



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	20-0013 August Tropical Weather
Date	September 11, 2020
Time	0800
Operational Period	September 10 to September 11, 2020
Report Number	19

Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	2
DDCs Active	DDC 14

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Jurisdictions affected by Hurricane Laura continue with; repopulation of their residents and recovery activities.

On September 2, The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) announced the opening of a virtual shelter reception center to aid Hurricane Laura evacuees. Prior to landfall of Hurricane Laura, the State of Texas, in partnership with local officials in San Antonio, Austin, and Mesquite operated evacuee reception centers to ensure residents of Texas and Louisiana have a safe place to stay. With the closure of in-person reception centers, assistance to evacuees will continue with the virtual shelter reception center.

Evacuees seeking assistance should call 1-888-991-5229, and be prepared to provide documentation, over the phone and upon arrival, demonstrating residency in one of the affected Texas counties or Louisiana parishes listed below.

Eligible Texas Counties: Jasper, Jefferson, Newton, Orange and Sabine.

Eligible Louisiana Parishes: Acadia, Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Grant, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Ouachita, Rapides, Sabine, Vermilion, Vernon and Winn.

Individuals from outside the impacted areas will not be eligible for sheltering assistance but will be provided additional information on alternative resources. Those individuals should call 2-1-1 for assistance.

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. Transition to Recovery
2. Power restoration
3. Sheltering and Mass Care
4. Points of distribution operations.
5. Damage assessments
6. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
7. 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 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and 16 Rosenberg)

DDC 15 – Beaumont (Includes: Hardin, Jefferson and Orange Counties) [DDC 15-Beaumont demobilized all response personnel from DDC Activation. DDC 15-Beaumont will remain at Level III \(Increased Readiness\) to support recovery assistance. Ford Park will continue with their demobilization process today and tomorrow.](#)

Orange 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.

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 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. All congregated shelters have been closed and shelter guests transitioned to non-congregate shelters.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS): TFS currently has 23 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 commodities, 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 Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):

Drinking Water Systems: Drinking Water System Assessment data pulled from the Natural Disaster Operations Workgroup (NDOW) Response Manager Database as of 2:00 PM Thursday, September 10, 2020.

Phone assessments are being conducted for 171 drinking water systems in seven counties including: Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Newton, Orange, Sabine and San Augustine.

- Of the 171 systems assessed, 160 are operational (5 are operational on generators) and 4 are non-operational.
- 26 systems are under a Boil Water Notice and 29 have been rescinded.

Wastewater Facilities: Wastewater Facility Assessment data pulled from the NDOW Response Manager Database as of 2:00 PM Thursday, September 10, 2020.

Phone assessments are being conducted for 58 wastewater systems in seven counties including: Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Newton, Orange, Sabine and San Augustine.

- Of the 58 systems assessed, 58 are operational.

Mobile air monitoring survey vans were conducting surveys in the Beaumont-Port Arthur areas today focusing on areas downwind of industrial sources. TCEQ continues to conduct Visible Emissions and Odor Surveys in Jefferson and Orange Counties. No issues have been noted. In addition, the TCEQ contractor (CTEH) is conducting air monitoring in the areas of the facilities that are starting up operations in these areas.

At TCEQ's request, the EPA TAGA bus completed conducting daytime air monitoring in the Beaumont and Port Arthur areas. More information can be found on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) – Hurricane Laura webpage:

(https://response.epa.gov/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=14896)

Ambient Monitoring Stations: One station (Orange 1st Street) is without power.

12 Temporary Debris Management Site (TDMS) in Newton, Orange, Sabine and Jasper Counties have been authorized. Staff continue to provide guidance on debris management and are available to review and authorize temporary debris management sites, as needed.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD currently has currently has 208 activated personnel in support of the August Tropical Weather Response. TMD is supporting multiple shelter sites with ETN operations in the DFW Metroplex Area.

Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOADs):

American Red Cross (ARC): The American Red Cross has established a disaster relief operation (DR 538-21) in support of Hurricane Laura across Texas. They have established districts in North Texas, Central Texas, and Southeast Texas.

- There is 1 congregate shelter in Beaumont with 37 clients open in the National Shelter System.
- The American Red Cross is operating are providing dormitory management to multiple non-congregate hotel shelters across the state.

The Salvation Army (TSA):

Demobilization of assets is in progress and the last IMT supported distribution will be Saturday, September 12th, in Orange County.

Mobile feeding unit feeding operations ended September 9th. Food box distribution continued in Deweyville and will continue in various locations throughout this week.

IMT is reduced to essential functions as of September 8th.

On September 9th, TSA distributed 410 McLane donated food boxes, 4510 lbs. of Tyson Chicken and approximately 1710 Omaha Steaks New York Strips in Deweyville.

Southern Baptists of Texas Convention (SBTC): SBTC IMT is working out of the [Liberty Baptist Church in Bridge City](#). SBTC to date, has provided: [1027](#) showers, [696](#) loads of laundry, [239](#) homes completed, [335](#) total requests received, [150](#) generator hours, [99](#) heavy equipment hours, [9,580](#) total meals prepared and [9,700](#) volunteer hours.

Texas Baptist Men (TBM): TBM has two bases of operation. As of August 31, TBM has prepared [3,831](#) meals, worked [15,836](#) volunteer hours, distributed 425 boxes, provided [1,363](#) showers, completed [902](#) loads of laundry, processed [674](#) work requests, completed [459](#) assessments, completed [319](#) chainsaw jobs, worked [932](#) heavy equipment hours, and completed [21](#) temporary roofing jobs.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

AMBULANCES	BUSES
	
25	20

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TDEM	EM Support	4		Assigned	SE Texas
AgriLife A&M	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	SOC/Austin
AgriLife A&M	Administration	2		Assigned	College Station

TFS A&M	TFS/ESF 4 Representatives	1		Assigned	SOC/Austin
TFS A&M	TFS EOC Support	3		Assigned	College Station
TFS A&M	Logistical Support (RSA/PODs)	1		Assigned	Austin/SOC
TFS A&M	All-Hazards Planning Modules	5		Assigned	Jasper County
TFS A&M	RSA/POD IMT & Logistical Support	13		Assigned	Ford Park RSA
TAHC	SOC Representative	1		Assigned, On-Call	Austin/SOC (Virtual)
HHSC	SOC Liason	1		Assigned	Austin/Alt SOC
HHSC	Regional Disaster Assistance Coordinator	2		Assigned	DDC 14
TMD	Brigade Mission Command	13		Assigned	Fort Worth
TMD	Ground Support Unit HDQTRs	4		Assigned	Mesquite
TMD	TICPs	4		Assigned	Beaumont
TMD	MDC DDC 4A	2		Assigned	Fort Worth
TMD	MDC DDC 4B	1		Assigned	Dallas
TMD	ETN Teams	12		Assigned	Farmers Branch
TMD	ETN Teams	14		Assigned	Dallas
TMD	ETN Teams	101		Assigned	Mesquite
TMD	Adaptive Battle Staff	28		Assigned	Various

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:
<https://tdem.texas.gov/situation-reports/>

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