



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	24-0014 26APR Severe Weather
Date	May 11, 2024
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM May 10 to 8:00 AM May 11, 2024
Report Number	10

Regions Affected	
TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 4, & 8
DDs Active	13, 14, 15 & 16

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

On May 7, Governor Abbott further amended the Disaster Proclamation for severe storms and flooding that began on April 26. Additional counties included are Clay, Coleman, Eastland, and Mills Counties.

On May 6, Governor Abbott held a briefing with state and local officials and provided an update on the state's ongoing response to severe weather and flooding conditions impacting East Texas communities during a press conference in Conroe.

At the press conference, the Governor pledged Texas' continued support to communities that need assistance recovering from these storms and urged impacted Texans to report their damage using the TDEM Individual State of Texas Assessment Tool (iSTAT) tool. Additionally, the Governor thanked the brave first responders and emergency management personnel who are working around-the-clock to protect their fellow Texans.

Communities impacted by severe weather and flooding conditions are encouraged to complete TDEM's iSTAT self-reporting damage survey to help state and local officials identify damages and determine the state's eligibility for federal and disaster assistance. The survey is available in both English and Spanish and can be accessed by visiting damage.tdem.texas.gov.

On May 2, Governor Abbott expanded the state's disaster declaration to include 59 additional counties in areas at-risk for severe weather and flooding, with the

updated disaster declaration covering 88 counties in total. At the Governor's direction, state agencies continue to support requests for state assistance.

On May 1, Governor Greg Abbott announced that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has 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 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 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 4:00 AM, May 11.](#)

Major river flooding is being reported at the Trinity River near Liberty.

Major river flooding is being reported at the Neches River near Saltwater.

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 5 – Mt. Pleasant (Includes Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, and Titus Counties)

DDEOC-5 activated to Level III (Increased Readiness) on May 8th due to the severe weather threat.

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

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

Polk County: As of May 9, the mandatory evacuations were lifted in Polk County. County officials are planning a phased re-entry for homeowners.

Trinity County: As of May 9, the mandatory evacuations were lifted in Trinity County.

Tyler County: On May 2, a voluntary evacuation notice was issued.

Region 4 (Includes DD 16)

DD 16 – Houston (Includes Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton Counties)

DDEOC 16: Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS) operations in New Caney and Conroe will end May 10, and TAMFS personnel will be released at end of shift. One TAMFS and five AHIMT personnel remain in Montgomery County.

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: 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, Walker County reported there were two water rescues performed. On May 8, TDEM will send preliminary damage assessment teams to conduct iSTAT and pSTAT in Walker County.

Region 6 (Includes DDs 17, 18, and 24)

DD 18 – San Antonio (Includes Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, McMullen, Medina, and Wilson Counties)

Guadalupe County: On May 9, reports of significant damage due to a suspected tornado left over 5,000 residents without power. An Incident Command Post (ICP) was established at York Creek Volunteer Fire Department (VFD), and a shelter was established for 50 residents at the Geronimo Community Center in Seguin.

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

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

On May 5, the Lake Limestone gates were opened for a release of 17,560 cfs of water. Rising water conditions could occur in the communities along the Navasota River in Limestone, Robertson, Leon, Madison, Brazos, and Grimes Counties.

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.

DD 13 – Bryan (Includes Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson, and Washington Counties)

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.

Incident Support Task Force (ISTF): There are four ISTF staff assigned to the SOC with two ESF 6 staff in support. Two ISTF members were re-assigned to San Jacinto County and three ISTF members were assigned to the Liberty County EOC. One ISTF member has deployed to Polk County to support long term recovery.

Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension (AgriLife): AgriLife is monitoring river levels for potential livestock rescue and shelter needs in Southeast Texas and Lampasas, Bosque, Hamilton, and Coryell counties. The AgriLife SOC Liaison distributed the TCEQ Carcass Disposal Guidelines to Disaster Assessment and Recovery (DAR) Agents in the field after dead livestock was seen floating along the Lampasas and Bosque Rivers. A STAR was filled to activate up to 20 DAR Agents to assist with damage assessments. Two DAR Agents have been deployed to DD 23 and four DAR Agents are in DD 11 to assist with damage assessments.

