



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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

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

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: State agencies remain postured to support local officials with unmet needs following impacts from Tropical Storm Edouard.

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.

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)

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.

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 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.

ESF-2 Communications Coordination Group (CCG):

The Communications Coordination Group (CCG) partners have returned to normal operating conditions along the areas impacted by Tropical Storm Edouard. There are currently no communications outages related to the Tropical Storm.

ESF-5 Incident Support Task Force (ISTF):

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

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.

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Sheltering:

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

American Red Cross (ARC) Supported Cooling Center: 0

- Open: 0

Feeding:

- ARC distributed 2,794 meals to Jefferson, Polk, and Tyler Counties.
- The Salvation Army distributed 1,123 meals to Polk and Hardin Counties.
- Texas Feeding Task Force members are actively on standby to support if requested.

ESF-18 Higher Education:

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Higher Education has ceased monitoring school district and university system closures, as all institutions have resumed normal operations and are fully operational.

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

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TX-TF1 has demobilized remaining Swift Water Rescue boat squads and Type 3 US&R teams.

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 remains dedicated to provide for the safety of personnel, responders, and the public following impacts from Tropical Storm Edouard with any unmet needs.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife):

AgriLife is on standby to support agency partners associated with animal response in the impacted areas.

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AgriLife received reports including 15 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):

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The State Medical Operations Center (SMOC) has demobilized all Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) resources that were deployed in support of the tropical weather incident. The Southeast Texas Regional Advisory Council (SETRAC) CMOC has returned to Level IV normal operating status.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):

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

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):

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

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TCEQ is monitoring [10](#) drinking water systems that are on Boil Water Notice, serving a population of [7,984](#).

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):

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 sharing public messaging related to downed power lines and outages.

[Sam Houston Electric Cooperative has restored all but a handful of storm-related outages. Entergy reports approximately 9,000 outages remaining.](#)

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):

Resources assigned for Tropical Storm Edouard have been released.

Texas Military Department (TMD):

TMD supported state agency partners in response to Tropical Weather. All assets have been released.

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.

The Salvation Army:

The Salvation Army continues to monitor and collaborate with partners in Polk, Hardin, and Jefferson Counties to support communities affected by Tropical Storm Edouard.

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September 4th 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
AgriLife	SOC Liaison	1	1	Released	Austin
AgriLife	Administration	2	2	Released	Brazos Co

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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 AH Supervisor	1	1	Assigned	Lufkin
DSHS	AH Alpha	22	11	Released	Walker Co
DSHS	SCO	1	1	Released	Travis Co
DSHS	MIST	1	1	Released	Travis Co
DSHS	SOC LNO	2	0	Released	Travis Co
TMD	GTP I-1	10	5	Released	Lufkin Co
TMD	GTP I-2	10	5	Released	Lufkin Co
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	2	0	Released	Austin

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
	Major				
DPS	Hoist Helicopters	7	7	Available	Statewide
PUCT	SOC Liaison	1	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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