



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

### New Information is in Blue Text

Event Name	20-0013 August Tropical Weather
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Operational Period	August 28 to August 29, 2020
Report Number	6

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

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** On Friday jurisdictions affected by Hurricane Laura began repatriation of the residents, disaster assessments, Points of Distribution operations and recovery activities.

On August 28, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has received federal approval to allow Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients to apply over the phone for replacement benefits for food lost or destroyed due to Hurricane Laura. Applications can be submitted by calling 2-1-1.

SNAP recipients need to apply for replacement food benefits for regular SNAP allotments and SNAP emergency allotments that were provided in response to COVID-19.

To allow people to continue social distancing, SNAP clients can stay home and request their replacement food benefits by dialing 2-1-1 and selecting option 2. Alternately, recipients can download Form H1855 (Affidavit for Non-receipt or Destroyed Food Stamp Benefits) on the HHSC website. To limit exposure to COVID-19, recipients are encouraged to mail or fax the completed form to HHSC instead of visiting their local offices. Completed forms should be mailed to Texas Health and Human Services Commission, PO Box 149027, Austin, TX, 78714-9027, or faxed to 1-877-447-2839. For more information, please visit [hhs.texas.gov](https://hhs.texas.gov).

For other help related to Hurricane Laura, Texans can dial 2-1-1 and select option 5.

Administered by HHSC, SNAP is a federal program that provides food assistance to approximately 1.4 million eligible, low-income families and individuals in Texas. Texans in need can apply for benefits, including SNAP and Medicaid, at [YourTexasBenefits.com](https://YourTexasBenefits.com) or use the Your Texas Benefits mobile app to manage their benefits. To find local resources in your area, such as food or shelter, please call 2-1-1 and select option 1.

FEMA has approved the emergency declaration for the State of Texas (FEMA-3540-EM) for the counties of Anderson, Angelina, Aransas, Bexar, Bowie, Brazoria, Calhoun, Cameron, Camp, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Dallas, Ellis, Fort Bend, Franklin, Galveston, Gregg, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Houston, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Kenedy, Kleberg, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Marion, Matagorda, Montgomery, Morris, Nacogdoches, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Panola, Polk, Red River, Refugio, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Shelby, Smith, Tarrant, Titus, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Wharton, Willacy and Wood for reimbursement for eligible emergency protective measures (Category B), limited to direct Federal assistance and reimbursement for mass care including evacuation and shelter support.

#### **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 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 were scheduled to begin Friday August 28, for: Jasper, Newton, Polk, Sabine and Tyler counties.

**Jasper County** – [County Incident Management Team advised Point of Distribution \(POD\) operations and food distributions were needed due to power outages.](#)

Jasper County issued a Curfew Order on August 27, 9:00PM to 6:00AM daily.

**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. [Multiple road closures were reported in Newton County.](#)

**Sabine County** – Sabine County requested meals, ice, and water commodities distribution on August 28.

**Tyler County:** 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) [Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission reported that the Louisiana Department of Transportation reopened IH-10 at the Texas/Louisiana line.](#)

DDC 15 is planning to support any requested PODs and continues to work with local jurisdictions for re-entry operations.

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

**Hardin County:** [Hardin County estimates that 40 people have evacuated the county.](#)

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

**Jefferson County:** [Jefferson County lifted the evacuation order. It also cancelled a resource request for the Disaster Recovery Task Force given very little damage. Jefferson County estimates that 1,627 people have evacuated the county.](#)

[The City of Port Arthur also cancelled a resource request because of very little damage.](#)

The City of Port Neches issued a Boil Water Notice on August 26.

[City of Beaumont started conducting re-entry operations for their evacuated citizens Friday, August 28, at 10:30 AM.](#)

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.

**Orange County:** [Orange County estimates that 273 have evacuated the county.](#)

[The Long Term Recovery Group “Orange County Disaster Rebuild” A mechanism for volunteer and donation management will be determined following the damage assessments and the scope of need is identified.](#)

The American Red Cross was operating a POD at the Orange Church of God, 1911 North 16th Street, Orange, TX. Water, snacks and cleaning materials were being handed out, while supplies last, or until 7:00pm. August 28.

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.

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

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

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

**Galveston County:** The City of Galveston issued curfew on August 25.

**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.

**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)

- 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. 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 was sent to COTA to assist people who came in to get them back on the road.
- City of Austin and Galveston are making arrangements to transport people back on buses.

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

- Consolidated sheltering hotels from 16 to 8. Processed 438 vehicles and 5 additional busses overnight. Pushed forward 4 STARS to support San Antonio operations.
- Working on repatriation for City of Beaumont, Harris County, Galveston County and Chambers County.

**Evacuations:** All mandatory and voluntary evacuation orders have been rescinded.

## 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: Continues to monitor the situation and how the impacts beyond Texas and Louisiana could affect those customers. They are also working with other industry providers to assist non-FIRSTNET / AT&T customers. There are currently no major outages affecting Texas.

