



**Texas Division of Emergency Management
State Situation Report**

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Event Name	20-0013 August Tropical Weather
Date	September 14, 2020
Time	0800
Operational Period	September 13 to September 14, 2020
Report Number	22

Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	2
DDCs Active	

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

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.

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 has currently mobilized 15 people to assist with needs relating to August Tropical Weather Response for Hurricanes Laura. TFS is currently providing planning and logistical support for recovery operations, 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. By the end of shift, September 12, 2020 all remaining mission taskings related to Hurricane Laura response will be finished and demobilization of the RSA at Ford Park will be complete.

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 ER contractor \(CTEH\) is continuing to conduct air monitoring operations during daylight hours through the weekend in the areas of the facilities that are starting up operations. The latest air monitoring data from late afternoon of September 12 through late afternoon September 13 indicate no readings above an action level. All were non-detect.](#)

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 [172](#) 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.

- 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:1,070 showers, 757 loads of laundry, 268 homes completed, 349 total requests received, 162 generator hours, 117 heavy equipment hours, 10,197 total meals prepared and 10,520 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

12

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	1		Assigned	SOC/Austin
TFS A&M	Logistical Support (RSA/PODs)	1		Assigned	Austin/SOC
TFS A&M	TFS EOC Support	3		Assigned	College Station
TFS A&M	RSA/POD IMT & Logistical Support	10		Assigned	Ford Park RSA
TMD	Brigade Mission Command	5		Assigned	Dallas
TMD	MDC DDC 4A	2		Assigned	Fort Worth
TMD	MDC DDC 4B	2		Assigned	Dallas
TMD	ETN Teams	133		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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