



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

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<b>Event Name</b>	20-0016 Hurricane Delta
<b>Date</b>	October 11, 2020
<b>Time</b>	0800
<b>Operational Period</b>	October 10 – October 11, 2020
<b>Report Number</b>	3

<b>Regions Affected</b>	
<b>DPS Regions Affected</b>	2 & 3
<b>DDCs Active</b>	DDC 15

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** Hurricane Delta which exited the State of Texas yesterday has been downgraded to a Post-Tropical Cyclone and is currently located near the Appalachian Mountains area. The Texas Division of Emergency Management Disaster Recovery Task Force is actively engaged with local jurisdictions in recovery efforts.

**OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:**

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

**Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and DDC Pierce)**

**DDC 13 – Bryan** (Includes: Brazos, Burluson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson and Washington).

**Brazos County:** 15 large animals from Texas Coastal areas were boarded in a local facility.

**Washington County** – 68 residents and 25 staff from Sulfur, Louisiana were relocated to High Hope NH, a sister facility located in Brenham, TX.

**DDC 14 – Lufkin** (Includes: Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity and Tyler Counties)

**Jasper County:** Jasper County is activated at Level III. Jasper County has submitted a Disaster Declaration.

**Newton County:** Newton County has submitted a Disaster Declaration.

**DDC 15 – Beaumont** (Includes: Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange Counties)

DDC 15 Beaumont is activated at Level III.

**Jefferson County:** Jefferson County submitted a Disaster Declaration & Letter to the Governor. Sandbags are available for citizens. Jefferson County EOC is activated at Level I.

City of Bevil Oaks submitted a Disaster Declaration & Letter to the Governor.

City of Nederland submitted a Disaster Declaration.

City of Port Arthur: submitted a Disaster Declaration.

Pleasure Island and Sabine Pass issued voluntary evacuation orders.

The Mayor imposed a curfew effective Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 8:00 PM and stated it shall be unlawful for any person to remain, walk, run, stand, drive or ride upon any public place in the city between the hours of 8:00 PM and 6:00 AM during the state of emergency.

**Orange County:** Orange County submitted a Disaster Declaration. Sandbags are available for citizens.

Cities of Bridge City, Pinehurst and Vidor submitted Disaster Declarations.

The EOCs of the Cities of Pine Forest and Rose City are both activated.

**Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)**

**DDC 20 – Corpus Christi** (Includes: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio and San Patricio Counties)

**City of Port Aransas:** The City of Port Aransas submitted a disaster declaration & Letter to the Governor.

## **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, 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.

**Texas Division of Emergency Management Communications Coordination Group (CCG):**

The Communications Coordination Group has alerted public, private and volunteer sector partners to be on alert for possible communications response due to Hurricane Delta.

TDEM ESF 2 / Communications Coordination Group is monitoring the situation and prepared resources in the event of communications outages. Our partners across the public, private and volunteer sectors daily assess and adjust their resources in accordance with the situation.

Amateur Radio operators from multiple groups such as Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES), Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) and unaffiliated groups, activated VHF / UHF repeater networks from East / Southeast Texas, into Central Texas. Successful communications check-ins were conducted throughout the network. Information was processed via WINLINK, which provides email via radio and internet interface and across the Shared Resources (SHARES) federal HF radio network.

The Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) has reached out to PSAP / 9-1-1 centers in the affected areas. The Port Arthur PD experienced structural damage to their roof. Their back-up 9-1-1 network activated and there was no loss of service.

The Texas Association of Broadcasters (TAB) is reviewing pre-landfall RF Spectrum scans conducted by the FCC to establish pre-landfall radio and TV broadcast conditions.

Successful communications tests were conducted between the SOC and local EOCs via MSAT mobile satellite systems.

The Texas SWIC continues to coordinate and consolidate frequency issues and ICS 205s.

Our private sector partners have resources pre-staged in the event there are outages. They have provided PSAs on their websites for their customers.

Our federal partners through FEMA ESF 2 provided pre-landfall scans and assessments of the broadcast spectrum and cellular networks. They are conducting daily coordination conference calls.

There were no reports of major communications outages / interruptions that were not due to power outages.

