



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

New Information is in Blue Text

Event Name	20-0013 August Tropical Weather
Date	September 23, 2020
Time	0800
Operational Period	September 22 to September 23, 2020
Report Number	31

Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	2
DDCs Active	None

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: [On September 22, Governor Abbott renewed the disaster declaration for Hurricane Laura.](#)

The State of Texas continues to assist the victims from Louisiana with sheltering and basic needs, while volunteer organizations active in disaster (VOADs) continue providing meals to Texas residents who were affected by Hurricane Laura and assisting with recovery efforts.

On September 15, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has received federal approval to automatically provide replacement benefits for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients for food lost or destroyed due to Hurricane Laura in eight of the impacted counties: Hardin, Jefferson, Newton, Orange, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby and Tyler. Those eight counties met federal criteria for mass replacements of benefits based on the severity of storm impacts in their area.

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. Accurate Damage assessments
4. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
5. 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/>

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: TDEM Mass Care continues to coordinate the state-supported non-congregate shelter mission. Evacuees remain in non-congregate shelters throughout the state. TDEM is working with the state of Louisiana on the repopulation of their residents that sought shelter in Texas.

As of Tuesday evening, September 22 there were 4,614 evacuees in 11 non-congregate shelters throughout the State in 1,813 hotel rooms.

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 Friday, September 18, 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 and one is operating on a generator.
- 16 systems are under a Boil Water Notice and 39 have been rescinded.

TCEQ staff are conducting weekly inspections on all of the approved Temporary Debris Management Sites (TDMS). Twelve TDMS in Newton, Orange, Sabine, and Jasper Counties have been authorized.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD currently has currently has 115 activated personnel in support of Hurricane Laura response. TMD is supporting 12 shelter sites with ETN operations in the DFW Metroplex, Austin, and Houston.

Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOADs):

American Red Cross (ARC): The ARC has established a disaster relief operation (DR 538-21) in support of Hurricane Laura across Texas. They've established districts in North Texas, Central Texas and Southeast Texas and are in close coordination with the Louisiana operation to support requests.

- The ARC is operating and managing 11 non-congregate sheltering sites in Texas.
- Distribution of Emergency Supplies: the total number of clean up supplies distributed to date is 22,313.
- Disaster Health, Mental Health, Disability Care, and Spiritual Care contacts to date: 4,620

Southern Baptists of Texas Convention (SBTC): SBTC IMT is working out of the Liberty Baptist Church in Bridge City. SBTC to date, has provided: 1,223 showers, 817 loads of laundry, 373 homes completed, 396 total requests received, 201 generator hours, 197 heavy equipment hours, 11,209 total meals prepared and 12,810 volunteer hours.

Texas Baptist Men (TBM): The satellite location at First Baptist Church Deweyville has been closed. All units and volunteers have returned home. TBM has completed all work requests at the East Texas Baptist Camp Site in Newton and all units and volunteers have returned home. The Orange site is suspending operations as of September 21 due to the impact of Tropical Storm Beta. All units and volunteers have returned home. It is anticipated that TBM will reopen the Orange site with chainsaw units as soon as weather conditions allow. TBM is opening a Laundry Unit at the TBM Dixon Building in Dallas on Tuesday, September 22 to serve the evacuees from Louisiana. Volunteer Hours: 25,171; Total meals prepared: 6,249; Boxes distributed: 432; Showers provided: 2,252; Laundry loads completed: 1,514; TBM Assessments completed: 481; Chainsaw work request completed: 342; Temporary Roof Work Completed: 2; Work requests completed: 18; TBM heavy equipment hours: 1,518.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

BUSES

6

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TMD	MDC DDC 4A	2		Assigned	Fort Worth
TMD	MDC DDC 4B	1		Assigned	Dallas
TMD	ETN Teams	65	10	Assigned	Dallas
TMD	ETN Teams	13	4	Assigned	Austin
TMD	ETN Teams	13	4	Assigned	Houston
TMD	Adaptive Battle Staff	21	1	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/>*

W. Nim Kidd, MPA, CEM

Chief – Texas Division of Emergency Management
Vice Chancellor for Disaster and Emergency Services
Texas A&M University System

<https://tdem.texas.gov/>

Twitter: @TDEM
(512) 424-2208 (24/7)