



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	25-0010 04MAR Severe Weather
Date	March 9, 2025
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM March 8, 2025, to 8:00 AM March 9, 2025
Report Number	5

Regions Affected	
TDEM Regions Affected	1 & 3
DDs Active	1 & 2

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 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, Stonewall, Swisher, and Wheeler Counties):

Disaster District Emergency Operations Center (DDEOC) 1: [Activated to Level III \(Increased Readiness Conditions\) on March 7.](#)

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

DDEOC 2: [Activated to Level III \(Increased Readiness Conditions\) on March 7.](#)

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

Mass Care: TDEM partners are adapting to the evolving conditions and are ensuring community needs are met while prioritizing safety. Local agencies continue to support feeding and assess recovery efforts as it transitions to community resources to meet the needs of residents.

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. [As of March 8, TCEQ is tracking four drinking water systems that are on a boil water notice serving a population of 5,036.](#)

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): [TxDOT is working to maintain safe roadways for travelers during the adverse winter weather conditions. As of March 8, winter storm conditions have impacted United State Highway \(US\) 54, US 87, US 385, and State Highway \(SH\) 102 in the northern Panhandle.](#)

Motorists are urged to drive cautiously, maintain safe distances, and be aware of strong wind gusts on bridges, overpasses, and open roads. TxDOT crews and emergency staff are prepared to respond statewide.

Texas Military Department (TMD): As of March 8, TMD has two Winter Weather (WW) Mission Ready Packages (MRP) activated in Lubbock and Amarillo to assist stranded motorists and to conduct welfare checks.

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): As of March 7, the ARC is supporting the San Patricio County Fairgrounds shelter as it transitions to a Disaster Assistance Center and 60 hot meals were delivered to families displaced by the Irving tornado.

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
TDEM	Mass Care	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TDEM	ISTF HQ Staff	2	0	Assigned	Austin
TDEM	VOAD	1	0	Assigned	Austin
EMTF	WLFS Package (x4)			Assigned	Lubbock, Ozona, Merkel, Burkburnett
TMD	WW 01	18	8	Assigned	Amarillo
TMD	WW 06	18	8	Assigned	Lubbock
TMD	SOC Support Team	8	0	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	EMC	1	1	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	TxDOT District Staff	119	105	Assigned	Statewide
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 (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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