Three DAR teams continued to assist in DD-11 and DD-23 with completing damage assessments and will continue tomorrow. Three additional DAR teams were requested for damage assessments, and two teams will arrive May 10. The third team will arrive May 11. The iSTAT portal has received 130 entries from landowners with damages to fencing, crops, livestock, and equipment. There have been 35 requests for assistance from the AgriLife Extension Service.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX): Texas A&M Public Works Response Team (TX-PWRT): On May 9, a TX-PWRT team arrived in Conroe and a drone strike team has been assigned to Liberty County to assist TDEM with damage assessments. Damage assessments will start south of US HWY 90 and proceed north. The TX-PWRT SOC LNO will continue to monitor WebEOC for requests and continue working with TCEQ on water/wastewater (W/WW). [On May 10, TX-PWRT assigned two boats with operators to evaluate flooded areas in coordination with the Incident Support team \(IST\) and TX-TF3.](#)

Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1): TX-TF1 has a mission ready packing (MRP) of six Flood Water Boat Squads, comprising 26 personnel from both TX-TF2 and TX-TF3 in Huntsville.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS): TAMFS continues to support the current severe weather operational period, with Forest Service and All Hazard IMT personnel assisting the Montgomery County EOC and will stand-by standby to provide additional resource support as needed. TAMFS has increased response capability throughout TDEM Regions 1, 5, 6, and 7, by implementing State Engine Strike Teams and four Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid Strike Teams to TDEM Region 1. Aviation resources supporting TAMFS include Large Air Tankers, Single Engine Air Tankers, and Air Attack Units. [On May 10, chainsaw teams from McGregor and Smithville are clearing debris from roads. It is anticipated that chainsaw operations will continue into May 11.](#)

Texas A&M Veterinary Emergency Team (VET): TAMU VET submitted a final report and stated they have been released from the Texas A&M Task Force.

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC): On May 6, livestock reported lost in Lampasas County were later discovered by TAHC and AgriLife agents. The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) or the local Sheriff's office will help with the identification of lost livestock. As of May 8, Montgomery County shelter has six stray goats, and three horses were claimed by the owners. San Jacinto County has 43 dogs and 20 cats in the shelter.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): TCEQ has staff available to respond to any air, water, or waste related issues, including drinking water and wastewater issues and/or emergency response activities. As of May 10, TCEQ is tracking 13 drinking water systems that are on a Boil Water Notice (BWN) affecting 9,955 residents.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ): As of May 7, TDCJ Ellis Unit in Walker County is no longer taking in water from the Trinity River and there are no immediate threats. Multiple Agricultural Operations Units sustained bridge, fence, road, barn, levee, and crop field damage, and a \$550,930.00 crop loss was estimated. The staff and inmate population remain unaffected by the flooding as water levels recede.

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS): The DPS Tactical Marine Unit (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.

On May 6, DPS Dallas Aviation was conducting routine reconnaissance when they received a radio report about a vehicle with two individuals and a dog on the roof of a jeep. DPS Aviation self-dispatched to the area and coordinated with the Ennis Fire and Rescue Swift Water Team. DPS Aviation arrived before the Swift Water Team and was informed by a local Trooper about hazardous power lines near the victims. DPS Aviation deemed an aerial rescue as unsafe and landed, rigged a hoist for potential rescue in case of emergency, and relayed information to the arriving Swift Water Team. The Ennis Fire and Rescue Swift Water Team subsequently arrived and successfully rescued the victims.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): DSHS has LNO's assigned to the SOC and an Ambulance Strike Team (AST) in Hardin County. On May 6, DSHS extended the Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Severe Weather Package (SWX PKG) to May 13 and the Catastrophic Medical Operations Center (CMOC) was extended to May 8. The Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (TDAP) vaccine will be

delivered on May 7, to Montgomery County. [The EMTF SWX PKG's at Hensley Field in Grand Prairie, Dallas County, were released on May 10.](#)

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): TxDOT has assigned an LNO to support the SOC and has crews performing damage assessments on roads and bridges. On [May 10, 24](#) state roads remained impacted by flooding including [16](#) road closures. TxDOT is coordinating with Walker County for Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP). TxDOT crews have begun repairs on United States Highway (US) 84, State Highway (SH) 6, and Farm-to-Market (FM) 2412. TxDOT is planning repairs to FM 787, in Liberty County, near the Trinity River. TxDOT has received STARs from several counties to assist with roadway materials. [TxDOT has completed repairs on FM 116, FM 182, and FM 932. Repairs for FM 1783, in Coryell County, are expected to be completed on May 10. SH-21 eastbound lanes have been reopened and the westbound lanes will remain closed.](#)

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC): DDEOC 16 has HHSC supporting 24-hour operations. Regulatory Services reported minimal impacts to four long term care facilities. One facility suffered structural damage, and the residents have been relocated to a hotel.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD has a SOC Support Team in Austin and has activated three Ground Transportation Platoons (GTP), one Ground Transportation Company Headquarters (GTCHQ), and two UH-60s with Crews. Two GTPs are staged in Huntsville, one GTP in Conroe and one GTP in Houston. The Rotary Wing Medium MRPs are staged in Conroe and College Station with two TX TF-1 Rescue Swimmers on each aircraft. A total of [61](#) personnel, 19 vehicles, and two aircraft have been activated in support of 24-0014 26APR Severe Weather. TMD Military District Coordinators have been released.

