



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	25-0002 Winter Weather 06JAN
Date	January 16, 2025
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM January 15 to 8:00 AM January 16, 2025
Report Number	8 – Final Report for Event 25-0002 Winter Weather 06Jan

Regions Affected	
TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, and 7
DDs Active	None

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: The State Operations Center maintains Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions). All Disaster District Emergency Operations Centers (DDEOC) have returned to a Level IV (Normal Operations).

On January 10, Governor Greg Abbott [encouraged](#) Texans impacted by this week's winter weather to document and report any property damages sustained from ice, snow, and excessive rainfall by utilizing the Texas Division of Emergency Management's online, self-reported damage assessment tool.

Texans are encouraged to remain weather aware, monitor local weather forecasts, and follow directions from local officials. Texans can find winter weather resources, including warming center information and a map of licensed plumbers, in the [Texas Disaster Portal](#) at tdem.texas.gov.

On January 9, Governor Abbott [directed](#) the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to activate state emergency response resources ahead of anticipated heavy rainfall in East and Southeast Texas beginning today.

On January 8, Governor Greg Abbott [provided an update](#) on Texas' ongoing response to severe winter weather that had impacted large portions of the state following a briefing with state officials at the State Operations Center in Austin.

On January 7, Governor Abbott [directed](#) the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to increase the readiness level of the Texas State Operations Center (SOC) to

Level II (Escalated Response) ahead of winter weather expected to impact the state. The most significant impacts will occur from January 7 through the weekend.

On January 6, the Governor directed TDEM to activate state emergency response resources in anticipation of severe winter weather.

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 1 (Includes DDs 1, 2, and 7):

DD 1 – Amarillo (Includes Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, and Wheeler Counties): Disaster District Emergency Operations Center (DDEOC) 1 returned to Level IV Normal Conditions as of January 11.

DD 2 – Lubbock (Includes Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry, and Yoakum Counties): DDEOC 2 Moved to Level IV Normal Conditions as of January 10.

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): DDEOC 7 returned to Level IV Normal Conditions as of January 11.

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): DDEOC 3 returned to Level IV Normal Conditions as of January 10.

DD 4 – Dallas/Ft. Worth (Includes Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Erath, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Somervell, Tarrant, and Wise Counties) DDEOC 4 returned to Level IV Normal Conditions as of January 11.

DD 22 – Sherman (Includes Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties): DDEOC 22 returned to Level IV Normal Conditions on January 11.

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) Disaster District Emergency Operations Center (DDEOC) 5 returned to Level IV Normal Conditions on January 11.

DD 6 – Tyler (Includes Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties): DDEOC 6 returned to Level IV Normal Conditions as of January 12.

Region 7 (Includes DDs 8, 9, and 10):

DD 8 – El Paso (Includes Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, and Presidio Counties): DDEOC 8 returned to Level IV Normal Conditions on January 10.

DD 9 – Midland/Ft. Stockton (Includes Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Reeves, Terrell, Upton, Ward, and Winkler Counties): DDEOC 9 returned to Level IV Normal Conditions on January 12.

DD 10 – San Angelo (Includes Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, and Tom Green Counties): DDEOC 10 returned to Level IV Normal Conditions on January 10.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

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

Communications Coordination Group (CCG):

TDEM ESF 2 / Communications Coordination Group (CCG) partners are monitoring the situation and preparing resources in the event of communications outages. Our partners across the public, private, and volunteer sectors are assessing and adjusting their resources accordingly.

Our cellular partners continue topping off fixed generators and charging backup batteries. Additional support resources have been staged to provide additional backup resources. Crews are staged to respond to repair damaged transmission lines if necessary. Networks are being adjusted to support increased capacity as needed. Continue preparations to ensure backup power or restoration actions will be in place if required. They are also coordinating with our neighboring states regarding any issues that could impact Texas.

Amateur radio operations coordination continues to identify and activate local VHF / UHF repeater networks along the forecasted areas, as necessary. Texas Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) operators are being briefed on the situation

and are standing by to support their DDEOCs if required. Texas Amateur Radio RACES program is currently supporting multiple DDEOCs / EOCs, including Disaster Districts 3, 11, 12, 22, and the SOC. Coordination is also ongoing with other Amateur Radio groups, including the 7290 Net, to provide coverage in East Texas and neighboring states.

The Texas Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) is reaching out to its PSAP / 9-1-1 partners. There are no current issues, but the commission is monitoring for any impacts to power supporting PSAP facilities.

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Office of the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) is monitoring the current situation to provide frequency coordination if necessary. It is also coordinating emergency communications status/operations with neighboring states should there be a need to provide Emergency Communication (EMCOMM) assistance.