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. Several jurisdictions are working through power issues impacting their law enforcement and 9-1-1 operations. The City of Orange Police Department (PD) experienced temporary generator issues and rerouted calls to the Orange County Sheriff's Office. The issue has been resolved and the Orange PD has resumed taking calls. The generator supporting Vidor PD is down. They have relocated to City Hall, and 9-1-1 calls are being routed to another line. Repairs are being conducted to restore their internet functionality. Jefferson County is estimating repairs to their power network to continue through the weekend.

FEMA Region 6: Continues to conduct multiple coordination conference calls with federal, state and private sector partners to assess state's needs and federal and private sector telecommunications response. FEMA, in conjunction with the Federal Communications

Commission (FCC), has provided pre-landfall and post-landfall assessments of the radio frequency (RF) spectrum, to help determine the impact of the storm on cellular, radio, TV, 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.

Conducting local outreach:

- DRTF Staff working in Orange County to assess further recovery needs.
- In Hardin County DTRF is supporting long-term recovery group, and assisted with access to self-reporting damage data.
- PA and IA field survey was distributed through the DCs and ACs for the affected areas. TDEM and VOAD members deployed Friday to support damage assessment activities.
- Self-Reported Damage Assessment Survey is currently being utilized by disaster survivors and 28 requests for volunteer assistance have been transferred to Crisis Clean Up.
- Galveston County – Jamaica Beach – Provided debris management planning and cost tracking documents
- Hardin County – POD operations. No additional unmet needs.
- Jasper County – Requesting additional assistance with PODs for water/ice, food distribution from VOAD partners, chainsaw teams, and debris management.
- Jefferson County – POD operations. No additional unmet needs.
- Newton County – DRTF will meet with County Judge on August 29. Requesting additional assistance with PODs for water/ice, food distribution from VOAD partners, chainsaw teams, and debris management.
- Sabine County – DRTF filling the request for assistance with debris management.
- Shelby County – DRTF will meet with county officials on August 29

**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	4,026	1,034	
DFW	6,077	2,312	
ARC Houston	67	43	
ARC Austin	115		1
Walker County	630		7 Shelters
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,915</b>	<b>3,389</b>	

**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.

DAR Agents are on standby at the Armories to assist with transporting QRF test samples, 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. Three animal sheltering hubs were stood up on August 26 at Brazos, Montgomery and Walker Counties to accept livestock and pets from evacuees. Montgomery County closed its shelter on August 27. Walker County closed their large animal shelter on August 27, and still has 34 pets that they are housing. Brazos County still has their large animal shelter open, but numbers are declining each day.

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

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS):** TFS currently has 93 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):** Continues to monitor the restoration of infrastructure and the power outages caused by Hurricane Laura.

**Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC):** 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 STARs for TAMU VET support and Williamson County large animal support have been cancelled. The AROCC transitioned back to virtual coordination on August 28, 2020 and field assets have been demobilized to On-Call status.

TAHC field staff are On-Call for Animal Needs Assessments and are available for any local jurisdictional requests. Both AROCC and Field Staff have been demobilized to On-Call status, while the SOC rep remains active for situational awareness and reporting, as necessary.

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):** TCEQ staff have started identifying and contacting public drinking water systems and wastewater treatment facilities that are located in the impacted areas to determine their operational status. City of Port Neches, City of Bridge City, Toledo Village Water Supply Corporation, City of Rose City, and Orange County Water Control and Improvement District #2 have issued boil water notices. TCEQ Mobile Air Monitoring Vans were deployed to Beaumont and will begin monitoring on Friday. Staff are available to address any hazardous material spills and/ or releases. Staff are also available to provide guidance on debris management and available to review and authorize temporary debris management sites, as needed.

<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):**

**ESF-8 Activities:**

- Number of Emergency Medical Taskforce Members (EMTF) deployed: 236
- Tracking 171 EMTF missions
- Number of medical patients transported: 576
- Number of hurricane evacuation missions: 171
- Number of medical shelters opened: 1
- Number of medical staff working in medical shelters: 474
- Medical Shelter Census: 130 patients and 54 caregivers
- Medical Shelter can hold 166 at San Antonio
- Palmer Medical Shelter has demobed and closed, leaving the Freeman Center as the sole Medical shelter still open in response to Hurricane Laura.

**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.
- Crews have completed debris removal on Friday, August 28. Out-of-town crews are scheduled to be released on the morning of Saturday the 29th.
- TxDOT Courtesy Patrol is providing assistance to motorists returning to Southeast Texas on State roadways.
- In response to the opening of IH-10 at the Louisiana border TxDOT has removed the detour information from all Digital Message Signs.
- TxDOT is staffing the SOC day shifts. Starting on 28th the overnight shift will be staffed virtually.