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. One person is assigned to assist DDEOC 16 in Houston.

As of May 10, TPWD has performed 260 rescues, 144 evacuations, 117 animal evacuations for a total of 521 responses.

Public Utilities Commission of Texas (PUC): On May 4, utilities are returning to normal operations and Entergy expects to complete restorations.

Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR): The DIR has one staff member deployed to the SOC. DIR continues to monitor the clear and dark web for threats related to this weather activation. No credible threats have been observed.

American Red Cross (ARC): ARC has seven shelters open with a census of 137 people as of May 10. An Incident Management Team (IMT) has deployed a basecamp and a field kitchen to Houston. The ARC has distributed 4,898 snacks and 4,222 meals as of May 10.

The Salvation Army (TSA): TSA is conducting a feeding operation in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Texas Convention (SBTC) at The Salvation Army Houston Area Command Warehouse. TSA will stage two feeding units in Conroe to serve the Huntsville and Cold Spring areas. The Salvation Army has an IMT in Houston. On May 4, TSA is providing community feeding operations at the Santa Fe Admin Building, 1680 CR 3549, Cleveland TX. TSA now has mobile feeding units in Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, Polk, San Jacinto, Trinity, and Walker counties. TSA has set up a base camp operation with the Southern Baptist Texas Convention Kitchen in Houston. The Field kitchen operations is providing 3,500 meals daily.

As of May 10, 10,016 meals, 1,271 snacks and 6,332 drinks have been distributed.

Southern Baptist Texas Convention (SBTC): Mass Feeding will be done in assistance with The Salvation Army. SBTC disaster relief (DR) Mass Feeding and quick response feeding unit (QRU) will arrive and set up on May 5. On May 6, windshield survey began, one shower unit was deployed to Liberty, TX, one QRU demobilized, and one QRU remaining in Houston.

Shower units were deployed to 318 San Jacinto St., at the Jack Hartel Building, in Liberty, TX. Shower and laundry units were deployed to 255 Live Oak St., at the San Jacinto County Shelter, in Coldspring, TX.

As of May 10, SBTC has provided 1,470 volunteer hours, distributed 9,915 meals, and 17 shelter showers.

TEXANS ON MISSION (TOM): TOM has two Incident Management Teams (IMT) in Conroe and Kingwood. IMT's have provided electrical support, shower, laundry services, boxes, and meals to residents. Flood recovery teams are scheduled to arrive on May 13, in Conroe and Kingwood. Local flood recovery teams are in Rising Star and will have additional support coming to the area in the next few days. TOM has provided four showers, 134 meals, 461 boxes, 58 loads of laundry, and 901 volunteer hours.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TDEM	Mass Care ESF6	2	0	Assigned	Austin
TDEM	ISTF HQ staff	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TDEM	VOAD	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TDEM	ISTF Staff	2	0	Assigned	Austin
TDEM	ISTF Staff	2	0	Assigned	San Jacinto Co.
TDEM	ISTF Staff	3	0	Assigned	Liberty Co. EOC
TDEM	ISTF Staff	1	0	Assigned	Polk Co.
AgriLife	DAR Strike Team	26	6	Activated	College Station
AgriLife	SOC Liason	1	0	Assigned	Austin
AgriLife	Extension Admin	2	0	Activated	College Station
AgriLife	DDEOC 14,15 & 16 Liaisons	3	0	Assigned	Beaumont, Houston, and Lufkin
AgriLife	County Extension Agents	7	0	Assigned	Hamilton, Lampasas, Liberty, Montgomery, Polk, San Jacinto, and Walker Counties
AgriLife	IST Liaison	1	0	Assigned	RELLIS
AgriLife	DAR Agents – Damage Assessments	2	1	Assigned	DD 23
AgriLife	DAR Agents – Damage Assessments	4	3	Enroute	DD11
TAMFS	ST 144, ST145, DZR	39	0	Activated	Amarillo
TAMFS	ST 146, ST 147, SEATs, Air Attack	37	4	Activated	Dumas
TAMFS	DZR	5		Activated	Childress
TAMFS	DZR, MTGR	7		Activated	Lubbock
TAMFS	ENGs, DZR	11		Activated	Alice
TAMFS	ENG, DZR	10			Edinburg
TAMFS	ENG, DZR	9		Activated	Uvalde
TAMFS	ST ENG, DZR, Hand Crew, SEATs, Air Attack	27	4	Activated	Alpine
TAMFS	ST Eng, DZR, SEATs, Air Attack, ASM	21	5	Activated	Fort Stockton
TAMFS	ENG, DZR, Air Attack	10	1	Activated	San Angelo
TAMFS	Tanker	0	2	Activated	Abilene
TAMFS	EMTF, REM	10		Activated	Fort Stockton
TAMFS	EMTF	5		Activated	Amarillo
TAMFS	AHIMT LNO	8	0	Assigned	DDEOC 16C

