



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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### New Information is in Blue Text

Event Name	25-0018 26MAR Severe Weather
Date	April 5, 2025
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM April 4, 2025, to 8:00 AM April 5, 2025
Report Number	9

TDEM Regions Affected	5
DDs Active	21

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** On March 31, Governor Abbott [directed](#) the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to request that Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials join state and local partners in conducting joint preliminary damage assessments in South Texas communities impacted by recent flooding. These assessments will help determine whether Texas meets the federal threshold for disaster assistance.

On March 29, Governor Greg Abbott [issued](#) a disaster declaration for four South Texas counties impacted by rainfall and flooding that continues to affect homes, businesses, and the agricultural industry throughout the region. The counties included in the Governor's declaration are Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy. Additional counties may be added as conditions warrant.

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

**DDEOC 21 Weslaco:** [Transitioned to Level III \(Escalated Response Conditions\) on April 4.](#)

### RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

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

**Incident Support Task Force (ISTF):** ISTF Members are rostered and prepared to deploy in support of the incident as early as Monday preparation for assignments are underway. Efforts remain focused on aligning partner activities to meet identified needs and support the recovery of affected communities effectively. The ISTF Regional Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL) team is actively supporting community response and identifying key recovery needs, such as food access, debris removal, and muck-outs.

As of April 1, sheltering operations have decreased to one active site, currently housing 13 individuals. Mass Care Feeding has 10 mobile sites consisting of The Salvation Army, World Central Kitchen, and local communities that have provided 8,850 meals.

**Communications Coordination Group (CCG):** There have been minor impacts to cell sites in certain areas. The Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) has contacted Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) supporting the South Texas region to help if needed. Additionally, DPS Communications and the Statewide Interoperable Communication Office (SWIC) are actively monitoring the situation and remain on standby to provide support upon request. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) has been overseeing Alerts & Public Warning / IPAWS messages throughout the event, while National Weather Service (NWS) offices have issued weather alerts and warnings via Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) to cellphones in the affected areas.

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife):** [As of April 4, AgriLife DAR specialists are supporting operations in Cameron County, with one assigned to the Regional Information Center's call center at the EOC in Brownsville, one working at the Harlingen RIC, and two conducting damage assessments in Palm Valley. On April 4, there were 129 entries from the State of Texas Assessment Tool portal from landowners with agricultural damages to fencing, crops, livestock and equipment. 36 of those are requesting assistance from the AgriLife Extension Service. County Extension Agents in those affected counties are contacting the landowners to provide relief assistance as those requests come in. AgriLife Extension Liaisons are monitoring agricultural needs and issues in affected counties.](#)

**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Texas A&M Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) and TX-TF3:** On March 31, one Swift Water Boat Squad and one Water Group Supervisor package demobilized. On March 31, WS-RGV conducted multiple evacuations in the Green Valley area throughout the current and previous reporting periods. TX-TF teams conducted 15 evacuations and no rescues. TX-TF teams have conducted a total of 68 evacuations, rescued five individuals, and evacuated 41 pets/animals during the incident. On March 30, WS-RGV conducted a water rescue, safely extracting two individuals from a vehicle that was taking on water and coordinating their transport to a local shelter. There are currently 21 TX-TF1 personnel supporting this incident.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):** As of March 30, two Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) Strike Teams remain in Region 5. The Texas A&M Forest Service and TIFMAS are prepared to support additional requests for assistance.

**Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS):** TXDPS is actively supporting the state's response to the ongoing severe weather event across multiple DPS Districts, patrolling roadways, monitoring traffic, and assessing road conditions.

DPS Aircraft Operations Division's Unmanned Aircraft System received a request from TDEM's Operations Technology Division to conduct aerial assessments for damage in Willacy, Hidalgo, Starr, and Cameron Counties. A DPS Aircraft equipped with a hoist deployed to aid in the rescue efforts.

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):** On March 31, TPWD Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) assisted with flood surveys, delivered medications and supplies to families, and assisted with 17 evacuations, including pets. The TPWD has assigned two liaisons to the State Operations Center (SOC) and two to DDEOC 21. TPWD has statewide resources activated that includes a helicopter based in Austin, State Game Wardens, State Park Police Officers, Search and Rescue (SAR) boat teams, all-terrain vehicles, 4x4 vehicles, and swift water or shallow-running boats. Additionally, one UAS has been deployed in Hidalgo and Willacy counties.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):** On March 31, one SWX PKG and one Medical Incident Support Team (MIST) demobilized, one Severe Weather Package (SWX PKG) is supporting Cameron County, with an additional Light Ambulance Strike Team (AST) in Harlingen supporting Hidalgo County. EMTF 6 has one SWX Package on standby due to excessive rainfall.

**Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF):** As of April 5, EMTF 7 is on awareness, while SWX Package EMTF 4 is on standby. EMTF assets currently activated in support of the severe weather response include: one SWX Package with an Ambulance Strike Team (AST) in Cameron County, one MIST deployed to the RELLIS campus in Brazos County, one SWX Package at Hensley Field in Dallas County, and

one SCO and one MIST supporting operations at the State Operations Center in Travis County. PKG Teams have made 148 encounters, treated 107 individuals, and have had 78 transports.

