



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	25-0018 26MAR Severe Weather
Date	March 28, 2025
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM March 27, 2025, to 8:00 AM March 28, 2025
Report Number	1
TDEM Regions Affected	5
DDs Active	19, 20 & 21

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On March 26, Governor Greg Abbott directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to activate state emergency response resources ahead of increased threats of severe weather and flash flooding in large areas of the state through the weekend.

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 5 (Includes DDs 19-21)

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

Disaster District Emergency Operations Center (DDEOC) 19: Activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) on March 27.

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

DDEOC 20 Corpus Christi: Activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) on March 26.

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

DDEOC 21 Weslaco: Activated to level II (Escalated Response Conditions) on March 27.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Texas A&M Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) and TX-TF3: Water rescue personnel conducted evacuations and assisted with flood-related emergencies on March 28. Teams worked in coordination with local emergency management and public safety officials to ensure efficient resource deployment. Swiftwater Rescue (SWR) and Flood Water Rescue (FWR) Boats Squads with Water Group Supervisors (WGS) assigned. SWR Boat Squads are set to deploy to Beaumont and Huntsville on March 28.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife): One AgriLife SOC liaison (LNO) is monitoring severe weather conditions. AgriLife has two Disaster Assessment and Recovery (DAR) Area Chiefs serving as a Situation Unit Leader (SITL) and Liaison Officer (LOFR) on the Incident Management Team stationed in San Antonio. Disaster Assessment and Recovery specialists and County Extension Deployment Team members are on standby to support animal response or other weather response efforts.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): As of 3 AM on March 28, TxDOT has a total of 54 roads impacted by floodwaters, four of those roads are closed. TxDOT is staffing the SOC and crews have been rostered for high water rescue. TxDOT crews and emergency staff are rostered and ready to respond statewide.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD has prepared department resources consisting of Texas Game Wardens and State Park Police Officers ready to respond to the Severe Weather threat for southern Texas. TPWD continues to work closely with TDEM and state and federal partners to ensure TPWD resources are available. Texas Game Wardens assisted a landowner who was stuck in Cameron County.

Two Liaison Officers (LNO) have been deployed to the SOC. Two LNOs are assigned to DDEOC 21. One helicopter, Search and Rescue (SAR) boat teams, All-Terrain (4x4) Vehicles, and Swift Water and Shallow boats are ready to respond.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): Due to potential impacts from incoming severe weather, Emergency Support Function (ESF) 8 has been activated and LNOs have been sent to the SOC. DSHS is currently monitoring the situation and ready to deploy resources.

Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF): EMTF has activated one Severe Weather Package (SWX PKG) from EMTF Region 8 and one SWX PKG from EMTF Region 11 is on standby.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD has two Ground Transportation Platoons (GTP) to support severe weather operations. One GTP is staged in Alice and one GTP is staged in Victoria. A SOC support team has been sent to Austin. As of March 27, TMD has activated 28 personnel and 10 vehicles for this incident.

American Red Cross (ARC): ARC has established two shelters: one in Weslaco at the First Baptist Church and another in Harlingen at the Loaves of Fishes. Currently, both shelters report a population of zero.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TEEX TF-1	SWR Boat Squad Conroe	6	4	Assigned	Jim Wells County
TX-TF1	SWR Boat Squad Ft Worth	6	4	Assigned	Hidalgo County
TX-TF1	WGS	2	1	Assigned	Bee County
TX-TF1	SWR Boat Squad San Antonio	6	4	Assigned	Hidalgo County
TX-TF1	SWR Boat Squad Washington Co	6	4	Assigned	Victoria County
TX-TF3	FWR Boat Squad TX-TF3	6	4	Assigned	Cameron County
AgriLife	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	Austin
AgriLife	DAR Area Chiefs for IMT	2	2	Assigned	San Antonio
DSHS	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
DSHS	SCO	1	0	Assigned	Austin
DSHS	MIST	1	0	Assigned	Austin
EMTF	SWX PKG	21	10	Activated	Alice
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	DDEOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	DDEOC 21
TPWD	TPWD Aviation	2	3	Available	Austin/Travis
TPWD	Game Wardens/ State Park Police	60	80	Available	TDEM Region 5
TPWD	SAR Boat Teams	10	15	Available	McLennan, Bexar, Milam, Lampasas, Smith
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	Austin

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TMD	GTP	10	5	Activated	Alice
TMD	GTP	10	5	Activated	Victoria
TMD	SOC Support Team	8	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-2>

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