



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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| <b>Event Name</b>         | <b>24-0014 26APR Severe Weather</b>  |
| <b>Date</b>               | May 3, 2024                          |
| <b>Time</b>               | 10:00 AM                             |
| <b>Operational Period</b> | 8:00 AM May 2 to 8:00 AM May 3, 2024 |
| <b>Report Number</b>      | 2                                    |

### Regions Affected

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>TDEM Regions Affected</b> | 1, 2, 3, 4, & 8 |
| <b>DDs Active</b>            | 3, 4, 7, & 14   |

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** On May 2, Governor Abbott announced that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved [his request for a disaster declaration](#) in Texas communities affected by severe weather and flooding early last month. Texas counties included in the declaration are Angelina, Hardin, Jasper, Newton, Orange, Sabine, San Augustine, and Tyler counties.

On May 2, Governor Abbott [expanded the state's disaster declaration](#) to include 59 counties in at-risk areas for severe weather and flooding, with the updated disaster declaration covering 88 counties in total. Additional counties may be added as conditions warrant.

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On April 30, Governor Greg issued a [disaster declaration](#) for 29 Texas counties impacted by severe storms and flooding that began last week and continues to affect homes, businesses, and the agricultural industry throughout the state

On April 27, National Weather Service (NWS) survey teams assessed 10 tornadoes occurring on April 26 in Hill and McLennan Counties, ranging from EF0 to EF2. Another four EF0 tornadoes on April 28 in Freestone, Limestone, and Milam

Counties were assessed on April 29. One EF1 tornado in Travis County was assessed on April 29.

On April 25, Governor Greg Abbott [announced that he directed](#) TDEM to prepare state emergency response resources ahead of critical wildfire danger and severe weather across Texas.

### **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.

**NWS Flood Gauges:** as of 04:00 AM, May 3.

Major river flooding is being reported at the Trinity River near [Goodrich](#) and Liberty.

[Major river flooding is being reported at the San Jacinto River near Conroe and Humble.](#)

[Major river flooding is being reported at the Navasota River near Easterly.](#)

[Major river flooding is being reported at the Neches River near Saltwater Barrier.](#)

Moderate river flooding is being reported at the Trinity River near Trinidad, Riverside, and Moss Bluff.

Moderate river flooding is being reported at the San Jacinto River near [Sheldon](#) and New Caney.

Moderate river flooding is being reported at the Sabine River near [Deweyville](#) and Gladewater.

Moderate river flooding is being reported at the Neches River near [Alto](#) and Saltwater Barrier.

Minor river flooding is being reported at the Sabine River near [Mineola](#) and Hawkins.

Minor river flooding is being reported at the Trinity River near [Romayor](#), [Long Lake](#), and Moss Bluff.

Minor river flooding is being reported at the Neches River near Diboll, Neches, Town Bluff, Evadale, and Rockland.

Minor river flooding is being reported at the Angelina River near [Cushing](#)

Minor river flooding is being reported at the Navasota River near Groesbeck and Normangee.

[Minor river flooding is being reported at the San Jacinto River near Porter, I-10, and International Paper.](#)

### **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)

**Jones County:** [On May 2, there were tornado reports between Hawley and Hodges. Damage assessments have been initiated in the area.](#)

**Knox County:** On April 26, damage assessments from Knox City reported 20 damaged structures.

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

DD 3 – Wichita Falls (Includes Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Wichita, Wilbarger, and Young Counties)

**Baylor County:** On April 28, damage to power lines, outbuildings, and farm equipment to the west of Seymour was reported.

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

DD 15 – Beaumont (Includes Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange Counties)

On April 30, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) have issued a High Flow Warning for the Town Bluff Dam and B.A. Steinhagen Lake. Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) field staff are in contact with both the dam operator and with USACE. Local officials are considering issuing a voluntary evacuation.

**Polk County:** On April 29, A Mandatory Evacuation was issued for the low-lying areas near Lake Livingston Dam.

## **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)

**Harris County:** On May 2, Harris County issued a mandatory evacuation notice for the areas from Farm-to-Market (FM) 1485 to Lake Houston.

