



**Texas Division of Emergency Management
State Situation Report**

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Event Name	26-0023 30 AUG Tropical Weather
Date	September 7, 2026
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM September 6, 2026, to 8:00 AM September 7, 2026
Report Number	6

TDEM Regions Affected	3, 4, 8
Disaster Districts Activated	15

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Response and recovery operations continue across affected communities as the impacts of Tropical Storm Edouard remain ongoing.

On August 31, Governor Greg Abbott held a briefing and press conference at the Texas State Emergency Operations Center (SOC), where he announced that he directed TDEM to activate additional state resources in anticipation of tropical weather conditions expected to impact the State of Texas. He also announced 24-hour operations had begun at the SOC and provided an update to Texans ahead of the storm threat.

State agencies continue to support local response operations across Southeast Texas and remain connected to local officials.

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 3 (Includes DDs 5, 6, 14, and 15)

Region 3 is monitoring weather-related issues due to Tropical Storm Edouard. Storm-related outages have been widely restored across the region. DD 15 continues to have one Texas Task Force 1 Swiftwater Boat Squad staged in Lumberton.

Disaster Declarations have been submitted by the following Region 3 counties: Hardin, Jasper, Newton, Orange, Polk, and Tyler. Additionally, the following cities have submitted a disaster declaration: Beaumont, Bevil Oaks, Nederland, and Port Arthur.

DD 14 – Lufkin (Includes Angelina, Houston, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, and Tyler Counties): On September 4, DDEOC 14 decreased to Level IV (Normal Conditions) status.

Additional resources are staged in Lufkin, including an All-Hazards Group, five charter buses, and Texas A&M Task Force-1 (TX-TF1).

DD 15 – Beaumont (Includes Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, and Orange Counties): [DDEOC 15 decreased to Level IV \(Normal Conditions\) status.](#)

Region 4 (Includes DD 16)

There have been no reports of major impacts from local jurisdictions. Early on in the incident, rainfall of approximately 10 inches was recorded in Liberty County, with 3 to 4 inches of rainfall recorded in the City of Cleveland.

Disaster Declarations have been submitted by the following Region 4 counties: Chambers and Liberty. Additionally, the following have submitted a disaster declaration: Cleveland and Dayton.

DD 16 – Houston (Includes Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton Counties): On September 3, DDEOC 16 decreased to Level IV (Normal Conditions) status.

Region 8 (Includes DDs 11, 12, 13, and 23)

Region 8 has established and maintained positive contact with state resources and partners. Coordination is ongoing to strategically relocate any needed resources where they can provide the greatest benefit to potentially impacted jurisdictions.

DD 11 – Waco (Includes Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone, and McLennan Counties): On September 4, DDEOC 11 decreased to Level IV (Normal Conditions) status

DD 13 – Bryan (Includes Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson, and

Washington Counties): On September 4, DDEOC 13 decreased to Level IV (Normal Conditions) status.

DD 23 – Killeen (Includes Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba Counties): On September 3, DDEOC 23 decreased to Level IV (Normal Conditions) status.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

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

The State Operations Center (SOC) maintains Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) status in support of this tropical weather. The SOC is directing interagency coordination to maintain unified communication, deploy necessary resources, and support response operations in affected regions across Texas.

Communications Coordination Group (CCG):

The Communications Coordination Group (CCG) partners continue to respond to issues resulting from Tropical Storm Edouard.

Cellular operations providers are actively preparing their networks and response resources for the impact of Tropical Storm Edouard.

Land Mobile Radio (LMR) partners are preparing mobile communications centers, trailers, and towers, Site on Wheels (SOW) with repeaters, radio caches to support Public Safety bands and Communications Unit (COML) personnel.

The Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) is verifying issues and needs of Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) and 9-1-1 centers.

ESF-5 Incident Support Task Force (ISTF):

The Incident Support Task Force (ISTF) remains ready to support response efforts for Tropical Storm Edouard.

ISTF remains on standby to deploy and assist any requesting jurisdictions that may be affected by any forecasted tropical weather, with 18 members rostered as 'available to deploy'.

ESF-6 Mass Care ISTF:

Monitoring continues for potential Mass Care activities throughout this event. Partner agencies remain on standby and are prepared to provide support as community needs are identified, and requests for assistance are made. Mass Care resources are staged

and ready to support transportation and accountability/tracking operations should they be requested for this event.

