



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

New Information is in Blue Text

Event Name	25-0010 04MAR Severe Weather
Date	March 8, 2025
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM March 7, 2025, to 8:00 AM March 8, 2025
Report Number	4

Regions Affected

TDEM Regions Affected	1 & 3
DDs Active	None

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On March 7, Governor Abbott [announced](#) that he directed TDEM to request officials from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) join state and local partners to conduct joint preliminary damage assessments North Texas communities impacted by recent severe storms and tornadoes. These assessments will aid in determining whether Texas meets the threshold for additional federal disaster assistance.

Governor Abbott [directed](#) the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to elevate the readiness level of the Texas State Emergency Operations Center (SOC) to Level II (Escalated Response) on March 4 as the state braced for severe weather threats and extremely critical wildfire conditions.

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

Disaster District Emergency Operations Center (DDEOC) 2: returned to Level IV – Normal Conditions on March 5 at 9:30 PM.

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 on March 5 at 3:00 PM.

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

DD 14 – Lufkin (Includes Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, and Tyler Counties)

Jasper County: On March 4, a disaster declaration was issued.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): TCEQ has agency staff on heightened readiness for deployment to assist with any air, water, and waste related issues including drinking water and wastewater emergency response.

There are [eight](#) drinking water systems that are on a Boil Water Notice (BWN) serving a population of [6,866](#).

Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR): DIR is monitoring the situation using cybersecurity tooling and threat intelligence feeds. Currently, no cyber threats related to this event have been identified.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): As of March 7, there are no state-maintained roads impacted or closed due to weather conditions. TxDOT crews in Amarillo, [Childress](#), and Lubbock districts pretreated roads, bridges, and overpasses in preparation for the forecasted snowfall. At the request of the Texas Military Department (TMD), TxDOT pretreated the TMD Armory in Amarillo. TxDOT crews are out today patrolling roads and assisting partner agencies across the state. [TxDOT crews in North Texas worked overnight responding to downed trees and debris impacting roadways.](#) [TxDOT urges motorists to slow down, allow ample space between vehicles, and be aware that wind gusts will be stronger on bridges, overpasses, and open roadways.](#)

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD has activated two Rotary Wing Medium (Mission Ready Packages) MRPs, consisting of four UH 60 Blackhawk helicopters, staged in San Antonio and Fredericksburg. One Rotary Wing Heavy MRP consisting of

two CH 47 Chinook helicopters staged in Grand Prairie. A SOC Support Team has been assigned to Austin.

Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC): The storms continued to create new outages on March 4, resulting in another peak outage count of about 416k customers without power statewide at approximately 4pm. As the storms and high winds finally began exiting the state, utility crews were able to make significant progress in restoration and as of 3pm on March 5, there were an estimated 57k outages remaining statewide. Utilities expect to have the bulk of these outages restored on March 6, with some of the most heavily damaged areas potentially extending into March 7.

American Red Cross (ARC): The ARC is on standby to respond to needs arising from expected fire weather and other disasters in Texas. On March 3, one shelter was supported in Bell County that housed five residents. On March 4, ARC performed damaged assessments as weather permitted. [Shelter Teams remain on standby to support sheltering throughout the weekend.](#)

The Salvation Army (TSA): TSA of Lewisville activated their Canteen (mobile feeding unit) at the request of Irving Emergency Management after a suspected tornado that caused the evacuation of the Tree Country Apartments in Irving. The Lewisville Canteen served 50 meals and 45 meals at the Tree Country Apartments on March 5.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
EMTF	WLFS Package (x4)			Assigned	Lubbock, Ozona, Merkel, Burkburnett
TMD	Rotary Wing Medium MRP	4	1	Assigned	San Antonio
TMD	Rotary Wing Heavy MRP	13	2	Assigned	Grand Prairie
TMD	SOC Support Team	8	0	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	EMC	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	District Staff	4	4	Assigned	Maintenance
TEEX	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	Austin
TCEQ	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
PUC	SOC Liaison	3	0	Assigned	Austin

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

W. Nim Kidd, MPA, CEM

Chief – Texas Division of Emergency Management
Vice Chancellor for Disaster and Emergency Services
Texas A&M University System

<https://tdem.texas.gov/>

Twitter: @TDEM

(512) 424-2208 (24/7)