberty County issued a voluntary evacuation order 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)

- The Austin Convention Center was established as a congregate shelter around midnight last night.
- Volunteer teams going to all the hotels where evacuees are being housed and getting them into ETN.
- Evacuees coming from outside the area seeking shelter in the Austin area may continue to go to the reception info center located at 9201 Circuit of the Americas Blvd to receive information on resources.
- The City of Austin, Travis County, Williamson County, and Hays County are in communication with the State of Texas and coastal counties to gather information and observe damage to affected communities. An update about returning evacuees to their home communities will be provided later today. At this time, it is critical that evacuees do not leave their shelters without first registering their entire family with hotel staff, government or American Red Cross Official.
- Evacuees should text "**ATXShelter**" to **888-777** to get updates about sheltering in the Austin area.
- At this time, the Capital Area Shelter Hub has housed approximately 3,000 evacuees in more than 1,000 hotel rooms and in space at the Austin Convention Center.
- Fuel truck being sent to COTA to assist people who came in late last night to get them back on the road
- City of Austin and Galveston are making arrangements to transport people back tomorrow on buses

**Travis County:**

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

**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.

Received overnight-29 buses, 268 private vehicles, evacuees arrived from Orange, Jefferson, Galveston, Newton, Harris, Hardin and Calcasieu Parrish in Louisiana and placed in 16 hotels and in a total of 577 rooms.

Pre-planning for air operations from impacted area to the city of San Antonio. Reaching out to surrounding counties to determine hotel availability.

**Evacuations:**

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	Rescinded
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
Harris	City of Webster	08/25/2020	Voluntary
Jasper	Jasper County	08/25/2020	Mandatory
Jefferson	Jefferson County	08/25/2020	Rescinded
Jefferson	City of Port Arthur	08/25/2020	Mandatory
Liberty	Liberty County	08/25/2020	Voluntary

County	Jurisdiction	Effective Date	Type
Newton	Newton County	08/25/2020	Mandatory
Orange	Orange County	08/25/2020	Mandatory
Polk	Polk County	08/25/2020	Rescinded
Tyler	Tyler County	08/26/2020	Mandatory

## 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: Local UHF repeater networks were integrated to provide a communications network that provided connection with East, Central and North Texas, as well as connections to Oklahoma and California. Emergency Communications nets were secured at 2:00 PM CST. Requests for Amateur Radio support continue to be assessed.

AT&T / FIRSTNET: FirstNet teams and liaisons are in contact with federal, state and local officials coordinating our deployment efforts to support public safety and the communities in the storm's path. In areas where the storm has passed, our teams will assess damage and begin to make repairs as quickly and safely as conditions allow.

Staged assets ready to be deployed in Texas and Louisiana include:

- SatCOLTS (Cell on Light Trucks)
- Emergency Communications Vehicles (ECVs) and Emergency Communications Portables (ECPs)
- Flying COWs™ (Cell on Wings)
- Boats/Amphibious Vehicles
- Multiple Charging Stations
- Over 1,000 Portable Generators

DHS Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA): CISA reported the FCC's Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS), shows over 99% of Cellular systems in Texas were online. The cellular providers maintained above 99% online status over the twenty-hour period before and after landfall.

Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC): CSEC staff received an update on South East Texas 9-1-1 program. There has been no impact to 9-1-1 service. Several PSAPs

had relocated to other locations as a precautionary measure due to the potential impact from the storm surge and flooding. By mid-morning, some of those PSAPs were in the process of returning to their own facilities. There were significant power outages throughout the region, but the PSAP facilities are holding their own and have emergency/backup power.

FEMA Region 6: Conducted multiple coordination conference calls with federal, state and private sector partners to assess state’s needs and federal and private sector telecommunications response. FEMA is coordinating with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), regarding pre-landfall and post-landfall assessments of the radio frequency (RF) spectrum, to help determine the impact of the storm on cellular, radio, TV and infrastructure.

Multiple Federal, State and Private Sector Agencies: Multiple governmental and non-governmental agencies are staging communications platforms and personnel in preparation to deploy into the impacted areas, post-landfall.

Sprint/T-Mobile: Preparing resources to deploy for post landfall response. The resources can be used to support Voice, Data and cellular activities for those responding to the incident or for other supporting agencies. Resources include:

Infrastructure:

- Mobile infrastructure for cellular service –
  - COW/COLT/SATCOLT/Small Cell solutions
- IP infrastructure for data Support –
- Donor Device Program
  - Basic Phones
  - Smartphones
  - Hotspots
  - Cradlepoint Router
- Mobile Command Trailers
- Mutualink Interoperability solution

Verizon: COWs (Cell on Wheels) / COLTS (Cell on Light Trucks), as well as portable generators, have been pre-staged in state, with additional national assets on standby.