Cellular service in the impacted counties are at 80% or better except for the following areas:

Jefferson - 79%

Newton - 68%

Orange - 75%

**Texas Division of Emergency Management Disaster Recovery Task Force (DRTF):** [At the request of Jefferson County, DRTF staff were deployed to assist with damage assessments and VOAD engagement. DRTF arrived in the EOC on Saturday, October 10 and conducted training](#)

on the self-reporting survey and rapid damage assessment processes. Additional evaluation of critical infrastructure and debris management planning occurred. Damage assessments will begin Sunday, October 11.

DRTF conducted outreach to Long-Term Recovery Groups in Deep East and Southeast Texas to determine LTRG and VOAD needs for situational awareness. All reporting minimal damages with no known unmet needs.

- Jefferson County Long-Term Recovery Group
- Jasper-Newton Long-Term Recovery Group
- Hardin County Long-Term Recovery Group
- Orange County Disaster Rebuild

#### Jurisdictional Engagement throughout Region 2

Jefferson County submitted a STAR for the DRTF team to assist with damage assessments and VOAD engagement.

#### **Current Activities**

- Local Outreach
  - o Jefferson County –
    - DRTF connected with county and city EMCs throughout the region regarding needs and went over process of survey/rapid damage assessment tool in WebEOC.
    - Conducted field training for damage assessments with county staff
    - Damage Assessment begin Sunday, October 11, for PA and IA – Self reporting survey is already reporting
    - Currently has 34,027 power outages in the Beaumont, TX area: China, Fannett, Nome and Sour lake.
    - Power restoration continues with a limited impact area still without power
    - No feeding operations or POD operations
- Emergency Sheltering
  - o American Red Cross operating a congregate shelter in Lufkin but no evacuees have requested sheltering. Staff will remain on stand-by.
- Damage Assessments
  - o Rapid Damage Assessment
    - Distributing the PA and IA field survey directly to the EMCs in affected jurisdictions
    - Organizing RDA Teams for Jefferson County
  - o Self-Reported Damage Assessments
    - Distributing the Self-Reporting Damage Survey to affected jurisdictions with information on the benefits for both disaster survivors and local government.

#### **Long Term Recovery Group/Committee Engagement**

DRTF conducted outreach to Long-Term Recovery Groups in Deep East and Southeast Texas to determine LTRG and VOAD needs for situational awareness.

- Jefferson County Long-Term Recovery Group –
  - o Minimal impacts reported across Jefferson County. No county unmet needs reported at this time.

- o Executive Director reported the following resources are on standby for debris cleanup:
  - Texas Baptist Men (TBM)
    - Currently supporting Orange County Hurricane Laura recovery efforts, however, TBM has enough teams to support Jefferson County, if requested.
  - Christian Aid Ministries (CAM)
    - Currently supporting Jefferson County Hurricane Laura recovery efforts in the Westlake area. Clean-up teams can start next week to support Delta recovery, if requested.
  - Church of Latter-Day Saints
    - Organization will deploy to assist and support recovery efforts in Jefferson County, if requested.
  - Belville Baptist Church, Memphis TN
    - Organization will deploy to assist and support recovery efforts in Jefferson County, if requested.
- o DRTF provided training to Executive Director on RDA/Self Reporting Survey tool in WebEOC.

- Jasper-Newton Long-Term Recovery Group –
  - o Minimal impacts reported across Jasper and Newton County. Concerns Bon Weir/Newton suffered moderate damage; however, reports have not been confirmed. Intake center will start at First Baptist Church in Kirbyville, TX Monday, October 12. Pushing the self-reported damage survey. No county unmet needs reported at this time.
- Hardin County Long-Term Recovery Group –
  - o Minimal impacts reported across Hardin County. Hardin County identified four calls regarding damage and have five tarps on hand. Hardin County reported possible need for more tarps, however, no request for any additional resources or assistance. No county unmet needs reported at this time.
- Orange County Disaster Rebuild –
  - o Minimal impacts reported across Orange County. Orange County reported 29,000 power outages this morning. Currently, Orange County has 26,000 power outages and improving. Pushing the self-reported damage survey. No county unmet needs reported at this time.

### **Texas VOAD and Recovery Coordination**

- OneStar Foundation - OneStar Foundation staff are prepared to provide technical assistance support to local jurisdictions in the administration and distribution of monetary donations for relief and recovery activities. Staff are also prepared to facilitate engagement of available national service assets as needed to support state and local response and recovery efforts.
- Texas Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) - Texas VOAD anticipating need for VOAD call and survey for Sunday, October 11 after more situational awareness of delta impacts are gained. We continue to work in coordination with the Disaster Recovery Task Force, and Emergency Management Council to provide support for our membership and impacted jurisdictions.