**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.

- To date, HHSC has processed STARs for 13 trailers of bottled water and 26 trailers of bagged ice to support points of dispensing in affected counties.
- 2-1-1, Option 5 for Hurricane Laura information and referral, activated on August 26, have answered a total of 3,114 calls to date.
- Top 10 hurricane-related caller referrals included: Shelter (Dallas), Shelter (Gulf Coast), Circuit of the Americas-Coastal Texas Evacuation Reception Center, [www.211.org](http://www.211.org),

Freeman Coliseum Reception Center, TxDOT Evacuation Route/Road Condition Information, State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR), Disaster Relief, Crisis Cleanup Hotline, and Helpline and Help Desk.

- Top 10 hurricane-related caller needs included: Mass Care Shelters, Evacuation Information, Motel Bill Payment Assistance, Food Pantries, Evacuation Centers, 211 Lead Agencies, Hotels/Motels, Gas Money, Red Cross Service Centers, and FEMA Disaster Assistance Online/Tele-Registration.
- Providing 24-hour Regional Disaster Assistance Coordinator support for DDC14 Beaumont.

**Texas Military Department (TMD):** TMD currently has activated 1,286 personnel, 134 HPVs, 70 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, PODS 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.

#### **Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOADs):**

**Adventist Community Services:** Adventist Community Services has provided 400 hygiene kits in Beaumont.

**All Hands and Hearts:** Deploying to Southeast Texas to assess needs and respond where needed. Discussing tarping ability

**Americares:** Has medicine and medical supplies available to affected areas.

**American Red Cross (ARC):** ARC began meal distribution at lunch Friday. They are partnering with the World Central Kitchen. They served 500 meals for lunch and 500 for dinner. Meals are distributed through 4 ERVs in the City of Orange, Orangefield, Bridge City and Deweyville. The ERVs are also distributing water and heater meals on these routes. Numbers will be provided starting Saturday. Damage Assessment: Friday, teams were in the field assessing homes in affected areas. There are currently 375 Red Cross staff and volunteers assigned to the operation statewide.

**Church of Latter-Day Saints:** Is on standby and ready to respond with cleanup efforts when requested.

**Crisis Cleanup:** Requests for assistance are currently low in Texas. Anticipate an uptick once survivors go home. Crisis Cleanup number: 844-956-1386.

**Crowd Source Rescue:** Deployed to Jefferson County prior to landfall. Assisting in Port Arthur and Louisiana.

**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.
- 6) Galveston County Food Bank was open today. Montgomery County Food Bank and Southeast Texas Food Bank anticipate opening August 28.

#### 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.

**Good360:** Are assisting Hardin and Orange Counties in locating needed relief items.

**Islamic USA:** Assisting Red Cross with damage assessments. Has the ability to tarp roofs. Has safety kits and funding for unmet needs.

**ITDRC:** Assisting with connectivity in Beaumont and Orange area. Can provide connectivity and technology when needed.

**Lutheran Social Services:** Are located in Louisiana, are monitoring needs and coordinating efforts.

**National Baptist:** Standing up location for cleanup in Beaumont area.

**Southern Baptist Texas Convention (SBTC) Disaster Relief:** SBTC is currently reporting 15 volunteers are supporting an incident management team, 2 shower units, 1 55 kW generator unit, chainsaw team, 3 mass care feeding unit, 3 shower/laundry units, 1 laundry unit supporting power line crews and first responders, for 270 volunteer hours.

**The Salvation Army (TSA):** 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.

**Tarrant County VOAD:** Adventists are supplying hygiene kits to shelters. The United Way is providing laundry coins to disaster survivors in shelters.

**Team Rubicon:** Sending recon team to Orange County for chainsaw mission.

**Texas Search and Rescue (TEXSAR):** There was a 42-member response. Late in the evening on August 26, TEXSAR moved assets and team members to Port Arthur to prepare for rescues pending Laura making landfall. Team responded with heavy equipment and 16 person strike team. TEXSAR was staged for evacuations, potential flood and swift water rescue, and disaster assessment. Upon situational assessment returned to home base.

### STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

AMBULANCES	BOATS	BUSES	AIRCRAFT	HIGH-PROFILE
				
56	24	166	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
TFS A&M	TFS/ESF 4 Representatives	3		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	TIFMAS Liaison	2	0	Assigned	Remote
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
TFS A&M	TIFMAS Saw Squads	36	0	Assigned	Kirbyville, Hemphill, Burkeville, Ford Park RSA
TEEX	SOC Liaisons	3		Assigned	SOC/Austin

TX-TF1					
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, On-Call	Austin/SOC (Virtual)
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	2	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	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
TMD	GTCHQ	104	50	Assigned	Huntsville
TMD	GTCHQ	52	48	Activated	Westheimer
TMD	GTCHQ	50	72	Activated	Nacogdoches
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	Sabine County
TMD	GSU POD OPS	30		Activated	Jasper County
TMD	GSU POD OPS	30		Activated	Newton County
TMD	Rotary Wing MRP	126	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	2		Assigned	Beaumont
TMD	MDC DDC 16B	1		Assigned	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	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	14		Assigned	Austin
TMD	Shelter OPS	12		Activated	Beaumont
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	1		Assigned	SOC/Virtual
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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