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

**TDEM Mass Care:** With the use of Non-Congregate sheltering, most jurisdictions are locating single sites to send evacuees that need COVID-19 isolation and quarantine with the proper support personnel. They are not being tested. With congregate sheltering, areas are set aside away from other general population evacuees.

Shelter Entity	#Sheltered	#Rooms	Congregate#
San Antonio	4,105	1,769	8
Austin	1,953	1,078	9
DFW	3,854	1,749	
ARC			
Walker County	669		7 Shelters

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service:** Until activated, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is standing ready to support the TDEM, the TAHC, 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. An article on Water Well Testing after Flooding was posted on the AgriLife Today news feed on August 25.

Extension deployed 4 DAR agents and 2 CEA's-AG on Thursday morning August 26 to support the TAMU VET and the TAHC with animal sheltering and supply point operations at Ford Park in Jefferson County. They are assessing damages with county personnel.

Two DAR agents were assigned to transport and set up a Zumro tent for COVID-19 testing for personnel escorting Governor Abbott to view damage post storm, but this mission was canceled. All other DAR Agents are on standby at the Armories to assist with distribution of PPE and other supplies to first responders, government entities, assisted living facilities and communities.

Until further assessments are completed, the Livestock Management Donations Hotline will not go live on Thursday, August 27 to accept feed and hay donations for livestock relief.

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.

SAR Resources are waiting for winds to get below 40 MPH then they will assist local jurisdiction as needed for Search and Rescue efforts.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS):** TFS currently has 57 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 Animal Health Commission (TAHC):** The TAHC is maintaining situational awareness of the evolving weather situation. TAHC is virtually activated to the SOC, is monitoring weather calls, and coordinating with TAHC Regional Offices and animal response partners at the local, state, and federal level for support of local jurisdictions. TAHC is coordinating with AgriLife Extension to gather animal shelter information and provide information to the 2-1-1 operators. The TAHC is conducting coordination calls internally and with response partners to address information and resource needs. [The AROCC activated for support of Hurricane Laura response at 6:30 AM on August 27. Initial TAHC and AgriLife Ex. surveillance in the impacted area has shown very little damage or other impacts. No animal damage reports have been received, and the initial STAR for TAMU VET support has been canceled.](#)

SOC Representative is virtually monitoring the situation, calls, WebEOC, and creating shelter and situational reports. TAHC Regional staff is maintaining situational awareness and is in contact with local jurisdictions for support of animal issues/Animal Issues Committees. TAHC Public Information Officer released a press release for animal shelter, transportation, and evacuation information. Coordination calls with ESF-11 and other animal response partners are being conducted. Point-to-Point shelters have been activated in Walker County for several evacuating jurisdictions and two animal shelters are stood up in support. TAHC is coordinating with partners for any STAR requests: to date, STARs for TAMU VET support, a large animal shelter support team, and kennels have been received. [TAHC field staff are continuing active surveillance in the area for any Animal Needs Assessments and are available for any local jurisdictional requests. Both AROCC and Field Staff demobilization plans are being created.](#)

**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):**

**Hospital Facilities Evacuated**

- 84 total patients evacuated/transferred
- Seven hospitals have relocated patients to other facilities and two Free Standing ERs have evacuated. No state resources were used in the process.
  - UTMB Health Angleton Danbury Campus
  - Riceland Medical Center
  - Medical Center Southeast
  - Memorial Herman Pearland
  - PAM Beaumont
  - Mid-Jefferson Extended Care – Beaumont
  - Mid-Jefferson Extended Care – Nederland
  - Golden Triangle Emergency Center – Port Arthur
  - Golden Triangle Emergency Center - Orange

**Medical Shelter Operations**

- Medical shelter in San Antonio has a total bed capacity of 276. Census-145 patients, 54 caregivers.
- Medical shelter in Austin has a total bed capacity of 48. Census-2 patients, 1 caregiver
- Total medical shelter capacity is 324.
  - Number of medical shelters opened: 2
  - Number of medical staff working in medical shelters: 446
  - Total Medical Shelter Census: 110 patients and 48 caregivers
- Two Mobile Medical Units have been activated to support post-land fall response activities and are at AARC San Antonio Staging.
- Six nurses have been provided to Walker County to support general population shelters.
- Two nurses have been provided to Madison Care center to assist with nursing home evacuees.