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TX-PWRT	ESF 3 SOC LNO	2	1	Assigned	SOC Austin
TX-PWRT	PWRT 1	11	9	Assigned	Conroe
TX-TF1	Type 4 US&R	28	12	Activated	Brazos County
TX-TF1	HSART Rescue Swimmers	2	0	Activated	Montgomery County
TX-TF1	SWR Boat Squad	6	4	Activated	Hardin County
TX-TF1	HPV	4	2	Activated	Polk County
TX-TF2/ TX-TF3	Water MRP	26	0	Assigned	Montgomery County
DIR	SOC LNO	1	0	Activated	Austin SOC
DPS	SOC	2	2	Assigned	Austin
DPS	Helicopters w/Hoist	9	3	Activated	Austin, Dallas, Houston
DPS	Tactical Marine Unit	23	8	Activated	Montgomery
DSHS	SOC LNO	1	0	Assigned	Austin
DSHS	SOC	1	0	Assigned	Austin
DSHS	MIST	2	0	Assigned	Austin
DSHS	MIST	1	1	Assigned	Texas A&M RELLIS Campus, Bryan
DSHS	SWX PKG	21	11	Assigned	Texas A&M RELLIS Campus, Bryan
HHSC	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
HHSC	DDEOC 16 LNO	1	0	Assigned	Houston
PUC	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TAHC	SOC Representative	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TAHC	TAHC Emergency Management	1	0	Available, On-Call	Virtual
TAHC	TAHC Emergency Management	1	1	Available, On-Call	Walker County
TAHC	Livestock Inspectors	4	4	Available, On-Call	TDEM Region 3/4/8
TAHC	Regional Manager	1	1	Available, On-Call	Erath County
TCEQ	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TCEQ	DDEOC 16 Liaison	2	0	Assigned	Houston
TDCJ	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TMD	SOC Support	5	0	Assigned	Austin
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon A	10	5	Assigned	Huntsville

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TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon B	10	5	Assigned	Conroe
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon C	10	5	Assigned	Houston
TMD	Ground Transportation Company HQ	14	4	Assigned	Huntsville
TMD	UH-60 Blackhawk (Alamo 00)	6	1	Assigned	Conroe
TMD	UH-60 Blackhawk (Alamo 02)	6	1	Assigned	College Station
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	DDEOC 16	1	1	Assigned	Houston
TPWD	Game Wardens	14	14	Assigned	Polk, Trinity, Leon, Tyler, Liberty, Madison, San Jacinto, Montgomery, and Walker Counties
TPWD	SAR Team	4	4	Assigned	Liberty County
TPWD	Shallow/Swift Water Boats	0	3	Assigned	Livingston, Milam, Jack, and Mills Counties
TPWD	Airboat	0	7	Assigned	Polk, Trinity, Leon, Tyler, Liberty, Madison, San Jacinto, Montgomery, and Walker Counties
TPWD	State Park Officers	9	9	Assigned	Polk, Trinity, Leon, Tyler, Liberty, Madison, San Jacinto, Montgomery, and Walker Counties
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1	0	Activated	Austin SOC
TxDOT	EMC	1	0	Activated	TxDOT HQ
TSA	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TSA	IMT	5	0	Assigned	Dallas / Ft. Worth
TSA	Mobile Feeding Units	16	8	Activated	Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, Polk,

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					San Jacinto, Trinity, and Walker Counties

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:
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