



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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### New Information in Blue Text

<b>Event Name</b>	<b>24-0011 08APR Severe Weather</b>
<b>Date</b>	April 10, 2024
<b>Time</b>	10:00 AM
<b>Operational Period</b>	8:00 AM April 9 to 8:00 AM April 10, 2024
<b>Report Number</b>	1

Regions Affected	
<b>TDEM Regions Affected</b>	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 & 8
<b>DDs Active</b>	4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** On April 9, Governor Abbott directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to deploy additional state emergency response resources ahead of severe storms and flash flooding, including large hail and possible tornadoes, expected to move across Texas through Wednesday night.

According to the National Weather Service, severe thunderstorms and flash flooding are expected to impact the state through tomorrow night. The severe thunderstorm threat across Texas includes large hail, heavy rainfall, damaging wind, and possible tornadoes. Additionally, significant rainfall could cause serious flash flooding and river flooding in portions of the state through the end of the week.

Earlier this week, the Governor directed TDEM to mobilize state emergency response resources and increase the readiness level of the State Emergency Operations Center to Level II (Escalated Response) in preparation for this week's severe weather.

At the Governor's direction, TDEM has mobilized the following additional resources across the state to support local emergency response operations:

- **Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (Texas A&M Task Force 1 and Texas Task Force 2):** Urban Search & Rescue Teams and Boat Squads
- **Texas A&M Forest Service:** All-Hazard Incident Management Teams and Saw Crews
- **Texas Parks and Wildlife Department:** Game Wardens, Park Police Officers, and Swiftwater Rescue Boat Squads

- **Texas Department of Public Safety:** Tactical Marine Unit and Helicopters with Hoist Capabilities
- **Texas Military Department:** Ground Transportation Platoons

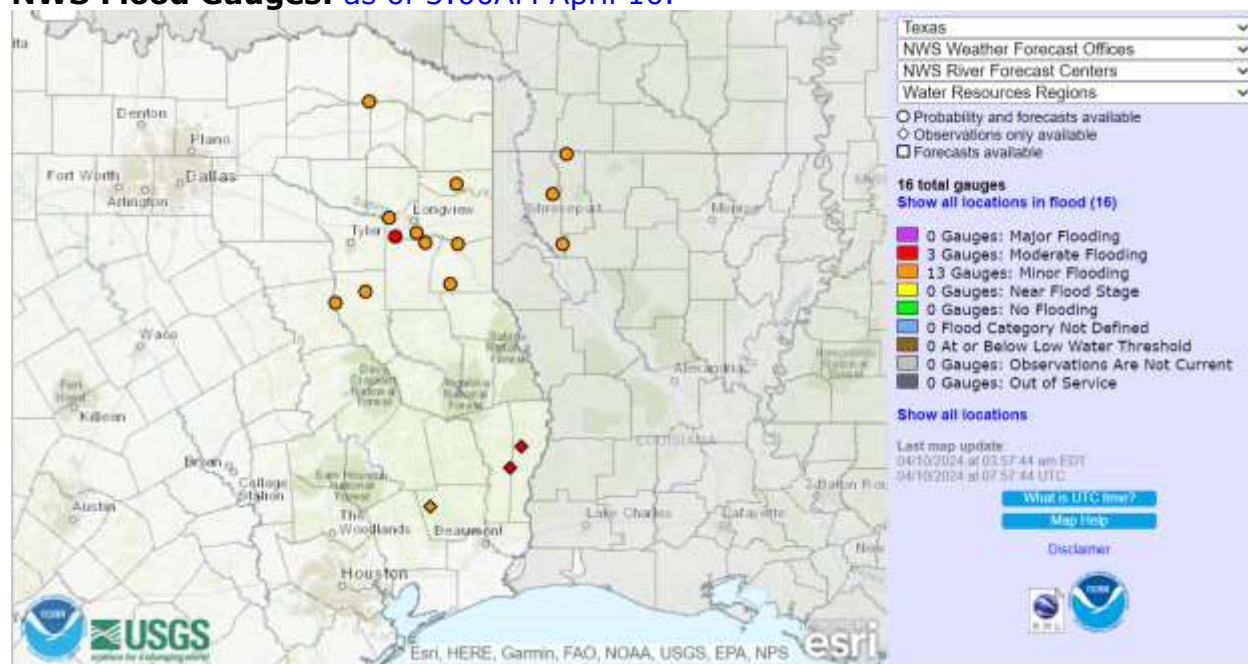
Over the weekend, TDEM mobilized the following emergency response resources across the state at Governor Abbott's direction to support local emergency response operations:

- **Texas A&M Forest Service:** Firefighters and fire engines; heavy equipment such as bulldozers and motor graders; Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) Strike Teams comprised of personnel and fire engines; Firefighting aircraft including large airtankers, multi-engine air tankers, single engine airtankers, aerial supervision modules and air attack platforms
- **Texas Division of Emergency Management:** Emergency response personnel to support requests for state assistance from local officials; Communications Coordination Group is engaging with telecommunications partners
- **Texas National Guard:** UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters
- **Texas Department of State Health Service (Texas Emergency Medical Task Force):** Wildland Fire Support Packages and Severe Weather Support Packages including paramedics and ambulances
- **Texas Department of Transportation:** Personnel and equipment to assist with road closures; motor graders to support emergency response operations
- **Texas Department of Public Safety:** Texas Highway Patrol Troopers to assist with road closures and traffic control
- **Texas Parks and Wildlife Department:** Game Wardens and Park Police Officers to provide law enforcement support
- **Texas A&M AgriLife Extension:** Disaster Assessment and Recovery Agents as well as AgriLife Extension Agents to support agricultural and livestock needs
- **Texas Animal Health Commission:** Personnel to provide livestock support
- **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality:** Air/water/wastewater monitoring
- **Public Utility Commission of Texas:** Personnel to coordinate with utility providers across the threat area

Texans are urged to monitor local forecast information and make an emergency plan. Additionally, people across the state are encouraged to follow instructions of local officials and keep an emergency supply kit nearby.

