



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

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Event Name	24-0014 26APR Severe Weather
Date	June 17, 2024
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM June 16 to 8:00 AM June 17, 2024
Report Number	47

Regions Affected	
TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 4, 7 & 8
DDs Active	None

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On June 14, Governor Greg Abbott announced the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved adding Bell, Robertson, and Terrell counties to the Federal Disaster Declaration.

On June 13, Governor Abbott amended the state’s disaster declaration for severe weather and flooding, adding Hopkins and Titus counties.

On June 8, Governor Abbott announced that the FEMA has approved three additional Texas counties for the Federal Disaster Declaration for severe weather and flooding that began on April 26. With this FEMA approval of 3 new counties for Individual Assistance programs, qualifying Texans in 35 total counties are now eligible to apply for federal disaster assistance.

On June 7, Governor Abbott announced that FEMA has approved 36 additional Texas counties for the Presidential Disaster Declaration for severe weather and flooding that began on April 26. FEMA approved Individual Assistance for 5 new counties, with qualifying Texans in 32 total counties now eligible to apply. FEMA also approved Public Assistance for 31 new counties, with qualifying entities in 38 total counties now eligible to apply.

On June 5, Governor Abbott amended the state’s severe weather disaster declaration to add Bailey, Bowie, Cass, Midland, Red River, and Terrell counties, bringing the total number of counties under the disaster declaration to 117.

On June 5, Governor Abbott announced that FEMA had approved Austin, Dallas, Hockley, Kaufman, and Newton counties for FEMA's Individual Assistance programs.

On May 31, Governor Abbott announced that he added five counties to the state's disaster declaration for Texas communities impacted by recent severe weather. The counties added include Dallas, Fannin, Hockley, Lynn, and Rockwall.

Additionally, the Governor announced that FEMA has approved a request from the State of Texas to add three more counties impacted by severe weather to the Presidential Disaster Declaration. FEMA has added Bell, Henderson, and Tyler counties to become eligible for FEMA's Individual Assistance program.

On May 26, Governor Abbott signed the state's severe weather disaster declaration to add Denton, Montague, Cooke, and Collin counties, bringing the total number of counties under the disaster declaration to 106.

On May 23, Governor Abbott announced that President Biden amended the Presidential Disaster Declaration for Texas counties impacted by severe weather and flooding that began on April 26.

This partial approval authorizes all categories of work under the FEMA Public Assistance program for seven designated counties to utilize grant funding for emergency work and repair or replacement of disaster-damaged public infrastructure.

The counties eligible for FEMA's Public Assistance program include Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, Polk, San Jacinto, Trinity, and Walker Counties. The Governor's request for 21 additional counties for FEMA's Public Assistance program remains under review.

Additionally, FEMA has approved the request from the State of Texas to add additional counties to the Presidential Disaster Declaration, granting eligibility for FEMA's Individual Assistance programs for those counties. Counties approved for Individual Assistance programs now include Calhoun, Eastland, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Jasper, Jones, Lamar, Liberty, Montgomery, Polk, San Jacinto, Trinity, Walker, and Waller Counties.

On May 22, Governor Abbott announced that he has added Calhoun, Delta, Jones, and Lamar counties to the state's disaster declaration for counties impacted by severe storms and flooding that began on April 26. Additional counties may be added as damage assessments are completed.

At the Governor's direction and following a review of damage assessments in additional impacted communities which show they exceed federal criteria for disaster assistance, Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) Chief Nim Kidd has requested the addition of six counties to become eligible for FEMA

Individual Assistance programs. Those additional counties include Austin, Ellis, Kaufman, Navarro, Newton, and Tyler.

On May 20, Governor Abbott amended the disaster proclamation for severe storms and flooding to include Calhoun, Delta, Jones, and Lamar Counties.

On May 19, Governor Abbott directed TDEM to request additional counties be added to the Presidential Disaster Declaration for severe weather and flooding that began on April 26.

At the Governor's direction and following a review of damage assessments in additional impacted communities which show they exceed federal criteria for disaster assistance, TDEM Chief Nim Kidd has requested the addition of eight counties to become eligible for FEMA Individual Assistance programs. Those additional counties include Calhoun, Eastland, Guadalupe, Hardin, Jasper, Jones, Lamar, and Waller.

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 4 (Includes DD 16)

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

Harris County: The city of Houston has started door-to-door wellness checks for residents on the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR) that did not respond or requested assistance.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System (TDEM): Mass Care is collaborating with our Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) partners and locally impacted counties.

Communications Coordination Group (CCG): TDEM Communications Coordination Group (CCG) has been released.

Incident Support Task Force (ISTF): There are two ISTF members assigned to the SOC. As of June 7, the Transitional Shelter Assistance program has 5,938 applicants, utilizing 435 hotels with a population of 18,158.

TDEM Private Sector Coordination: TDEM continues to communicate with private sector partners in the affected areas.

Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension (AgriLife): The AgriLife SOC Liaison distributed the TCEQ Carcass Disposal Guidelines to Disaster Assessment and Recovery (DAR) Agents in the field. As of June 4, there have been 542 entries from the iSTAT portal from landowners with agricultural damages and 139 of the entries are requesting assistance from AgriLife.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX): Texas A&M Public Works Response Team (TX-PWRT): All TX-PWRT personnel have been released for this incident.

Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1): TX-TF1 resources have demobilized and TX-TF2 activated additional resources to continue SAR operations in Cooke County.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS): TAMFS resources have been released.

Texas A&M Veterinary Emergency Team (VET): On May 15, one Type 4 VET was deployed to the Emergency Animal Shelter at the Coldspring Community Center, in San Jacinto County.

Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT): On June 6 at 3:00 PM there were 17,000 power outages reported statewide. Oncor reported 9,400 power outages and Oncor crews continue with power restoration repairs. Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) reported 3,000 power outages.

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. TCEQ staff are available to provide technical assistance and guidance on debris management and have approved 52 temporary debris management sites.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ): Multiple TDCJ 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 Information Resources (DIR): DIR continues to monitor the situation using cybersecurity tooling and threat intelligence feeds. No cyber threats related to this weather event have been identified. There are no requests for network or technology support.

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 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, Houston, and San Antonio ready to respond and DPS relocated a helicopter with hoist capabilities from Austin to Houston. Texas Highway Patrol's (THP) Tactical Marine Unit (TMU) has rescue specialists assigned to hoist capable helicopters, and flood water boats throughout the state.

Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR): TDLR sent out a press release and social media alerting customers to seek a licensed electrician for power restoration or damage repair. This includes how to find a licensed electrician on the TDLR website.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): DSHS has LNOs assigned to the SOC. DSHS is working with local entities who have submitted State of Texas Assistance Requests (STAR) for mosquito abatement and how to best meet their needs.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): As of June 7, there are 15 state-maintained roads impacted and 9 roads closed from recent storms. TxDOT has been responding to downed trees and flood conditions in the Tyler, Paris, and Atlanta districts. TxDOT is coordinating debris management with Terrell County and TCEQ, and local TxDOT crews continue with clean-up and road repairs throughout the state.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC): HHSC is coordinating with local mental health and behavioral health authorities to have crisis counseling services available at DRCs. Counseling services are now available at the Harris Center, Burke Center, Bluebonnet Trails, and Spindletop DRCs.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD has released all assets.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD has assigned two liaisons to the SOC, and additional personnel and equipment are activated to respond to affected areas as needed. TPWD has performed 262 rescues, 144 evacuations, and 117 animal evacuations for 523 responses for this incident.

Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 6 (FEMA R6): FEMA [Disaster Recovery Centers \(DRC\) link is available to provide locations to residents to acquire information about disaster assistance programs.](#)

American Red Cross (ARC): As of June 14, the ARC has closed the final shelter in Hockley County. The ARC has distributed 50,951 snacks and 63,488 meals.

Detailed Damage Assessment (DDA) teams are supporting Individual Disaster Care (IDC) casework in multiple counties. As of June 14, the ARC has conducted 8,991 DDA in the affected areas.

Mercy Chefs: As of June 3, Mercy Chefs have provided 9,294 meals in Harris County.

Southern Baptists of Texas Convention (SBTC): As of May 31, SBTC has provided 14,878 volunteer hours, 23,920 meals, and 1,944 showers. On May 29, SBTC sent the Quick Response Feeding Unit to Levelland. On June 3, the Quick Response Feeding Unit (QRU) was sent to Sylvania Baptist Church in Smith County.

TEXANS ON MISSION (TOM): TOM has provided 2,219 showers, 36,968 meals, 1,522 loads of laundry, and 33,446 volunteer hours as of June 13.

The Salvation Army (TSA): On May 29, TSA mobilized their canteen food services to serve first responders in Levelland. TSA has distributed 10,193 meals, 9,483 snacks, and 7,443 drinks.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TDEM	Mass Care ESF6	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TDEM	ISTF Staff	1	0	Assigned	Austin
AgriLife	DAR Strike Team	16	16	Activated	Statewide
AgriLife	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
AgriLife	Extension Admin	2	0	Activated	College Station
AgriLife	DDEOC 16 Liaison	3	0	Available	Houston
AgriLife	County Extension Agents	7	0	Available	Liberty, Montgomery, Polk, San Jacinto, Walker Counties
AgriLife	IST Liaison	1	1	Assigned	RELLIS
TX-TF2	Type 3 US&R Team	35	0	Assigned	Denton 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
HHSC	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
HHSC	DDEOC 16 Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Houston
PUC	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TAHC	DAR Strike Team	26	6	Activated	College Station
TAHC	SOC Representative	1	0	Available, On-Call	Austin
TAHC	TAHC Emergency Management	1	0	Available, On-Call	Virtual
TAHC	TAHC Emergency Management	1	1	Available, On-Call	Walker County

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TAHC	Livestock Inspectors	4	4	Available, On-Call	TDEM Regions 3, 4 & 8
TAHC	Regional Manager	1	1	Available, On-Call	Erath County
TDCJ	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1	0	Activated	Austin
TxDOT	EMC	1	1	Assigned	Austin
TSA	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TSA	IMT	5	0	Assigned	Dallas / Fort Worth
TDLR	SOC Liason	1	0	Assigned	Austin SOC
TDEM	POD	1	0	Assigned	Lake Belton HS- Bell Co
CERT	POD	3	0	Assigned	Lake Belton HS- Bell Co
BISD	POD	21	0	Assigned	Lake Belton HS- Bell Co
Boy Scouts	POD	15	0	Assigned	Lake Belton HS- Bell Co
TBM	POD	4	0	Assigned	Lake Belton HS- Bell Co

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level III (Increased Readiness 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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