



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

### New Information is in Blue Text

<b>Event Name</b>	<b>26-0014 17MAY Stinky Fire FM-5634</b>
<b>Date</b>	May 23, 2026
<b>Time</b>	10:00 AM
<b>Operational Period</b>	8:00 AM May 22, 2026, to 8:00 AM May 23, 2026
<b>Report Number</b>	3

<b>TDEM Regions Affected</b>	1
<b>Disaster Districts Activated</b>	1

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** On May 21, Governor Greg Abbott announced that he directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management to request officials from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) join state and local partners in conducting preliminary damage assessments in Panhandle communities affected by recent wildfire activity and South Texas communities impacted by April severe storms. These assessments will help determine if the state meets the thresholds for additional federal disaster assistance.

On May 19, Gov. Abbott announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved a request from the State of Texas for a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Stinky Fire in Potter County, which has threatened homes, damaged property, impacted infrastructure, and prompted local evacuations in the Texas Panhandle.

### **OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:**

- Protect life and property.
- Support rapid & effective response.
- Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
- 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, Swisher, and Wheeler Counties): Disaster District Emergency Operations Center (DDEOC) 1 activated to Level II – Escalated Response Conditions on May 15.

**Potter County:** The Stinky Fire burned approximately 2,335 acres and is contained with 52 structures lost. There were approximately 1,300 evacuations.

## **RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS**

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

#### **Emergency Management:**

As of May 21, all ten Incident Support Task Force (ISTF) personnel and the Region 8 Regional Coordinator (RC) have been demobilized. A website has been established for monetary donations for the [Panhandle Disaster Relief Fund](#).

#### **Mass Care:**

As of May 21, the ISTF continues to monitor for potential Mass Care activities over the coming operational periods. At this time, no requests for Mass Care services or coordination have been received. Partner agencies remain on standby and remain prepared to provide support as community needs are identified, and requests for assistance are made.

### **Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife):**

24 Disaster Assessment and Recovery (DAR) Specialists and three Area Chiefs are on standby to support ESF 11 wildfire response efforts. One Area Chief and One County Extension Agent (CEA) are conducting agricultural damage assessments in the burn scar of the Stinky Fire. They found some injured/burned animals, with minimal losses reported. Owners are returning to care for their animals. Water supplies will continue to be an issue until electricity is restored, and water wells are repaired.

[The DAR Specialist stationed at the IMT in Amarillo demobilized at end of shift yesterday and traveled back to home base today. Area Chief Curtis Preston and assessment teams of DAR Specialists/CEA's have demobilized and will continue to monitor recovery needs remotely. The local County Extension Agent will monitor needs and provide recovery resources to local landowners through the Extension office and at the MARC scheduled for May 23, 2026. For the 26-0001 Incident, iSTAT's reported](#)

from May 15 to today include 24 entries from the State of Texas Assessment Tool portal from landowners with agricultural damage to fencing, crops, livestock and equipment. County Extension Agents in affected counties are contacting the landowners to provide relief assistance as those requests are received.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):**

TAMFS has prepositioned heavy equipment, engines, and aircraft across regions impacted by elevated fire weather conditions. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is currently activated. Out-of-State personnel and equipment are integrated with TAMFS in aviation support, field operations and other support roles to augment State resources for a safe and effective response. In addition, a targeted public awareness campaign is being conducted in the Panhandle region, including billboard messaging and coordinated outreach through local and regional news media. In total, TAMFS has 26 personnel committed to this event.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):**

As of May 20, there were no state-maintained road closures due to wildfires. Two flooding-related closures persist (SH-359 in San Patricio Co. and FM-3404 in Llano Co.). Amarillo crews provided overnight traffic control and temporary closures. TxDOT is also supplying dynamic message signs (DMS), barricades, and fuel support in the Panhandle. Damage assessments are underway for fire-affected signs and infrastructure. TxDOT is staffing the SOC and coordinating with TAMFS for ongoing DMS wildfire messaging. Up to date road conditions are available on [drivetexas.org](http://drivetexas.org).

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):**

On May 18, DSHS was notified that the Stinky Fire had met the criteria for FMAG. DSHS demobilized certain EMTF resources from the 26-0001 Wildfire incident and activated them on the Stinky Fire FMAG incident. The DSHS State Medical Operations Center (SMOC) is at limited activation and supporting the response.

As of May 21, All Hazards Package (AH PKG) Alpha has been reassigned to 26-0013 18MAY Severe Weather, Wildland Fire Support Package (WLFS PKG) Teams 14 and 15 have been demobilized, and WLFS PKGs reassigned to 26-0001 Wildfire Season 2026.

**VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTERS (VOAD)**

**American Red Cross (ARC):**

Emergency supplies have been ordered for team distribution to the impacted neighborhoods. Intake volunteers received refresher training on May 21. The ARC partnered with The Church at Quail Creek to provide bilingual assistance for the casework team at the Texas Panhandle VOAD's Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC) event on May 23. The ARC shared contact flyers throughout affected communities and with local partners. The ARC is aligning services with community needs and addressing any gaps. [Red Cross staff and volunteers stand by, ready to support. ARC is preparing for its presence at the MARC, scheduled for Saturday, May 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Amarillo College West Campus, Building B, located at 6222 SW 9th Avenue in Amarillo, to assist individuals impacted by the recent wildfires in the Texas Panhandle. Staff will reach out to all clients with available contact information to invite them to the MARC, and a refresher training session will be held for the local intake worker team in preparation for conducting casework at the event. Additionally, teams will visit outlying damaged communities to ensure that needs and expectations are being met, particularly in smaller rural areas that have experienced isolated pockets of damage.](#)

#### STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
Mass Care ESF-6	Liaison	3	0	Activated	SOC
ISTF HQ Staff	Liaison	3	0	Activated	SOC
VOAD	Liaison	2	0	Activated	SOC
TAMFS	Overhead	1	0	Assigned	TDEM Region 1
TAMFS	Field Operations	25	6	Assigned	TDEM Region 1
TAMFS	TIFMAS	70	24	Assigned	TDEM Region 1
AgriLife	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	SOC
AgriLife	Administration	2	2	Activated	College Station
AgriLife	Marketing & Communications	1	0	Activated	College Station
AgriLife	DAR Specialists/Area Chiefs	1	1	Assigned	Amarillo
AgriLife	TDEM IMT Support	1	1	Assigned	Amarillo
AgriLife	County Extension Agent	1	1	Assigned	Amarillo
DSHS	SCO	1	1	Assigned	SOC (Remote)

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DSHS	MIST	1	1	Assigned	SOC (Remote)
DSHS	Area MEDL + Tech Spec	2	1	Available	Statewide

**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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