September 4

Sheltering:

- Open: 0
- Standby: 0
- Population: 0

American Red Cross (ARC) Supported Cooling Center: 0

- Open: 0

Feeding:

- ARC distributed 1,694 meals to Jefferson, Polk, and Tyler Counties.
- The Salvation Army distributed 1,123 meals to Polk and Hardin Counties.
- Other Texas Feeding Task Force members are actively on standby to support if requested.

Transportation:

- Five buses were demobilized

ESF-18 Higher Education:

Higher Education is monitoring school districts and University Systems for closures and needs during Tropical Storm Edouard.

September 3

Texas Education Agency reports that 25 school districts predicted to be impacted by tropical weather.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):

TxDOT is working to maintain safe roadways for the traveling public during adverse conditions by Tropical Storm Edouard.

September 2

There are 10 state-maintained road closures. Beaumont crews inspected roadways and removed debris through the night.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service - Texas A&M Task Force 1 (TEEX/TX-TF1):

TX-TF1 is monitoring and staging resources to mitigate and protect Texans during Tropical Storm Edouard.

September 4

TX-TF1 has demobilized five Swift Water Rescue boat squads and two Type 3 US&R teams. Two SWR boat squads will remain on standby until the threat of flooding has passed.

September 2

The seven boat squads deployed throughout the Southeast region were involved in multiple operations, including investigations and evacuations. Local responders were able to handle many of the calls for assistance.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service – Public Works Team (TX-PWRT):

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) / Texas A&M Public Works Response Team (TX-PWRT) was demobilized and released.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):

TAMFS is dedicated to provide for the safety of personnel, responders, and the public with Tropical Storm Edouard. TAMFS is ensuring clear communication and information flow with incident resources to identify and mitigate hazards.

September 1

TAMFS has one Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) Strike Team, and one TIFMAS All Hazards Group Supervisor assigned to response.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife):

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife) is monitoring weather conditions for Tropical Storm Edouard in TDEM Regions 3 and 4. AgriLife is on standby to support agency partners associated with animal response in the impacted areas.

September 6

AgriLife received reports including 14 entries from the State of Texas Assessment Tool portal from landowners with agricultural damage to fencing, crops, livestock and equipment. Four landowners have requested assistance from the AgriLife Extension Service. County Extension Agents in the affected county will contact the landowner to provide relief assistance.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):

The State Medical Operation Center (SMOC) is at Limited Activation and is monitoring tropical weather development and any related resource requests.

September 4

The SETRAC has returned to Level IV normal operating status. The State Medical Operations Center has demobilized all EMTF resources for the tropical weather incident. No further agency reports will be required.

On 08/31/2026, the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) requested Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (TX EMTF) assets to be prepositioned due to potential tropical weather conditions.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):

HHSC is supporting tropical weather response operations by actively monitoring Tropical Storm Edouard.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):

TCEQ continues to have resources available to assist with any air/water/waste related issues.

September 5

TCEQ is monitoring 13 drinking water systems that are on Boil Water Notice, serving a population of 8,470. On September 4, TCEQ deployed two teams to conduct environmental air monitoring for potential air emissions from facilities impacted by Tropical Storm Edouard with no readings of concern detected.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):

TPWD and Game Wardens have identified statewide sources that are ready to support response operations as needed due to the increased tropical weather threat affecting Texas. These resources include swift water rescue boat teams, helicopters with hoist capabilities, and UAS teams.

TPWD State Parks Division is closely monitoring the current Tropical Weather conditions and State Park Police Officers are on standby and ready to respond as needed.

September 5

The Texas Game Wardens have returned to normal operations and stand by ready to support as needed.

Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT):

The PUCT is monitoring and sharing forecasts and updates with utilities and is sharing

public messaging related to downed power lines and outages.

Overnight outages peaked overnight between September 1 and September 2 at approximately 100,000 connections. Hardin and Jefferson Counties were the most heavily impacted. Assistance crews were able to make a heavy impact on approximately 50,000 connections. Debris and flooding are affecting restoration efforts. The estimated completion date is September 7.

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):

September 4

The swift water rescue boat with three operators in Centerville has been released.

September 1

The DPS Infrastructure Operations Division has resources on standby such as a drivable command platform, a Site on Wheels, 40 cache radios, and response technicians.

