



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

### New Information is in Blue Text

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| <b>Event Name</b>         | <b>24-0016 06JUL Tropical Weather</b>        |
| <b>Date</b>               | August 18, 2024                              |
| <b>Time</b>               | 10:00 AM                                     |
| <b>Operational Period</b> | 8:00 AM August 17 to 8:00 AM August 18, 2024 |
| <b>Report Number</b>      | 44                                           |

| Regions Affected             |                   |
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| <b>TDEM Regions Affected</b> | 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 |
| <b>DDs Active</b>            | None              |

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** On August 15, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) received federal approval extending the time that Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients impacted by Hurricane Beryl can purchase hot foods and ready-to-eat meals with their benefits until September 15. Bowie, Cass, Fayette, Morris, Panola, Red River, and Washington counties were also added to the list of counties approved in July for hot foods.

On August 3, Governor Abbott announced that the federal government had updated the Major Disaster Declaration to include five additional Texas counties now eligible for the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Individual Assistance program. After the completion and verification of damage assessments, the following counties have been deemed eligible for FEMA’s Individual Assistance program: Austin, Bowie, Shelby, Trinity, and Waller.

On July 25, Governor Abbott announced that HHSC has received federal approval to automatically provide replacement benefits for SNAP recipients in Fort Bend and Washington counties. With this federal approval, SNAP recipients in 20 counties are now eligible for automatic SNAP replacement benefits.

On July 24, Governor Abbott announced the FEMA approved the state’s request for Transitional Sheltering Assistance for 17 Texas counties impacted by Hurricane Beryl. Additionally, FEMA has waived an assistance requirement for Texans who purchased or rented generators between July 5-20 due to power outages caused by the hurricane.

The counties approved for FEMA's Transitional Sheltering Assistance program include Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, Walker, and Wharton. Additional counties may become eligible as damage assessments are completed.

On July 17, Governor Abbott announced that HHSC has received federal approval to allow SNAP recipients in 36 counties impacted by Hurricane Beryl to purchase hot foods and ready-to-eat meals with their benefits.

Federal approval allows SNAP recipients to purchase hot foods with their Lone Star Cards at participating retailers within the approved counties through August 14. Hot foods include rotisserie chicken, grocery store deli items, and other food that is hot at the point of sale.

On July 15, Governor Abbott and Chief Kidd toured a Hurricane Beryl resource staging area and thanked responders who worked around the clock to assist fellow Texans.

On July 14, Governor Abbott directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to request additional counties be added to the federal disaster declaration for FEMA's Individual Assistance programs. The additional counties include Austin, Bowie, Shelby, Trinity, and Waller.

On July 13, Governor Abbott announced that the federal government has updated the Major Disaster Declaration for Hurricane Beryl to include 17 Texas counties now eligible for the FEMA's Individual Assistance program.

On July 12, Acting Governor Patrick announced today that, at his request, FEMA has amended the Major Disaster Declaration for Hurricane Beryl to include 15 Texas counties he requested for FEMA's Individual Assistance program.

Additionally, Acting Governor Patrick directed TDEM to request the inclusion of Fort Bend and Nacogdoches counties to FEMA's Individual Assistance programs.

On July 11, Governor Abbott announced that Texas has requested FEMA Individual Assistance program for 15 counties; Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, Walker, and Wharton. Additional counties may be requested as damage assessments are completed.

Acting Governor Patrick announced that HHSC received federal approval allowing recipients of SNAP to apply for replacement benefits for food lost or destroyed from Hurricane Beryl. The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is also replacing food and formula benefits lost during the hurricane.

On July 10, Governor Abbott announced that 67 Texas counties have been approved for federal disaster assistance as part of a Major Disaster Declaration approved by the President following impacts to the state from Hurricane Beryl.

On July 9, Governor Abbott provided an update on the ongoing response effects to Hurricane Beryl in Texas. TDEM and state agency partners remain in constant contact with local officials throughout the response and recovery from Beryl to ensure all needs are met.

Acting Governor Patrick spoke with President Biden and requested a federal disaster declaration through the FEMA. The President granted the state's request. The Major Disaster Declaration allows for reimbursement for up to 75 percent of costs associated with expenses for debris management and emergency protective measures. The State of Texas may make additional requests as damage assessments are completed.

On July 6, Acting Governor Patrick added 81 counties to the state's Hurricane Beryl added 81 counties to the state's Hurricane Beryl Disaster Declaration as storm forecasts have shifted the expected landfall north and east of previous projections.