**Statewide ESF-8 Activities:**

- The Regional Medical Operations Center (RMOC) in San Antonio and Catastrophic Medical Operations Center (CMOC) in Houston are activated and coordinating medical response efforts.
- The SMOG has transitioned to 24 hour operations with the COVID-19 response and Hurricane Laura as of 8/25/2020.
- Regional Health and Medical Operations Centers (RHMOG) in all Public Health Regions (PHR) have been activated for COVID, prior to Hurricane Laura, and are currently activated and supporting their respective Disaster District Chairs (DDCs).
- DSHS has activated medical sheltering, pharmacy and oxygen contracts. 426 oxygen
- Cylinders have been deployed to support staging and shelters.

- DSHS has requested Federal Air Medical support post-land fall and has submitted a STAR for High Profile Vehicles to support post-land fall EMTF missions.

**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.

- The following Districts have arrived in the Beaumont area and are assisting with debris removal, sign, and signal repair: Austin, Bryan, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, and Yoakum Districts. This has brought in an additional 120 employees for incident response.
- The TxDOT IRAT members have been released.
- 15 HPV crews in Bryan, Waco, and Houston have been released by TX-TF1.
- TxDOT Courtesy Patrol is providing assistance to motorist returning to Southeast Texas on State roadways.
- Ferry operations at Galveston – Bolivar Peninsula have resumed normal operations.
- In response to the closing of IH-10 in Louisiana TxDOT and Louisiana DOT are working together using Digital Message Signs to detour traffic to IH 20.
- TxDOT is Staffing the SOC on a 24-hour basis.
- The rest area in Chamber County is closed on August 27 and will remain closed until power has been restored.
- Crews will continue working on debris removal on Friday, August 28. Out-of-town crews are expected to be released Saturday morning to return to their home offices

**Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF):**

Hurricane Evacuation Efforts:

- Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Assets were deployed to support evacuations. 144 evacuation missions were completed and all EMTF assets (listed below) are en route to San Antonio Staging Area except a Heavy Strike Team that will remain in Ford Park Staging overnight.
- For safety of the crews, all CMOC medical transportation operations have ceased at 7:00PM on 8/26/2020 and will resume as soon conditions are safe to do so.
- Number of EMTF personnel deployed: 356
- Number of medical patients transported: 514
- Number of hurricane evacuation missions: 144
- 50 oxygen cylinders provided to CATRAC for shelter operations

**Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):** Currently, HHSC has two liaisons present at the SOC. They are collecting, documenting, and sharing situational awareness information, responding to inquiries, and monitoring state requests for HHSC-provided assets. On August 24, 4:00 PM, HHSC received STAR for activation of emergency ice, water and freight contracts. There are no unmet needs at this time. All programs are currently monitoring this situation. HHSC will continue to staff and support day shift; night shift.

- The majority of ice/water requests submitted by local jurisdictions have been canceled. Loads are being rerouted to support the RSA at Ford Park in Beaumont. A total of 12 trailers of water and 13 loads of ice are scheduled to be delivered by August 28 at 8:00 AM.
- 2-1-1, Option 5 for Hurricane Laura information and referral was activated on August 26 at approximately 9:00 PM. 259 calls were handled on August 26 from activation until 11:59 PM.
- Providing 24-hour Regional Disaster Assistance Coordinator support for DDC14 Beaumont

**Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS):** TIFMAS currently has 50 personnel on 10 pieces of equipment rostered and deployed in support of Hurricane Laura operations.

- Ten TIFMAS Saw Squads consisting of five personnel each were ordered for area-wide response on August 26.
- All resources arrived at Ford Park staging area in Jefferson County and are either available for assignment or were assigned on August 27.
- All resources other than the 10 Saw Squads were demobilized on August 27 and are returning to their home jurisdictions.

Saw Squads were authorized for deployment to staging at NRG Stadium, Gate 10, on August 26. Resources deployed to NRG Stadium on August 26 were relocated and resources that deployed on August 27 were all routed to Ford Park (Beaumont in Jefferson County).

Resources were standing by for assignment or possible deployment to Louisiana pending a possible EMAC document. Two Saw Squads of five personnel each were requested in Hemphill (Sabine County) for debris clearing in the right of way. Four Saw Squads of five personnel each were requested in Kirbyville (Jasper County). Four Saw Squads of five personnel each remain in staging. All other resources were released and are heading back to their home jurisdictions on August 27.

**Texas Military Department (TMD):** TMD currently has activated up to 1,587 personnel, 154 HPVs, 86 HMMWVs, 10 Rotary and 4 fixed-wing Aircraft in support of the August Tropical Weather Response. The State Air Operations has been activated at Camp Mabry, Austin. TMD deployed contingency forces to protect life and property. TMD is supporting TX-TF1 with search, rescue, embarkation hubs, ETN, evacuee shelters and other missions.

