



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	26-0006 01MAR Severe Weather
Date	March 18, 2026
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM March 17, 2026, to 8:00 AM March 18, 2026
Report Number	13

TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8
DDs Active	None

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On March 4, Governor Greg Abbott announced that he directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to activate state emergency response resources ahead of a severe weather threat expected to impact portions of Texas beginning March 4 and continuing through the weekend.

Texans can find flood and severe weather safety information at [TexasReady.gov](https://www.texasready.gov), check road conditions at [DriveTexas.org](https://www.drivetexas.org), and access all-hazards preparedness tips at tdem.texas.gov/prepare.

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.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Texas Task Force 1 (TEEX/TX-TF1):
On March 7-8, TX-TF1 relocated water squads (WS) for storm concentrations in the

San Antonio, Victoria, and Houston corridor, and assigned four Helicopter Search and Rescue Technicians (HSART). On March 5, TX-TF1 relocated three of eight activated WSs to match the predicted weather threat. A TX-TF1 Type 3 Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Team is also assigned.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Texas Task Force 2 (TEEX/TX-TF2):

On March 4, TX-TF2 activated a Type 3 US&R Team.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Texas Task Force 3 (TEEX/TX-TF3):

On March 7, TX-TF3 activated one WS.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):

The Texas A&M Forest Service has activated three Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) All-hazard Strike Teams (ST) in response to forecasted severe weather. The STs are currently located in Midland, [Amarillo](#), and [Vernon](#). In total, TAMFS has 61 personnel committed to the event.

Texas Military Department (TMD):

TMD has released all assets.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):

TPWD has Texas Game Wardens and State Park Police Officers prepared to respond and support operations.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):

As of March 11, there were no roadways closed or impacted due to weather or wildfires. TxDOT has an Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) and a State Operations Center (SOC) Liaison Officer (LNO) supporting in Austin. TxDOT continues to coordinate with Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS) for Dynamic Message Sign (DMS) wildfire messaging, if needed.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):

As of March 12, the DSHS All-Hazard Severe Weather Packages (SWX) have been released and re-assigned for fire weather support.

Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF):

As of March 5, DSHS EMTF activated a State Coordination Officer (SCO) and Liaison Officer (LNO). Two severe weather packages have been activated and staged.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TX-TF1	WS Denton	6	2	Assigned	Walker Co.
TX-TF1	WS Gainesville	6	2	Assigned	Hill Co.
TX-TF1	WS Dallas	6	2	Assigned	Harrison Co.
TX-TF1	WS Longview	6	2	Assigned	Shelby Co.
TX-TF1	WS Conroe	6	2	Assigned	San Saba Co.
TX-TF1	WS WCEMS	6	2	Assigned	Kerr Co.
TX-TF1	WS Killeen	6	2	Assigned	Brown Co.
TX-TF1	WS Austin	6	2	Assigned	Uvalde Co.
TX-TF1	Type 3 US&R	42	6	Assigned	Brazos Co.
TX-TF2	Type 3 US&R	48	6	Assigned	Dallas Co.
TX-TF1	HSART	2	0	Assigned	Travis Co.
TX-TF1	HSART	2	0	Assigned	Bexar Co.
TX-TF3	WS RGV	6	2	Assigned	Hidalgo Co.
TIFMAS	Strike Team	21	5	Assigned	Midland
TIFMAS	Strike Team	20	5	Assigned	Amarillo
TIFMAS	Strike Team	20	5	Assigned	Vernon
TxDOT	EMC	1	1	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	SOC LNO	1	0	Assigned	SOC (Remote)
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	Aviation	2	3	Available	Austin
TPWD	Game Wardens	350	350	Available	Statewide
TPWD	SAR	8	12	Available	Lampasas, Bastrop, Tyler, McLennan

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

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