Texas Division of Emergency Management

State Situation Report

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Event Name	**26-0027 12OCT Severe Weather**
Date	October 16, 2026
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM October 15, 2026, to 8:00 AM October 16, 2026
Report Number	03
TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 7
Disaster Districts Activated	1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On October 13, Governor Greg Abbott directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to activate state emergency response resources ahead of severe weather, heavy rainfall, and potential flash flooding expected to impact portions of West Texas this week.

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 Disaster District (DD) 1, 2, and 7)

As of October 15, Region 1 personnel continue to monitor for weather-related impacts and remain ready to respond to any unmet needs.

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): As of October 14, DDEOC 1 maintains Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

DD 2 – Lubbock (Includes Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry, and Yoakum Counties): As of October 14, DDEOC 2 maintains Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

DD 7 – Abilene (Includes Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, and Throckmorton Counties): As of October 14, DDEOC 7 maintains Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

Region 2 (Includes DDs 3, 4, and 22)

As of October 15, Region 2 reports weather-related impacts of traffic issues, localized flooding, and minor damage.

DD 3 – Wichita Falls (Includes Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Wichita, Wilbarger, and Young Counties): DDEOC 3 activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) on October 14.

Region 7 (Includes DDs 8, 9, and 10)

As of October 14, the Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC) 7 maintains Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

DD 8 – El Paso (Includes Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, and Presidio Counties): As of October 14, DDEOC 8 maintains Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

DD 9 – Midland/Ft. Stockton (Includes Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Reeves, Terrell, Upton, Ward, and Winkler Counties): As of October 14, DDEOC 9 maintains Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

Pecos County: On October 14, three tornadoes were reported to have touched down in Pecos County, resulting in minor damage to the county courthouse, and minor roof damage to several buildings within the Fort Stockton area. The iSTAT and pSTAT tools were shared with locals to assist with conducting damage assessments.

Terrell County: On October 14, the city of Sanderson experienced power outages. Restoration is complete.

DD 10 – San Angelo (Includes Coke, Concho, Crockett, Edwards, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, and Tom Green Counties): DDEOC 10 activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) on October 14.

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) in support of this severe weather incident. The SOC is directing interagency coordination to maintain unified communication, deploy necessary resources, and support response operations in affected regions across Texas.

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

In response to the possible impact of severe weather in Texas, TEEX TX-TF1 has activated to support life and property within the state.

On October 14, TX-TF1 activated two additional Swift Water Rescue boat squads, totaling five boat squads active. TX-TF2 activated an Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) squad.

On October 13, TX-TF1 activated three Swift Water Rescue boat squads and routed them into TDEM Regions 1 and 7 to integrate with local rescue crews.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):

As of 10:00 AM on October 15, there are no state-maintained road closures due to weather. TxDOT reported 40 roadways with floodwater on the road in TDEM Regions 1 and 2 including US 62, US 70, US 82, and several state highways. Local crews are monitoring drainage systems and road conditions and assisting law enforcement with traffic control. No damage to TxDOT facilities or state-maintained roadways has been reported.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TX-TF1	WS Fort Worth	6	2	Assigned	Garza County
TX-TF1	WS Euless/HC	6	2	Assigned	Nolan County
TX-TF1	WS El Paso	6	2	Assigned	Pecos County
TX-TF1	Water Group Supervisor	2	0	Assigned	Tom Green County
TX-TF1	LNO	1	0	Assigned	Travis County

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TX-TF1	Overhead	4	0	Assigned	Brazos County
TX-TF1	WS Dallas	6	2	Assigned	Wichita County
TX-TF1	WS Conroe	6	2	Assigned	Tom Green County
TX-TF2	Type 3 USAR	40	6	Assigned	Dallas County

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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