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):** TPWD has local resources in Southeast Texas ready to support any rescue and recovery efforts as a result of Hurricane Laura. All out of area assets have been demobilized.

**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 here is the food banks projected work schedule:
  - 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. One 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.
- 3) [The food bank did not receive any damage and for the most part roads in Beaumont are passable.](#)
  - [Staff are returning to the area and the food bank will open Friday, August 28.](#)

#### Montgomery County Food Bank:

- 1) Services Montgomery County only
- 2) Had a large mobile distribution
- 3) Are coordinating possible water distribution for shelters in the area if needed

#### Houston Food Bank:

- 1) Services Brazoria, Fort end, 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.
  - Closed August 26, 2020 at noon and plans to reopen Friday morning, August 28<sup>th</sup>
- 5) [Reopened on August 27.](#)

#### Shelter Hub Support

##### Central Texas, North Texas and San Antonio Food Banks:

- Have been on coordination calls regarding sheltering hubs in their cities
- Central Texas Food Bank is providing 150 meals twice a day to American Red Cross for distribution
- North Texas Food Bank is supporting two reception centers in the DFW area.
  - Provided 1,500 snack bags and 2,000 bottles of water yesterday and today
- San Antonio Food Bank prepped 680 meals for 2 shelters that opened last night
- San Antonio Food Bank is looking to support in Central Texas Food Bank coordination with American Red Cross with shelter meals if needed

- Central Texas Food Bank, (Austin) has prepared 585 meals to date for American Red Cross to deliver.
- San Antonio Food Bank has prepared 6,475 meals to date.

Feeding Texas Network support

- 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 TDEM ESF 6, Texas Feeding Taskforce, and Texas VOAD
- In communication with TDA, HHSC, DSHS regarding D-SNAP, Household commodities and various information and waivers needed once a presidential declaration is issued.

**Southern Baptist Texas Convention (SBTC) Disaster Relief:** SBTC is currently reporting 7 volunteers are supporting an incident management team, 2 shower units and 1 55 kW Generator unit, for 120 volunteer hours.

**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. TSA SOC 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. 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. **IMT has now been mobilized and will be on the ground this evening in Beaumont. Ten canteens (mobile feeding units) are in Beaumont and affected areas Friday morning. As of August 26, 1,529 meals and 1,529 drinks were provided.**

**STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED**

AMBULANCES	BOATS	BUSES	AIRCRAFT	HIGH-PROFILE
				
56	24	399	23	163

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
AgriLife A&M	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	SOC/Austin
AgriLife A&M	Administration	2		Assigned	College Station
AgriLife A&M	DDC Liaison	1		Assigned	Houston/Harris County
AgriLife A&M	DAR Agent Strike Team	6	6	Assigned	Ford Park, Beaumont
TFS A&M	TFS/ESF 4 Representatives	2		Assigned	SOC/Austin

TFS A&M	TFS EOC Support	10		Assigned	College Station
TFS A&M	Logistical Support (RSA/PODs)	1		Assigned	Austin/SOC
TFS A&M	All-Hazards Planning Module	1		Assigned	DDC 4A Hurst
TFS A&M	All-Hazards Planning Modules	4		Assigned	DDC 14 Lufkin
TFS A&M	All-Hazards Planning Modules	2		Assigned	DDC 15 Beaumont
TFS A&M	All-Hazards Planning Modules	4		Assigned	Jasper County
TFS A&M	RSA/POD IMT & Logistical Support	30		Assigned	Ford Park RSA
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	73	31	Activated	Beaumont (Ford Park), Lumberton, Huntsville, College Station, Galveston, Orange, Winnie, Deweyville
TAHC	SOC Representative	1		Assigned	Austin/SOC (Virtual)
TAHC	TAHC AROCC staff	13		Assigned	AROCC
TAHC	TAHC Animal Damage Assessment Teams	3	4	Assigned	TAHC Rockdale Region
TAHC	TAHC Animal Damage Assessments	2	2	Assigned	TAHC Sulphur Springs Region
TAHC	TAHC Regional Coordination	3		Assigned	TAHC Rockdale and Sulphur Spring Region
TIFMAS	Saw Squads	20	4	Available	Jefferson County Staging