**Texas Military Department (TMD):** As of April 5, TMD currently has two Ground Transportation Platoons (GTPs) assigned in support of the Texas Division of Emergency Management's response to severe weather and flooding in South Texas. TMD has an LNO supporting the TDEM IMT in McAllen, and a SOC Support Team in Austin for the severe weather response. TMD has activated 29 personnel and 10 vehicles for this incident. TMD teams conducted 281 Damage Assessments. TMD teams have completed 14 evacuations, rescued 17 individuals, and evacuated 3 pets/animals. TMD have also assisted 18 individuals and 14 families while conducting 325 Damage Assessments.

#### **Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD):**

**The Salvation Army (TSA):** Eight Salvation Army mobile feeding units continue providing meals, hydration, and relief supplies to affected communities. TSA designated relief locations include multiple sites across Hidalgo, Cameron, and Willacy counties. On April 3, TSA provided 7783 Meals, 80 Clean-Up Kits, 80 Hygiene Kits, 384 Food Boxes, and made 71 ESC Contacts. TSA has provided 28927 Meals, 334 Clean-Up Kits, and 247 Hygiene Kits, 384 Food Boxes, and made 300 ESC Contacts during the incident.

**American Red Cross (ARC):** The American Red Cross continues to have resources on standby to respond to humanitarian needs arising from expected severe weather and other disasters in Texas. The ARC is operating one shelter in Cameron County, currently housing 21 individuals. ARC Damage Assessment teams are actively working in Willacy and Starr Counties, while Disaster Emergency Services (DES) distribution efforts are underway in Cameron, Pharr, and Hidalgo Counties. In Pharr and Mercedes, Multi-Agency Resource Centers (MARC) are providing support, including DES, snacks, and water. Additionally, the Resource Center in Harlingen is offering DES, Immediate Disaster Casework (IDC), and snacks. ARC Feeding operations have provided meals for 1200 individuals.

**Feeding Texas:** Feeding Texas has routed nine truckloads of water, snacks, disaster boxes, and MREs from their network and HEB to the Food Bank of Rio Grande Valley and South Texas Food Bank, ensuring coverage for Cameron, Hidalgo, and Starr Counties.

**Texans On Mission (TXM):** In response to last week's extensive rains and flooding in the Rio Grande Valley, TXM deployed to First Baptist Church in Weslaco. Teams, including IMT, Assessors, Box Unit, Shower/Laundry, and Electronic Support, arrived on April 1. TXM representatives are stationed at the RIC in Harlingen. To date, 225 work

orders have been processed, with 220 still pending. TXM has conducted 29 Assessments, provided 11 Volunteer Showers, and processed three Loads of Laundry for volunteers.

### STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TDEM	Mass Care ESF6	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TDEM	ISTF HQ Staff	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TDEM	VOAD	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TDEM	IMT	3	0	Assigned	Austin
TX-TF3	FWR Boat Squad TX-TF3	9	6	Assigned	Cameron County- Harlingen
TX-TF1	TX-TF1 Overhead	2	0	Assigned	Brazos County
TX-TF1	ESF9 Liaison	2	0	Assigned	Austin
AgriLife	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	Austin
AgriLife	1 DAR Specialist	1	1	Assigned	McAllen
AgriLife	DAR Specialist – Damage Assessment Assistance	4	4	Assigned	McAllen
AgriLife	DAR PIO	1	0	Activated	College Station
AgriLife	DAR Admin	2	2	Activated	College Station
DPS	SOC Support	2	2	Assigned	Austin
DPS	DPS Aviation	12	4	Assigned	Austin, Dallas, Edinburg, Houston
DPS	Tactical Marine Unit	12	4	Assigned	Port Lavaca, Weslaco
DPS	Unmanned Aircraft	1	1	Assigned	Hidalgo County
DSHS	SOC Liaison	2	0	Assigned	Austin
DSHS	SCO	1	0	Assigned	Austin
EMTF	SOC Liaison	2	0	Assigned	Austin
EMTF	SWX PKG	11	5	Assigned	Cameron County
EMTF	SWX PKG	21	5	Activated	Hensly Field
EMTF	MIST	1		Assigned	Rellis – Brazos
EMTF	MIST	1		Assigned	SOC
TAMFS	SOC	1	1	Assigned	Austin
TAMFS	TAMFS (Field and C/G)	201	50	Assigned	TDEM Regions 1- 8
TAMFS	TIFMAS	36	10	Assigned	TDEM Region 5
TAMFS	Aircraft	0	34	Assigned	TDEM Regions 1- 8
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	Austin

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TPWD	DDEOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	DDEOC 21
TPWD	TPWD Aviation	2	3	Available	Austin/Travis
TPWD	UAS	1	1	Assigned	TDEM Region 5
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	EMC	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	TxDOT District Staff	60	42	Assigned	TxDOT Districts
TMD	GTP 01	10	5	Enroute	Harlingen
TMD	GTP 02	10	5	Enroute	Harlingen
TMD	TMD LNO for TDEM IMT	1		Enroute	Bryan
TMD	LNO for IMT	1	0	Enroute	McAllen
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-3>

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