



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

### New Information is in Blue Text

Event Name	20-0013 August Tropical Weather
Date	September 13, 2020
Time	0800
Operational Period	September 12 to September 13, 2020
Report Number	21

Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	2
DDCs Active	DDC15

**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. Recovery
2. Sheltering and Mass Care
3. Points of distribution operations.
4. Damage assessments
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 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 will remain at Level III (Increased Readiness) to support recovery assistance.

**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 congregate 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.

**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 Saturday, September 12, 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 (4 are operational on generators) and 4 are non-operational.
- 23 systems are under a Boil Water Notice and 32 have been rescinded.

[TCEQ continues to conduct Visible Emissions and Odor Surveys in Jefferson and Orange Counties.](#) No issues have been noted. TCEQ contractor (CTEH) is continuing to conduct air monitoring operations during daylight hours in the areas of the facilities that are starting up operations. The latest air monitoring data from late afternoon of 9/11/2020 through late this afternoon 9/12/2020 indicate no readings above an action level. Both TCEQ mobile air monitoring vans and the EPA TAGA bus have now been demobilized.

Ambient Monitoring Stations: One station (Orange 1<sup>st</sup> 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 [188](#) 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 15 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 the last IMT supported distribution was on Saturday, September 12, in Orange County.](#)

**Southern Baptists of Texas Convention (SBTC):** SBTC IMT is working out of the Liberty Baptist Church in Bridge City. SBTC to date, has provided: 1,052 showers, 754 loads of laundry, 249 homes completed, 334 total requests received, 162 generator hours, 117 heavy equipment hours, 9,747 total meals prepared and 10,190 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	6

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	8		Assigned	Fort Worth
TMD	Ground Support Unit HDQTRs	4		Assigned	Mesquite
TMD	MDC DDC 4A	2		Assigned	Fort Worth
TMD	MDC DDC 4B	2		Assigned	Dallas
TMD	ETN Teams	142		Assigned	Mesquite
TMD	Adaptive Battle Staff	30		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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