Visit [DriveTexas.org](https://DriveTexas.org) to check road conditions, and locate additional severe storm safety tips at [TexasReady.gov](https://TexasReady.gov).

## NWS Flood Gauges: as of 3:00AM April 10.



### River Flooding:

Minor river flooding is being reported on the Sabine River near Gladewater, Longview, and Beckville.

Minor river flooding is being reported on the Neches River near Neches.

The San Jacinto River Authority is discharging 530.0 cubic feet per second from the Lake Conroe Dam.

### 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 1 (Includes DDs 1, 2, and 7)

DD 7 – Abilene (Includes Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, and Taylor Counties): [Level III \(Increased Readiness Conditions\)](#)

## **Region 2 (Includes DDs 3, 4, and 22)**

DD 4 – Dallas/Ft. Worth (Includes Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Erath, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Somervell, Tarrant, and Wise Counties): [Level III \(Increased Readiness Conditions\)](#)

## **Region 3 (Includes DDs 5, 6, 14, and 15)**

DD 5 – Mt. Pleasant (Includes Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, and Titus Counties): [Level III \(Increased Readiness Conditions\)](#)

DD 6 – Tyler (Includes Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties): [Level III \(Increased Readiness Conditions\)](#)

DD 14 – Lufkin (Includes Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, and Tyler Counties): [Level III \(Increased Readiness Conditions\)](#)

## **Region 4 (Includes DDs 16)**

DD 16 – Houston (Includes Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton Counties): [Level III \(Increased Readiness Conditions\)](#)

## **Region 7 (Includes DDs 8, 9, and 10)**

DD 10 – San Angelo (Includes Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, and Tom Green Counties): [Level III \(Increased Readiness Conditions\)](#)

## **Region 8 (Includes DDs 11, 12, 13, and 23)**

DD 12 – Austin (Includes Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis, and Williamson Counties): [Level III \(Increased Readiness Conditions\)](#)

DD 13 – Bryan (Includes Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson, and Washington Counties): [Level III \(Increased Readiness Conditions\)](#)

## **RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS**

**Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System (TDEM):** [Incident Support Task Force \(ISTF\) has assigned three personnel to the SOC and are monitoring the current weather conditions.](#)

**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) / Texas A&M Public Works Response Team (TX-PWRT):** TX-PWRT has one Liaison Officer (LNO) assigned to the SOC to coordinate and support operations. The TX-PWRT LNO will monitor requests for service through WebEOC. TX-PWRT has three strike teams consisting of one Water/Wastewater Team, one Heavy Equipment Team, and one Utilities Team on standby.

**Texas Military Department (TMD):** TMD has assigned four personnel to the SOC and activated Two Ground Transportation Platoons (GTP), with a total of 20 personnel, for severe weather response.

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):** Texas Game Warden Officers are prepared to respond and support rescue operations with statewide resources and has assigned two LNO's to the SOC. TPWD officers, boat rescue teams with swift water and shallow running boats, search and rescue (SAR) teams with 4x4 vehicles, and a helicopter available on standby. One resident has been evacuated from her house by TPWD due to flood waters.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** On April 9, TxDOT crews responded to multiple reports of flooding and blocked roadways with 48 state-maintained roads impacted, to include eight closures.

DriveTexas.org is regularly updated to ensure motorists have access to most current road safety advisories.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) / Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF):** EMTF has activated three Severe Weather Packages (SXW PKGS), three Task Force Leaders (TFL), and three Medical Incident Support Teams (MIST). Two Heavy Ambulance Strike Teams (AST) are on standby. The State Medical Operations Center (SMOC) is on limited activation to manage EMTF resources in response to the severe weather.

**American Red Cross (ARC):** The ARC has identified Disaster Relief Operations (DRO) team leadership and Mass Care Teams have prepositioned supplies with 44 shelters are on standby.

**STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED**

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TEEX TX-PWRT	SOC LNO	1	1	Assigned	SOC
DSHS	SOC LNO	1	0	Activated	SOC
DSHS	SCO	1	0	Activated	San Antonio
DSHS TX-EMTF	SXW PKG	21	6	Activated	Brown Co.

DSHS TX-EMTF	SXW PKG	21	6	Activated	Brazos Co.
DSHS TX-EMTF	SXW PKG	21	6	Activated	Sutton Co.
DSHS TX-EMTF	TFL	3	0	Activated	Bexar, Tarrant, and Travis Co.
DSHS TX-EMTF	MIST	12	0	Activated	Bexar, Smith, Tarrant, and Travis Co.
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1	0	Activated	Austin/SOC
TxDOT	EMC	1	0	Assigned	Austin/TxDOT HQ
TMD	GTP	20	10	Activated	Huntsville
TMD	SOC Support Team	4	0	Assigned	SOC
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	SOC
Mass Care	ESF6 Liaison	1	0	Assigned	SOC
Mass Care	ISTF Staff	1	0	Assigned	SOC
Mass Care	VOAD	1	0	Assigned	SOC

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center (SOC) is 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/response/state-operations-center#tab-2>*

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