TIFMAS	Saw Squads	10	2	Assigned	Hemphill (Sabine County)
TIFMAS	Saw Squads	20	4	Assigned	Kirbyville (Jasper County)
TIFMAS	TIFMAS SOC Representative	1		Activated	Collin County (Remote)
TIFMAS	TIFMAS SOC Representative	1		Assigned	Travis County
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
HHSC	SOC Liason	3	0	Assigned	Austin/Alt SOC
HHSC	Regional Disaster Assistance Coordinator	2		Assigned	DDC 14
TX-EMTF	EMTF Command Team	2		Activated	ARCC San Antonio
TX-EMTF	Ambulance Staging Management Team	12		Activated	ARCC San Antonio
TX-EMTF	Heavy AST	17	6	Activated	Ford Park Beaumont
TX-EMTF	Ambulance Strike Teams (AST)	110	50	Activated	NRG moving to Ford Park
TX-EMTF	AMBUS	54	9	Activated	NRG moving to Ford Park
TX-EMTF	Paramedics	15		Activated	NRG moving to Ford Park
TX-EMTF	Medical Incident Support Team (MIST)	18		Activated	NRG moving to Ford Park
TX-EMTF	Mobile Medical Units (MMU)	72		Assigned	ARCC San Antonio
TX-EMTF	Air Medical Strike Teams	6		Assigned	ARCC San Antonio
TX-EMTF	Medical Shelter Task Force (100 bed)			Standby	Conroe
TX-EMTF	Medical Shelter Task Force (250 bed)			Standby	San Antonio
TMD	GTCHQ	104	50	Assigned	Huntsville
TMD	GTCHQ	52	24	Activated	Westheimer
TMD	BDEMC	33	7	Assigned	Huntsville
TMD	BDEMC	66	14	Activated	Austin
TMD	BNMC	72	28	Activated	Austin
TMD	BNMC	36	14	Assigned	Corpus Christi
TMD	BNMC	39	7	Assigned	Rosenberg
TMD	GSU	124		Activated	Austin
TMD	GSU	30		Assigned	Nacogdoches

TMD	GSU	30		Activated	Kountze
TMD	GSU	30		Activated	Nacogdoches
TMD	GSU	34		Assigned	Livingston
TMD	GSU POD OPS	30		Activated	Silsbee
TMD	GSU POD OPS	30		Activated	Lumberton
TMD	GSU POD OPS	30		Activated	Saratoga
TMD	GTC	52	24	Assigned	Houston
TMD	GTC	52	24	Assigned	Beaumont
TMD	GTC	156	72	Assigned	Huntsville
TMD	GTC & GTP			Assigned	Houston
TMD	Rotary Wing MRP	132	10	Assigned	Austin
TMD	Airlift MRP	108	4	Assigned	Fort Worth
TMD	Airfield C2 Team	50		Assigned	Beaumont
TMD	SOC Mil Desk	2		Assigned	Austin
TMD	SOC LOGS	5		Assigned	Austin
TMD	MDC DDC 4A	2		Assigned	Fort Worth
TMD	MDC DDC 14	1		Activated	Lufkin
TMD	MDC DDC 16A	1		Activated	Houston/Westheimer
TMD	MDC DDC 16D	1		Activated	Houston/Pierce
TMD	MDC DDC 4B	1		Assigned	Dallas
TMD	MDC DDC 15	1			Beaumont
TMD	MDC DDC 16B	1			Texas City
TMD	TICPs	4		Assigned	Huntsville
TMD	TICPs	4		Assigned	Bryan
TMD	TICPs	4		Assigned	Rosenberg
TMD	TICPs	4		Assigned	Beaumont
TMD	ETN Teams	14		Activated	Dallas
TMD	ETN Teams	14		Assigned	Port Arthur
TMD	ETN Teams	7		Assigned	Beaumont
TMD	ETN Teams	14		Activated	Lumberton
TMD	ETN Teams	14		Assigned	Mesquite
TMD	ETN Teams	7		Assigned	Silsbee
TMD	ETN Teams	14		Assigned	Corpus Christi
TMD	GMT	4		Activated	Austin
TMD	GMT	3		Assigned	Huntsville
TMD	Engineering Team	4		Activated	Taylor Landing
TMD	CST	22		Assigned	Austin
TMD	TACP (TC3) & TACP (TRE)	11		Assigned	Beaumont
TMD	TMD ABS	30		Assigned	Austin
TMD	Shelter OPS	6		Assigned	Austin
TMD	Shelter OPS	12		Activated	Beaumont
TMD	Shelter OPS	90		Assigned	
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	Austin/SOC
TPWD	Game Wardens			Activated	Southeast Texas
TPWD	Air Boats		9	Activated	Southeast Texas
TPWD	Swift Water Boat		1	Activated	Southeast Texas

TPWD	UAS Game Warden	2	2	Activated	Southeast Texas
TxDOT	SOC Liaisons	3		Assigned	Austin/SOC
TxDOT	Incident Response	120		Assigned	Beaumont

**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)

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