



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	24-0019 08SEP Tropical Weather
Date	September 10, 2024
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM September 9 to 8:00 AM September 10, 2024
Report Number	1

Regions Affected	
TDEM Regions Affected	3, 4, 5
DDs Active	15, 16, 20, 21

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On September 8, Governor Abbott directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to activate additional state emergency response resources ahead of potential impacts from tropical activity in the Gulf of Mexico.

On September 5, Texas emergency management officials deployed additional state emergency response resources amid rainfall, flash flooding, and tropical weather threats. These assets are activated in addition to the state emergency response resources already deployed and responding to continuing heavy rainfall and flash floods 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.

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

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

Disaster District Emergency Operations Center (DDEOC) 15 activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) on September 9.

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 activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) on September 9.

Region 5 (Includes DDs 19-21)

DD 20 – Corpus Christi (Includes Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patricio Counties):

DDEOC 20 activated to Level III on September 9.

DD 21 – Weslaco (Includes Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties):

DDEOC 21 activated to Level II (Escalated Readiness Conditions) on September 9.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

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

Communications Coordination Group (CCG): There are no storm-related outages or requests for assistance. CCG partners are monitoring the situation to identify possible communications issues and coordination calls are scheduled to begin on September 10. Communications tests are being conducted between the SOC and the South and Coastal Texas Amateur Radio Clubs. Coordination is being planned with the East Texas Amateur Radio Clubs and federal communications partners.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife): The AgriLife Disaster Assessment and Recovery (DAR) Unit is monitoring Tropical Storm Francine and DAR Agents have sent out weather information to officials in the affected counties. DAR Agents are on standby effective September 9. AgriLife Liaison Officers (LNO) have been activated and sent to the SOC and RELLIS IST (Incident Support Team). The AgriLife DAR Public Information Officer (PIO) is disseminating public messaging from TDEM regarding tropical storm preparedness and response. AgriLife is working with the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) and Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for any agricultural or animal issues.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS): TAMFS has deployed four Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) All-Hazard Strike Teams (ST) to Beaumont, Victoria, Alice, and RELLIS. Five All-Hazard Incident Management Team (AHIMT)

members have been deployed to assist DDEOC 16 Houston and TAMFS has assigned LNO's to the SOC. One TAMFS LNO and one TIFMAS LNO have been assigned to RELLIS.

Other State Agencies

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): The State Medical Operations Center (SMOC) is at Increased Readiness with 22 personnel. DSHS is monitoring the weather situation and contacting partners for the incoming weather systems.

Texas Education Agency (TEA): TEA and TDEM have been in communication with the appropriate Education Service Centers (ESCs) and University Systems and will continue to maintain contact throughout the event.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC): HHSC has one LNO supporting the SOC. There have been no reports of long-term care (LTC) facilities, acute healthcare facilities, or state operated facilities being impacted by the incoming weather. Vendors for emergency ice and water are on standby.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD has activated 153 personnel, 35 vehicles and two aircraft for this event.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD has prepared department resources consisting of Texas Game Wardens and State Park Police Officers, equipped with swift water boats and shallow water boats to support rescue operations. TPWD personnel are continually being advised of the current weather conditions and are maintaining a state of readiness. TPWD is working closely with the SOC to ensure TPWD Search and Rescue (SAR) resources and first responders are available.

Federal Agencies

United States Coast Guard (USCG) Port of Corpus Christi: Due to the increased intensity of Tropical Storm Francine, the USCG Captain of the Port of Corpus Christi (COTP) has set Port Condition Yankee for the Ports of Brownsville, Mansfield, Harlingen, and Port Isabel, effective 11 AM on September 9. Port Condition X-ray will remain in effect for all other ports in the COTP zone area of responsibility from the Colorado Locks to Corpus Christi (including the ports of Port Lavaca-Point Comfort, Palacios, Victoria, and West Calhoun).

United States Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Houston-Galveston: The COTP has set Port Condition Yankee for the ports of Houston, Galveston, Freeport, and Texas City on September 9.

Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)

American Red Cross (ARC): ARC has an LNO supporting the SOC.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TAMFS	SOC LNO	2	0	Assigned	Austin
TAMFS	TIFMAS ST-194	22	5	Assigned	Beaumont
TAMFS	TIFMAS ST-195	20	5	Assigned	Victoria
TAMFS	TIFMAS ST-196	22	5	Assigned	Alice
TAMFS	TIFMAS ST-197	21	5	Assigned	RELLIS
TAMFS	AHIMT	5	0	Assigned	DDEOC 16
AgriLife	SOC LNO	2	2	Assigned	Austin
AgriLife	IST Support LNO	1	1	Assigned	College Station
AgriLife	Administration	3	0	Activated	College Station
AgriLife	DAR Agents	24	8	Activated	Statewide
AgriLife	DAR Agent	1	1	Activated	DDEOC 20
DSHS	EMTF SCO	2	0	Assigned	Austin
DSHS	DSHS SOC LNO	2	0	Assigned	Austin
DSHS	SWX PKG	21	5	Assigned	RELLIS
DSHS	MIST	2	0	Assigned	RELLIS
DSHS	SWX PKG	21	5	Assigned	Alice
HHSC	SOC LNO	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TEA	SOC LNO	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TMD	Ground Transportation Platoon B1	10	5	Assigned	Corpus Christi
TMD	GTP B2	10	4	Assigned	Alice
TMD	GTP B3	8	4	Assigned	Corpus Christi
TMD	Ground Transportation Company HQ	14	5	Assigned	Corpus Christi
TMD	Rotary Wing MRP	8	2	Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	GTC A	42	14	Assigned	RELLIS
TMD	BNMC	12	3	Assigned	Dallas
TMD	Maintenance Support	24	0	Assigned	Dallas
TMD	SOC Support	8	0	Assigned	Austin
TMD	LNO	1	0	Assigned	RELLIS
TMD	MDC DDEOC 15	1	0	Assigned	Beaumont
TMD	MDC DDEOC 16	2	0	Assigned	Houston
TMD	ETN	7	0	Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	ABS	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TMD	Base Camp Team	5	0	Assigned	RELLIS

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TPWD	SOC LNO	2	2	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	Game Warden SAR	4	6	Available	Bastrop, Hidalgo, Live Oak, and Milam Counties
TPWD	Game Wardens	8	10	Available	DDEOC 17
TPWD	Game Wardens	20	20	Available	DDEOC 20
TPWD	Game Wardens	15	19	Available	DDEOC 21
TPWD	Helicopter	2	4	Available	Austin
TPWD	UAS	1	2	Available	Kleberg County
ARC	SOC LNO	1	0	Assigned	Austin

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level II (Escalated 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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