



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

### New Information is in Blue Text

Event Name	25-0003 Winter Weather 20JAN
Date	January 21, 2025
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM January 20 to 8:00 AM January 21, 2025
Report Number	1

Regions Affected	
TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
DDs Active	11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** On January 20, the State Operations Center (SOC) moved to Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) due to potential impacts from 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)

DD 2 – Lubbock (Includes Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry, and Yoakum Counties)

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)

### **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)

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)

DD 22 – Sherman (Includes Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties)

### **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)

DD 6 – Tyler (Includes Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties)

DD 14 – Lufkin (Includes Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, and Tyler Counties): [Disaster District Emergency Operations Center \(DDEOC\) 14 activated to Level III Increased Readiness Conditions as of 12:30 PM January 20.](#)

DD 15 – Beaumont (Includes Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange Counties): [DDEOC 15 activated to Level II Escalated Response Conditions as of 1:00 PM January 20.](#)

### **Region 4 (Includes DDs 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 II Escalated Response Conditions as of 12:00 PM January 20.](#)

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

DD 19 – Laredo (Includes Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb, and Zapata, Counties)

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 Increased Readiness Conditions as of 1:30 PM January 20.](#)

DD 21 – Weslaco (Includes Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties): [DDEOC 21 activated to Level III Increased Readiness Conditions as of 3:00 PM January 20.](#)

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

DD 17 – Victoria (Includes Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Lavaca, Jackson, and Victoria Counties):

DD 18 – San Antonio (Includes Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, McMullen, Medina, and Wilson Counties): [DDEOC 18 activated to Level III Increased Readiness Conditions as of 11:00 AM January 20.](#)

DD 24 – Del Rio (Includes Dimmit, Edwards, La Salle, Kinney, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala Counties): [DDEOC 24 activated to Level III Increased Readiness Conditions as of January 21. Interstate Highway \(IH\) 35 in La Salle County is closed due to multiple crashes. Additional DDEOC resources are being activated.](#)

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

DD 8 – El Paso (Includes Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, and Presidio Counties):

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):

DD 10 – San Angelo (Includes Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, and Tom Green Counties):

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

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

DD 12 – Austin (Includes Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis, and Williamson Counties):

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

DD 23 – Killeen (Includes Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba Counties):

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

### **STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED**

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

**Incident Support Task Force (ISTF):** The ISTF is on standby.

**Mass Care:** As of noon January 20, 434 warming centers and three general population shelters were opened. Warming centers continue to open in expectation of the cold weather. Cots, Water, MREs, and blankets are being requested and filled via the State of Texas Assistance Request (STAR) process. Food Bank Feeding continues under normal operations.

#### **Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife):**

Two AgriLife SOC liaisons are monitoring weather conditions and SOC response activity in person for 24-hour coverage. Disaster Assessment and Recovery (DAR) agents and County Extension Strike Team members are on standby to support any efforts associated with animal response or other winter weather response efforts as requested.

AgriLife Marketing and Communications has distributed preparedness information and educational resources to support county agents, specialists, and agency communications channels in preparation for winter weather. AgriLife Marketing and Communications has provided updated information through the agency's social media channels as well as our county agent network to support local governments and constituents with preparedness education/resources. The DAR Public Information Officer continues to participate in weather calls and represented AgriLife Extension on the State Communications Council providing updates on messaging, social media outreach, and other communications needs.

#### **Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Texas A&M Public Works Response Team (PWRT):**

PWRT has a roster of individuals available to assist any local or state requests for assistance. Two (2) members have also been deployed to DDEOC 16 to support 24-hour operations of ESF 3.

#### **Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):**

TAMFS has heavy equipment, operators, and overhead available to support TDEM Regions 3, 4, 7, and 8. Liaisons are at DDEOCs 14 and 16.

**Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC):**

Utilities across the state have been preparing for several days in anticipation of the winter weather threat. ERCOT expects to have 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):**

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) began staffing the SOC on January 20, 2025, and has been communicating weather awareness with regional offices and field staff regarding office closures due to the holiday and winter weather. The agency is also monitoring sale barn closures, as these impact our daily field operations, and messaging preparedness information on protecting animals in extreme weather on our website and social media pages.

Livestock inspectors are positioned across the state connecting with local animal response partners and maintaining situational awareness to address animal issues, as needed. TAHC continues to monitor weather forecasts, communicate with ESF11 support agencies, and is maintaining a readiness posture to respond to any requests for assistance. Currently, there have been no reports of animal issues, no animal emergency shelters, and no unmet needs.

**Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR):**

DIR is monitoring the situation using cybersecurity tooling and threat intelligence feeds. No cyber threats related to this weather event have been identified, and there are no requests for network or technology.

**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):**

Texas Department of Public Safety is actively supporting the state's response to the ongoing winter weather event across multiple DPS Districts, patrolling roadways, monitoring traffic, and assessing road conditions. DPS stands by ready to respond to requests for assistance due to severe weather.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):**

DSHS operations centers are on limited activation and Public Health Regions (PHR) are also supporting DDEOCs throughout their region. The Catastrophic Medical Operations Center (CMOC) activated to Level II on January 20 at noon. CMOC staff are supporting activated DDEOCs 14 and 15 and Harris County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to provide medical support as needed. PHR 6/5S has two staff supporting DDEOCs 14 and 15.