Incident Support Task Force (ISTF):

ISTF is tracking 20 public shelters and 348 warming centers that are open statewide for anyone affected by the cold weather.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife):

All agents supporting DDEOCs have been released and returned to normal operations.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):

Texas A&M Forest Service resources have been released by TxDOT in Brownwood, San Angelo, Weatherford, and partial release in Paris. Personnel working the Midnight-Noon shift in Paris were released at noon on January 11; those working the Noon-Midnight shift were released at midnight on January 12. Resources have been released from Fredericksburg. One SOC Point of Contact will remain available until the incident is terminated.

Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC):

As of January 12, all electric cooperatives returned to normal operations.

As of January 10, outages peaked at about 40,000 statewide, with the majority of these in the NE Texas/Texarkana area in the territories of SWEPCO and Bowie-Cass Electric Cooperative.

ERCOT expects sufficient power to meet demand throughout the event, and the PUC and ERCOT will continue to monitor the weather and provide updates as we have them.

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC):

All staff returned to normal operations as of January 11.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):

TCEQ is tracking four drinking water systems that are on a Boil Water Notice (BWN) serving a population of approximately 4,044 as of January 13.

TCEQ has placed agency emergency management staff and emergency response hazmat contractors on heightened readiness for possible deployment to assist with any air/water/waste-related issues, including drinking water/wastewater issues and/or emergency response activities.

TCEQ has sent notifications to Public Drinking Water Systems and Wastewater Treatment Facilities to remind operators of regulatory guidance, procedures, and preparedness steps to take ahead of approaching winter weather.

Texas Department of Licensing and Registration (TDLR):

The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) has raised the readiness level of the State Operations Center (SOC) to Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) in response to the continued winter weather affecting most of Texas. TDLR stands ready to assist as requested.

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):

The DPS Amarillo District collaborated with our TxDOT partners with the westbound lanes of IH-40 as it was closed to travel. Troopers searched for disabled and stranded motorists on the roadway and assisted, as necessary. The westbound lanes of IH-40 re-opened at 11 am on Friday, January 10. The northern counties of DPS Region 1, near the Red River, reported iced bridges, but precipitation was leaving the area.

On January 9, On-Star reported a distressed and disoriented driver in Deaf Smith Co. DPS collaborated with the Deaf Smith County Sheriff's Office, TDEM field personnel in Amarillo, and TxDOT to locate the driver. The individual was found and delivered to a warming station in Adrian.

On January 9, DPS Colonel Freeman Martin issued a declaration which granted exemptions to motor carriers in Texas delivering propane and home heating oils from maximum drive time regulations. This exemption will end prior to midnight on January 15.

DPS continues to maintain communication with the various DPS Field Majors and Captains in the impacted areas, primarily the DFW area and panhandle regions for status updates.

Texas Highway Patrol (THP) personnel assigned to the North Texas Tollway Authority provide their normal 24-hour coverage, monitor traffic, respond to crashes, and assist stranded motorists. In the THP El Paso District, personnel worked alongside TxDOT at the Vista location to monitor highway cameras along the interstate.

THP Abilene and Wichita Falls Districts are closely monitoring traffic and road conditions to ensure public safety. The THP Chief's office is providing support to the State Operations Center.

THP personnel are working with their respective DDEOCs currently activated.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):

HHSC has one staff member supporting the State Operations Center, monitoring conditions and impacts to both regulated and operated facilities.

Texas Military Department (TMD):

All TMD assets and personnel have been released as of January 13.

TMD had seven Winter Weather MRPs (WW MRP) and 1 BNMC MRP to assist stranded motorists and conduct welfare checks on selected motorways. The WW MRPs were staged in Pecos, Mineral Wells, Texarkana, Denison, Kerrville, Abilene, and Brownwood. The BNMC was in Fort Worth. Military District Coordinators were activated for Disaster Districts 5 and 22. The SOC Support Team supports the State Operations Center Winter Weather Operations in Austin. TMD activated up to 170 personnel and 62 vehicles in support of 25-0002 Winter Weather 06JAN.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):

TPWD deployed no resources, and all staff have returned to normal operations as of January 13.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):

As of January 11, at 8:00 AM, all crews and districts had returned to normal operations.

Texas Department of State Health Services:

The SCO and SCO LNO were released on January 13.

Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)

American Red Cross (ARC):

On January 11, ARC State Liaisons and ARC regions returned to normal operations.

Texans on Mission (TXM)

TXM has set up the mass feeding team in Dallas to assist with hot meals in the DFW area. To date, TXM has prepared 22,565 meals and has worked 1,811 volunteer hours. TXM has opened Congregate Sheltering/Centers across the state for anyone affected by the cold weather conditions.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
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FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues monitoring the situation and will provide additional 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-2>

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