VOADs in the field:

No responses for cleanup activities and tarping have been received to support Delta efforts.

**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Texas Task Force 1 (TEEX/TX-TF1):** TEEX/TX-TF1 was authorized to demobilize eight Boat Squads, effective at noon on October 10.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS):** TFS has one Incident Management Team assigned to the Jefferson County EOC for Hurricane Delta Response. TFS has also identified three Incident Management Teams and three Saw Teams available for potential mission assignments throughout the affected areas.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):** DSHS provided a SOC Liaison to support operations as the SOC responds to Hurricane Delta. EMTF released the four Severe Weather Package Teams on standby in support of Hurricane Delta response activities.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)** TxDOT is standing by to assist with any requests and crews are prepared to respond to any highway condition related issues.

- There are currently **two** locations on state roadways with flooding, **one** of which is closed.
- **The 20 HPV crews were released.**
- TxDOT Digital Message Signs are providing shelter information to Louisiana evacuees.
- TxDOT is staffing the SOC virtually on a 24-hour basis.

TxDOT was authorized to demobilize High Profile Vehicles and Teams (released by Texas Task Force 1 at 8:00 AM on October 10) effective at noon on October 10.

**Texas Military Department (TMD):** TMD was authorized to demobilize the Ground Transportation Platoons effective at 4:00 PM on October 10.

**Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS):** TXDPS has rostered and staged Texas Highway Patrol (THP), Aircraft Operations Division (AOD), and THP Tactical Marine Unit (TMU) personnel and equipment. Southeast Texas Region (STR) is patrolling area of responsibility monitoring the storm and standby ready to respond.

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):** TPWD boat crews deployed to support water rescue operations. HPV, Swift Water Rescue Squads and Type 3 Water Capable rescue assets are prepositioned along the projected path of Hurricane Delta to support local jurisdictions.

**Power Outages:** as of 0430

Chambers	19
Galveston	2
Hardin	128
Jasper	16
Jefferson	48,387
Newton	135
Orange	49,664
Sabine	1,648
Tyler	7
Waller	138
<b>Total</b>	<b>100,144</b>

\*Source: [Eagle-1](#)

**STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED**

BUSES	AIRCRAFT
	
2	6

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TEEX	SOC Liaisons	2		Activated	Remote SOC, Austin, TX
TEEX	TX-TF1 Type-3	44	6	Released	College Station
TEEX	Water Group Supervisor	2		Released	College Station
TEEX	Water Group Supervisor	2		Released	Channelview
TEEX	Water Group Supervisor	2		Released	Orange
TEEX	HPV	4	1	Released	Galveston
TEEX	SWR Boat Squad	6	2	Released	Galveston
TEEX	SWR Boat Squad	12	4	Released	Beaumont
TEEX	SWR Boat Squad	6	2	Released	Orange
TEEX	SWR Boat Squad	6	2	Released	Winnie
TEEX	SWR Boat Squad	6	2	Released	Woodlands
TEEX	SWR Boat Squad	6	2	Released	Channelview
TAMU TFS	Planning Module	2		Assigned	Jefferson County EOC
TAMU TFS	Saw Teams			Identified	Statewide
TAMU TFS	Incident Management Teams			Identified	Statewide
DSHS	SWX Package	84	36	Released	Standby
DSHS	SOC Liaison	1		Deployed	SOC
TMD	Battalion Mission Command	12	16	Released	Huntsville
TMD	Ground Transportation Co HQ	12	5	Released	Houston
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoons	40	20	Released	Houston
TxDOT	HPV	20	10	Released	Houston
TxDOT	HPV	20	10	Released	Bryan
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	2		Assigned	Virtual
TXDPS	Helicopter with Hoist	9	3	Assigned	Austin Houston McAllen

TXDPS	Fixed Wing	6	3	Assigned	Austin Houston McAllen
TXDPS	TMU Boat / Trucks / Fuel Tankers / UAS	19		Assigned	Rockport Port Lavaca Weslaco
TXDPS	TMU Dive Team/ Personnel / Boats / Trucks	7	2	Assigned	Southeast and South Texas
TXDPS	THP Commissioned Personnel and Vehicles	62	62	Assigned	Central and South Texas

**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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