**Liberty County:** On April 30, there were approximately 30 water rescues from homes and vehicles. The East Fork RV Resort in the city of Cleveland was evacuated and no shelters were needed. On May 2, a voluntary evacuation notice was issued for low-lying subdivisions along the Trinity River.

**Montgomery County:** On May 2, there were 71 active road closures impacting the County Precincts 1, 2 and 4. A voluntary evacuation notice has been sent to Idle Wild and Idle Glen neighborhoods.

**Walker County:** On May 2, local fire departments (FD) performed water rescues with the assistance of Texas Task Force (TTF) 1 in affected areas. On May 3, the [Lake Conroe Dam](#) began discharging at a rate of 67,778 cubic feet second (cfs), and the maximum reported discharge rate was 71835 cfs.

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

DD 11 – Waco (Includes Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone, and McLennan Counties)

On May 2, the [Lake Limestone](#) gates released at a rate of 43,824 cfs.

**Limestone County:** On May 1, there were reports of flooded roadways resulting in stranded motorists. A train derailment occurred due to flooding but there was no HazMat incident, or injuries involved.

**Freestone County:** On May 1, there were reports of stranded motorists in Teague on Interstate Highway (IH) 45 and rural areas. The Texas Task Force (TTF) 1 boat squad has repositioned to assist for future rescues.

## RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

### STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

**Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System (TDEM):** Mass Care has begun collaborating with our Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) partners and locally impacted counties. There are currently [five](#) shelters that the American Red Cross support with a total population of [21](#), as of May 3.

**Incident Support Task Force (I.S.T.F):** On May 1, ISTF assigned three personnel to the SOC. ISTF has activated personnel to the Trinity County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to assist with operations.

**Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension:** [On May 2, two AgriLife Extension Agents \(Liason Officer\) LNO's have been activated to support Disaster District Emergency Operations Center \(DDEOC\) 14 Lufkin and 16 Houston.](#) On May 1, The AgriLife Disaster Assessment and Recovery (DAR) Unit has rostered four DAR Strike Team and a DAR Strike Team has been assigned to provide support to the TAMU Veterinarian (VET). AgriLife DAR Agents are in contact with officials in affected counties to monitor needs and provide support. A DAR agent in Disaster District (DD) 14 is working with the Voluntary Agency Liason (VAL) in San Jacinto County to locate animal supplies for a local animal shelter. The San Jacinto County Extension Agent assisted with the relocation of 10 trailer loads of cattle in floodwaters.

**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX):** On May 1, TEEX assigned Liason Officer's (LNO) to the SOC, DDEOC 16, and Strike teams including a pumping operations team, Drone sUAS team, utilities team and Water/Wastewater (W/WW) teams are on standby for local and state requests.

**Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1):** On May 1, TX-TF1 assigned Swiftwater Boat Squads to be available to support flooding operations.

**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) / Texas A&M Public Works Response Team (TX-PWRT):** [One TEEX/TX-PWRT personnel staffing the Public Works and Engineering position at the DDEOC 14 in Lufkin. One TEEX/TX-PWRT personnel staffing the Public Works and Engineering position at the DDEOC 15 in Beaumont.](#) TEEX and TX-PWRT have assigned personnel to support and coordinate operations from the SOC. Two TEEX/TX-PWRT are staffing Public Works and Engineering personnel at the DDEOC 16 in Houston. Multiple strike teams are rostered and available to deploy, including pumping operations team, drone sUAS team, utilities team, and W/WW teams. Those teams are on standby and ready to respond to local and state requests for assistance. PWRT Worked with TDEM logistics to locate pumps and accessories if the need comes for pump use.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):** TAMFS is staging in regions 5, 6 and 7, and Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) one with a Rapid Extrication Module (REM) in Ft. Stockton. An aircraft has been repositioned in Abilene. TAMFS personnel are in region 4 DDEOC 16 and on standby to assist operations.

**Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC):** On April 30, TAHC was made aware of a longhorn herd water rescue in the city of Coldspring. The Longhorns had been relocated from the low-lying areas. On April 29, TAHC contacted several counties in TDEM Regions 3, 4, and 8 for situational updates and to address potential animal needs. On May 01, TAHC assigned a representative to the SOC. TAHC field staff are available to assist local producers and jurisdictions to address any animal issues or needs.

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):** TCEQ has staff on standby to respond to any air/water/waste related issues.

**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):** The DPS TMU has deployed six flat water boats to Conroe. The DPS Aviation are conducting patrols in low-lying areas in search of possible water rescues needed and identifying high-water areas. The Texas Department of Public Safety is providing the following resources in support of severe weather affecting Texas. DPS Aviation Operations Division has four helicopter teams stationed in Dallas, Austin, El Paso, and Edinburg ready to respond and DPS relocated a helicopter with hoist capabilities from Austin to Houston. Texas Highway Patrol's Tactical Marine Unit (TMU) has rescue specialists assigned to hoist capable helicopters in Austin and Dallas, and flood water boats throughout the state.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):** On May 1, DSHS assigned LNO's to the SOC. Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Severe Weather Packages (SWX PKGs) 2 and 6 are on standby.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** TxDOT has assigned a LNO to support the SOC and have crews are performing damage assessments on roads and bridges that have been impacted. As of May 2, there were 132 state-maintained roads were impacted by flooding, including 60 road closures. TxDOT crews patrolled low-lying areas to identify roads/bridge that have been affected. [DriveTexas.org](https://www.drive-texas.org) is regularly updated to ensure motorists have access to most current road safety advisories.

**Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):** On May 2, a staff member was deployed to support DDEOC 16 in Houston. There are no known major impacts to healthcare. One childcare facility was evacuated due to flooding around their location. On May 1, HHSC began staffing the SOC in support of severe weather and flooding response operation.

**Texas Military Department (TMD):** TMD has activated two Ground Transportation Platoons, [two](#) UH-60 with Crew, and assigned a SOC Support Team.

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):** TPWD has prepared department resources consisting of Texas Game Wardens and State Parks Police Officers equipped with swift water boats and shallow water boats to support rescue operations. Additional personnel and equipment are on standby to respond to the areas affected. TPWD SAR Team and Game Warden UAV pilot have scouted areas with potential flood concerns.

**Public Utilities Commission of Texas (PUC):** On May 2, electrical outages peaked around noon with approximately 160k customers out as the second line of storms started pushing through the Houston area.

**American Red Cross (ARC):** On May 2, ARC began assisting with [five](#) shelters, conducting damage assessments, and supplied 192 meals in Tyler, Polk, San Jacinto, Harris, Montgomery, and Liberty Counties.

**The Salvation Army (TSA):** On May 1, TSA assigned a LNO to the SOC and has their mobile feeding unit and volunteers ready to assist impacted areas. [TSA is supporting shelter feeding operations in Walker County and has begun evaluating conditions in affected areas. TSA and Southern Baptist Texas Convention DR are coordinating a mass feeding site and feeding units have been put on standby to support feeding operations as soon as areas become accessible.](#)

### STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

| Agency      | Resource Kind and Type                     | Personnel         | Equip             | Status                   | Location   |
|-------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--|
| TDEM        | Mass Care ESF6                             | <a href="#">2</a> | 0                 | Assigned                 | Austin   |
| TDEM        | DRTF HQ staff                              | 1                 | 0                 | Assigned                 | Austin   |
| TDEM        | ISTF Members                               | 1                 | 0                 | Assigned                 | Trinity County EOC                               |
| TDEM        | ISTF Members                               | 2                 | 0                 | En Route                 | Trinity County EOC                               |
| AgriLife    | DAR Strike Team                            | 26                | 6                 | Activated                | College Station                                  |
| AgriLife    | SOC Liason                                 | 2                 | 0                 | Assigned                 | Austin   |
| AgriLife    | Extension Admin                            | 2                 | 0                 | Activated                | College Station                                  |
| AgriLife    | <a href="#">DDEOC 14 &amp; 16 Liaisons</a> | <a href="#">2</a> | <a href="#">0</a> | <a href="#">Assigned</a> | <a href="#">Houston and Lufkin</a>               |
| TEEX TX-TF1 | Swiftwater Boat Squad                      | 24                | 8                 | Activated                | Hopkins, Kaufman, McLennan, and Navarro Counties |