On July 5, Acting Governor Patrick issued a disaster proclamation certifying that Hurricane Beryl poses a threat of imminent disaster, including widespread and severe property damage, injury, and loss of life due to widespread flooding, life-threatening storm surge, damaging wind, and heavy rainfall in Atascosa, Bee, Bexar, Brooks, Calhoun, Cameron, DeWitt, Dimmit, Duval, Frio, Goliad, Gonzales, Hidalgo, Jackson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kenedy, Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle, Lavaca, Live Oak, Matagorda, Maverick, McMullen, Medina, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr, Uvalde, Victoria, Webb, Wharton, Willacy, Wilson, Zapata, and Zavala Counties.

On July 4, Governor Abbott directed TDEM to increase the readiness level of the State Emergency Operations Center to Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) effective at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 5. The Governor also instructed TDEM to begin readying state emergency response resources for potential deployment ahead of Hurricane Beryl.

On July 3, Governor Abbott directed TDEM to issue an advisory notice to the 39 Texas Emergency Management Council Agencies to prepare to support hurricane response and recovery efforts and develop 24/7 staffing plans for the State Emergency Operations Center should the forecast track for Hurricane Beryl further materialize with expected impacts to the Texas Gulf Coast.

On July 2, TDEM urged Texans that live in and are visiting coastal communities for the Fourth of July holiday to keep an eye on the Gulf, heed warnings of local officials, and have a plan in place should tropical weather impacts reach the Texas coast.

## **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 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 is at Level IV (Normal Operations) as of July 22.

**DD 14 – Lufkin** (Includes Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, and Tyler Counties): DDEOC 14 is at Level IV (Normal Operations) as of 8:00 am on July 14.

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

### **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 Houston is at Level IV (Normal Operations) as of August 7.

### **Region 5 (Includes DDs 19-21)**

**DD 19 – Laredo** (Includes Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb, and Zapata, Counties): District Chief (DC) 19 engaged with the City of Laredo for planning sheltering operations and monitoring hotel availability.

**Hidalgo County:** Shelters locations for out-of-town evacuations; The LBJ 9th Grade Campus, 5511 St. Luke Dr., Laredo Tx. 78046 and Laredo College, 1 West End Washington St., Laredo, TX., 78040 – POC – Chris Niles (956-285-2113).

**DD 20 – Corpus Christi** (Includes Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patricio Counties): DC 20 established communications with the Corpus Christi State Supported Living Center (SSLC), local jurisdictions, and elected officials to identify potential needs.

**DD 21 – Weslaco** (Includes Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties): DC 21 established communications with the Rio Grande State Hospital, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, and the Incident Support Team (IST) San Antonio.

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

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**Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System (TDEM):**

**Communications Coordination Group (CCG):** CCG Partners, TDEM, the Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC), Texas Department of Public Safety Office of the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC), FEMA Region 6, and CISA had daily communication coordination calls. CISA provided temporary access to Government Emergency Telecommunications Service (GETS) and Wireless Priority Service (WPS) cellular calling cards, and the cellular calling cards will be good for the duration of this hurricane season. CISA will also provide access letters for personnel to reenter storm areas if there is a need to provide repairs to damaged critical infrastructure. FEMA and CISA will identify services they can provide under the current Governor's declaration.

CSEC provided an overview of the PSAP structure in Texas and there are discussions within the state on developing a system to help differentiate between a 911 work-around versus a 911 outage. ESF 2, ESF 8, ESF 12, federal partners, and Lumen are working to identify critical infrastructure to be prioritized during the power restoration operations.

**Incident Support Task Force (ISTF):** To date, 306,629 Hot Meals and 2,381,214 Shelf Stable Meals have been served, and 12 food pallets and 13 water pallets distributed.

**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Texas Task Force 1 (TEEX/TX-TF1):** On July 13, all USAR resources were released.

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife):** As of July 25, the State of Texas Assessment Portal there were 462 AgSTAT submissions with 122 of those requesting AgriLife assistance. County extension agents will be notified to follow up with those landowners in their respective counties. AgriLife Extension currently has two liaisons on duty at the SOC for Hurricane Beryl recovery.

**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Public Works Response Team (TEEX/PWRT):** As of August 2, all PWRT members and assets have demobilized.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):** TAMFS continues to support Hurricane Beryl Response. On July 29, TAMFS personnel and Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) demobilized from RSA. TIFMAS Strike Teams 176 continues to support the Fire Watch for the Matagorda County debris sites.

### **Other State Agencies**

**Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT):** CenterPoint and TNMP have completed power restoration associated with Hurricane Beryl. CenterPoint will continue vegetation work as well as some additional work on the distribution system using MAG and contact crews.

**Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC):** TAHC communicated with animal control shelters with outdoor facilities to make appropriate accommodations from the recent weather.

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):** TCEQ staff are available to provide technical assistance and guidance on debris management and are available to process temporary debris management site applications. TCEQ has authorized [140](#) temporary debris management sites.