### **Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF):**

EMTFs 1, 6, 7, 8, and 11 are on standby with EMTF 2 serving as backup.

### **Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):**

As of 2:49 AM on January 21, 462 roads were affected by winter weather, with two roads closed. TxDOT emergency management staff are supporting 24-hour SOC operations. TxDOT EOC & local EOCs statewide stood up today to support 24-hour shift work.

On January 19-20, approximately 717,000 gallons of brine were distributed each day on state roadways. TxDOT crews were out pre- and re-treating roads, bridges, and overpasses over the weekend and will be out throughout the event. Over 1,100 TxDOT employees were out preparing for the winter storm on January 19. Over 840 trucks/equipment are supporting the weather event.

TxDOT northern districts deployed to support TxDOT central & southern districts. TxDOT has coordinated with Texas A&M Forest Service and Texas Military Department to provide additional support along major highway corridors.

### **Texas Military Department (TMD):**

TMD has six Winter Weather MRPs and one BNMC MRP to assist stranded motorists and conduct welfare checks on selected motorways. The WW MRPs will be staged in College Station, Orange, Houston, Victoria, Kerrville, and Alice. The BNMC is in Fort Worth. Military District Coordinators (MDC) have been activated for DDEOCs 15 and 16. The SOC Support Team is supporting the State Operations Center winter weather operations in Austin.

### **Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):**

TPWD has prepared department resources consisting of Texas Game Wardens and State Park Police Officers ready to support as needed in response to the severe winter weather threats throughout the State. TPWD continues to work closely with TDEM and other state/federal partners through the State Operations Center to ensure TPWD resources and first responders are available. TPWD personnel are continuously advised of the current weather conditions and maintain a state of readiness.

## **Federal Agencies**

### **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):**

### **United States Coast Guard (USCG):**

## Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)

### American Red Cross (ARC):

As of January 20, two ARC managed shelters and one partner shelter are open. ARC managed shelters include [Kingwood First Baptist Church](#) in Kingwood and [Tom Bass Community Center](#) in Houston. The ARC partner shelter is [Attack Poverty-Friends of North Rosenberg](#) in Rosenberg

### Texans on Mission (TXM):

TXM is assisting with breakfast and dinner meals for warming shelters in the Dallas area. To date, TXM has 268 volunteer hours and has provided 6,300 meals, 17 showers, and five laundry services.

### The Salvation Army (TSA):

TSA [locations with warming center services](#) will operate according to local protocols and procedures. TSA Houston Area Command has provided Outreach Teams to the Fonde Community Center warming operations.

## STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TDEM	Mass Care	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TDEM	ISTF HQ Staff	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TDEM	VOAD	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TDEM	ESF18	2	0	Activated	SOC
AgriLife	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	SOC
AgriLife	AgriLife Administration	2	0	Assigned	College Station
AgriLife	Marketing & Communications	1	0	Assigned	College Station
AgriLife	DAR Specialists	26	15	Activated	Statewide
AgriLife	DDEOC Liaison	26	6	6 Assigned 20 Activated	Statewide
TEEX	SOC Liaison ESF3	2	1	Assigned	SOC
TEEX	PWRT 1	2	2	Assigned	DDEOC 16
TAMFS	DDEOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	DDEOC 16
TAMFS	Heavy Equipment	12	3	Available	TDEM Region 1
TAMFS	TAMFS Crew	7	0	Available	TDEM Region 2
TAMFS	DDEOC Liaison	7	0	Available	TDEM Region 3
TAMFS	DDEOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Virtual
PUC	SOC Liaison	2	0	Assigned	SOC

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TAHC	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TAHC	TAHC Emergency Management	2	0	Activated	Virtual
TAHC	TAHC Communications	1	0	Activated	Virtual
DSHS	SCO	1	0	Assigned	SOC
DSHS	SOC Liaison	3	0	Assigned	SOC
DSHS	MIST	1	0	Assigned	SOC
DSHS	CMOC	30	0	Assigned	Harris County
TPWD	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	SOC
TPWD	DDEOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned (Virtual)	DDEOCs 11, 14
TxDOT	EMC	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	SOC
TxDOT	23 TxDOT Districts	1,142	842	Activated	Statewide
DPS	SOC Support	2	2	Assigned	SOC
TMD	BNMC	36	6	Assigned	Fort Worth
TMD	WW 01	18	8	Assigned	Kerrville
TMD	WW 02	18	8	Assigned	Houston
TMD	WW 03	18	8	Assigned	Orange
TMD	WW 04	18	8	Assigned	Victoria
TMD	WW 05	18	8	Assigned	Alice
TMD	WW 06	18	8	Assigned	College Station
TMD	MDC DD 15	1	0	Assigned	Beaumont
TMD	MDC DD 16	2	0	Assigned	Houston
TMD	SOC Support Team	8	0	Assigned	Austin
TXDPS	SOC Support	2	2	Assigned	Travis County
TSA	Outreach Team	5	0	Assigned	Harris County

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level II (Escalated 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://www.tdem.texas.gov/response/state-operations-center#tab-3>

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