Texas Military Department (TMD):

TMD supported state agency partners in response to Tropical Weather. TMD has activated Ground Transportation Platoon Mission Ready Packages with high profile vehicles and crew to provide direct support to agency partners for tropical weather response.

September 4

This concludes reporting for this incident. All assets have been released, and no further updates are anticipated.

Texas Cyber Command (TXCC):

Texas Cyber Command is monitoring the situation and stands ready to support the state's response efforts. Texas Cyber Command is monitoring the situation using cybersecurity tooling and threat intelligence feeds. No cyber threats related to this event have been identified.

Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA):

The State of Texas Agriculture Relief (STAR) Fund has been activated to support farmers and ranchers affected by Tropical Storm Edouard. Ranchers needing hay or feed can use TDA's Hay Hotline at (877) 429-1998. Mental health support is available through the AgriStress Helpline by professionals familiar with rural challenges at (833) 897-2474.

Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)

The American Red Cross (ARC):

ARC's Texas Gulf Coast Region remains in a heightened readiness posture for any sheltering needs.

Emergency Response Vehicles, Logistics, and Mass Care resources were staged to support rapid activation. Coordination is ongoing with state, county, and local emergency management partners. Additional volunteers were moved into the response areas to support Mass Care capacity.

September 4

The American Red Cross (ARC) conducted feeding operations in Jefferson, Polk, and Tyler Counties, serving a total of 1,694 meals.

The Salvation Army:

The Salvation Army is actively monitoring Tropical Storm Edouard impacts. There are local field units in Harris, Jefferson, and Orange Counties that are preparing for the storm. One Salvation Army liaison has been deployed to assist state agency partners.

September 5

The Salvation Army continues to monitor and collaborate with partners in Polk, Hardin, and Jefferson Counties. September 4 was the last day of feeding operations, and distribution operations are now underway. In Polk County, a total of 1,023 meals were served. In Jefferson County a total of 100 meals were served. Coordination efforts with state, local, and Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) partners remain ongoing to support response and recovery operations.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TDEM	ESF-6 SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TDEM	VOAD SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TDEM	ESF-18	2	0	Activated	Austin
TDEM	ISTF HQ	0	0	Assigned	Austin

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
AgriLife	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	Austin
AgriLife	Administration	2	2	Released	Brazos Co
AgriLife	Marketing and Communications	1	1	Released	Brazos Co
AgriLife	DAR Specialist/Area Chief	29	15	Released	Statewide
AgriLife	DDEOC Representatives	3	0	Released	TDEM DD 13, 15, & 16
TCEQ	TCEQ Staff	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TCEQ	Monitoring/Assessment Teams	4	0	Assigned	Jefferson Co
TxDOT	EMC	1	1	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	Local District Support	80	35	Assigned	Beaumont/Houston Districts
TPWD	SOC Liaison	1	1	Available	Austin
TPWD	EOC Liaison	2	2	Available	Polk/Tyler Co
TPWD	UAS Team	1	2	Available	Polk Co
TPWD	Game Wardens/State Park Police	250	250	Available	TDEM Regions 3 & 4
TPWD	Helicopter	6	2	Available	Austin
TAMFS	TIFMAS Strike Team	24	6	Assigned	Lufkin
TAMFS	TIFMAS AH Supervisor	1	1	Assigned	Lufkin
DSHS	AH Alpha	22	11	Assigned	Walker Co
DSHS	SCO	1	1	Assigned	Travis Co
DSHS	MIST	1	1	Assigned	Travis Co
DSHS	SOC LNO	2	0	Assigned	Travis Co
TMD	GTP I-1	10	5	Released	Lufkin Co
TMD	GTP I-2	10	5	Released	Lufkin Co
HHSC	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
PWRT	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	Austin
DPS	THP Troopers	450	450	Available	DPS Region 2
DPS	THP Captain	1	1	Released	DDEOC 15
DPS	Tactical Marine Units	9	9	Available	TDEM Regions 3, 4, 6, & 8
DPS	THP Captain and Major	2	0	Released	Austin
DPS	Hoist Helicopters	7	7	Available	Statewide
PUCT	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
ARC	SOC Liaison	2	0	Assigned	Austin
TXCC	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Austin
TX-TF1	WS	6	2	Activated	Liberty Co
TX-TF1	WS Austin	6	2	Activated	Hardin Co

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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