TCEQ has created Hurricane Beryl Response link on the agency webpage: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/hurricanes/hurricane-beryl>

**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):** DPS provided resources in support of Hurricane Beryl and Texas Highway Patrol (THP) actively monitored traffic patterns and conditions. DPS in Corpus Christi, Weslaco, and the McAllen Border Districts reported THP would be staffing the Disaster District Emergency Operations Centers (DDEOC). In Houston, DPS personnel staffed the DDEOC and THP monitored traffic and roadway conditions. DPS in Conroe and Rosenberg assisted with staffing the DDEOC in Beaumont. THP continues to staff the DDEOC in Victoria. DPS in San Antonio received a request to assist with conducting Level 1 bus inspections for potential evacuations. DPS Aviation repositioned a helicopter from Austin to Houston on July 9. DPS Aviation has helicopters, with hoist capabilities and rescue specialist, in Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, and Edinburg are available. Personnel are coordinating at the Houston DDEOC.

DPS Director McCraw issued an emergency declaration, a [Suspension of Motor Carrier Vehicle Hours and Service Requirements](#).

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):** The State Medical Operations Center (SMOC) is activated with 14 people and is supporting one public health region. On July 16, the Texas Rapid Response Team (TRRT) was activated to support Public Region 6/5 to ensure food coming onto the market is safe for consumption. On July 18, the SMOC activated the Vector Disease Control International (VDCI) contract to begin mosquito abatement for counties that have met the DSHS Mosquito Abatement Post Landfall Guidance.

DSHS has received a request for mosquito abatement and is working with Brazoria, Galveston, Fort Bend, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, and Wharton counties.

EMTF has completed the following missions: 2,014 total encounters, 1,072 treated, 873 transported.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** TxDOT remains engaged in recovery efforts including fixing signs, debris management, and addressing requests.

**Texas Health and Human Services Commission: (HHSC):** HHSC received federal approval allowing recipients of SNAP to apply for replacement benefits. The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program WIC is replacing food and formula benefits lost during the hurricane.

**Texas Military Department (TMD):** TMD demobilized resources on August 8.

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):** All TPWD resources returned to normal operations on July 9.

### **Federal Agencies**

**Navy Region Southeast (Corpus Christi):** The Commander ordered the Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness Three for the Coastal Bend area to the Mexican Border.

**United States Coast Guard (USCG) Port of Corpus Christi:** The USCG Captain of the Port (COTP) set Port Condition Zulu on July 5 from the Colorado Locks to the U.S.-Mexico border, including the Port of Corpus Christi.

**United States Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Houston-Galveston:** USCG COTP rescinded Port Conditions on July 11 for the ports of Houston, Galveston, Freeport, Texas City, and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway from the Colorado Locks going east to High Island Bridge.

### **Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)**

**American Red Cross (ARC):** ARC conducted outreach and recovery assistance for Galveston and Harris Counties and continues to assist clients in applying for FEMA Transitional Sheltering Assistance. ARC has served 91,110 meals and 1,350 snacks, delivered 489 cases of water, and performed 7,341 home damage assessments for this event. ARC has closed the last shelter, and all volunteers have demobilized.

**Southern Baptists of Texas Convention (SBTC):** SBTC has completed their mass feeding operation supporting The Salvation Army in Wharton. To date, SBTC has provided 21,685 meals, 626 chainsaw and temporary roof jobs, 526 showers, and dedicated 26,645 volunteer hours.

SBTC Disaster Relief (DR) and out-of-state partners are responding to chainsaw needs in the cities of Spring, Texarkana, Huffman, and Jasper.

**Texans on Mission (TOM):** To date, TOM has provided 68,365 meals and 48,456 bottles of water, 1,429 showers, and 1,133 loads of laundry. TOM has completed 260 assessments, 473 chainsaw and heavy equipment jobs, and 32 temporary roofs for a total of 15,532 volunteer hours.

**The Salvation Army (TSA):** As of July 21, TSA has demobilized all operations. TSA has provided a total of 97,391 meals, 76,021 drinks, and 12,877 snacks.

**STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED**

| Agency | Resource Kind and Type | Personnel | Equip | Status    | Location         |
|--------|------------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|------------------|
| TDEM   | Mass Care ESF 6        | 1         | 0     | Assigned  | Austin           |
| TDEM   | ISTF HQ Staff          | 2         | 0     | Assigned  | Austin           |
| TDEM   | VOAD                   | 1         | 0     | Assigned  | Austin           |
| TDEM   | ISTF Region Staff      | 3         | 0     | Assigned  | TDEM Regions 3/4 |
| TxDOT  | SOC Liaison            | 2         | 0     | Activated | Austin           |
| TxDOT  | Field Staff            | 33        | 0     | Assigned  | Houston District |
| TxDOT  | Support Staff          | 4         | 0     | Assigned  | Statewide        |
| TAMFS  | TIFMAS ST 176          | 8         | 3     | Assigned  | Matagorda County |

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