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|--------------|------------------------------------|-----------|-------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| TEEX/TX-PWRT | SOC LNO                            | 2         | 2     | Assigned           | SOC Austin                  |
| TEEX/TX-PWRT | ESF 3 LNO                          | 2         | 2     | Assigned           | DDEOC - Houston             |
| TEEX-PWRT    | ESF 3 LNO                          | 1         | 1     | Assigned           | Lufkin                      |
| TAMFS        | TF                                 | 11        |       | Activated          | Uvalde                      |
| TAMFS        | ST, SEATs, Air Attack              | 17        | 4     | Activated          | Alpine                      |
| TAMFS        | TF, EMTF11, REM, SEATs, Air Attack | 27        | 3     | Activated          | Ft. Stockton                |
| TAMFS        | TF, Air Attack                     | 14        | 1     | Activated          | San Angelo                  |
| TAMFS        | LATs, ASM                          |           | 3     | Activated          | Abilene                     |
| TAMFS        | SEATs, Air Attack                  |           | 4     | Activated          | Dumas                       |
| TAMFS        | Dozer Crew                         | 4         | 1     | Activated          | Edinburg                    |
| TAHC         | SOC Representative                 | 1         | 0     | Assigned           | Austin                      |
| TAHC         | TAHC Emergency Management          | 1         | 0     | Available, On Call | Virtual                     |
| TAHC         | TAHC Emergency Management          | 1         | 1     | Activated          | Walker County               |
| TAHC         | TAHC Livestock Inspectors          | 1         | 1     | Activated          | San Jacinto County          |
| TCEQ         | SOC Liaison                        | 1         | 0     | Assigned           | Austin                      |
| DPS          | SOC                                | 2         | 2     | Assigned           | Austin                      |
| DPS          | Helicopters w/Hoist                | 3         | 1     | Activated          | Liberty and Walker Counties |
| DPS          | Tactical Marine Unit               | 13        | 6     | Activated          | Montgomery                  |
| DSHS         | SOC LNO                            | 1         | 0     | Activated          | Austin                      |
| DSHS         | SOC                                | 1         | 0     | Activated          | Austin                      |
| DSHS         | MIST                               | 2         | 0     | Activated          | Austin                      |
| DSHS         | SWX PKG                            | 21        | 11    | Activated          | RELLIS/Bryan                |
| DSHS         | MIST                               | 1         | 1     | Activated          | RELLIS/Bryan                |
| TxDOT        | SOC Liaison                        | 1         | 0     | Activated          | Austin SOC                  |
| TxDOT        | EMC                                | 1         | 0     | Activated          | TxDOT HQ                    |
| HHSC         | SOC Liaison                        | 1         | 0     | Assigned           | Austin                      |
| HHSC         | DEEOC 16 LNO                       | 1         | 0     | Assigned           | Houston                     |
| TMD          | Ground Transportation Platoon A    | 10        | 5     | Assigned           | Houston                     |



| Agency | Resource Kind and Type          | Personnel | Equip | Status    | Location               |
|--------|---------------------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|------------------------|
| TMD    | Ground Transportation Platoon B | 10        | 5     | Assigned  | Houston and Huntsville |
| TMD    | UH-60 Blackhawk                 | 6         | 1     | Assigned  | San Antonio            |
| TMD    | SOC Support                     | 4         | 0     | Assigned  | Austin                 |
| TMD    | UH-60 Blackhawk                 | 6         | 1     | Activated | San Antonio            |
| TMD    | MDC DDC 13                      | 1         | 0     | Activated | Bryan                  |
| TMD    | MDC DDC 15                      | 1         | 0     | Activated | Beaumont               |

**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-3>

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