Texas Division of Emergency Management

State Situation Report

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Event Name	**26-0028 23OCT Severe Weather**
Date	October 31, 2026
Time	10:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM October 30, 2026, to 8:00 AM October 31, 2026
Report Number	02

TDEM Regions Affected	1, 7
Disaster Districts Activated	1, 2, 7, 8

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Threats of heavy rain fall continue across large portions of the state bringing ongoing flash flooding hazards.

On October 29, Governor Greg Abbott issued a disaster proclamation for El Paso County in response to severe storms that began on October 23, 2026, and urged impacted Texans to report damage using TDEM's Individual State of Texas Assessment Tool (iSTAT): damage.tdem.texas.gov.

On October 28, Governor Greg Abbott directed the TDEM to activate state emergency response resources ahead of heavy rainfall and potential flash flooding expected to impact portions of West and South-Central Texas.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

- Protect life and property.
- Support rapid and effective responses.
- 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)

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): DDEOC 1 is activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) as of October 24.

DD 2 – Lubbock (Includes Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry, and Yoakum Counties): DDEOC 2 is activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) as of October 25.

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): DDEOC 7 is activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) as of October 25.

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

Damage assessments have been completed in El Paso County. Incident Support Task Force (ISTF) staff are evaluating the need for Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) assistance and other recovery support. Region 7 staff will continue to provide technical assistance and assist with recovery efforts as the needs arise.

DD 8 – El Paso (Includes Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, and Presidio Counties): DDEOC 8 is activated to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) as of October 29.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

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

The State Operations Center (SOC) is directing interagency coordination to maintain unified communication, deploy necessary resources, and support response operations in affected regions across Texas.

ESF-16 Recovery:

Region 7 has completed initial Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) in coordination with county officials. El Paso County will host recovery resources throughout the weekend to assist residents with submitting individual iSTAT reports.

These efforts aim to collect more detailed damage assessments, including photographs of interior damage that may not have been documented during initial assessments conducted by first responders.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):

TxDOT personnel are actively monitoring roadways and transportation conditions. As of 10:00 AM on October 29, there are no state-maintained road closures due to weather.

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

TEEX TX-TF1 has activated in response to the possible impact of severe weather.

On October 30, TX-TF-1 activated one High Profile Vehicle and two additional Swift Water Rescue Boat Squads located in Regions 4 and 7.

On October 29, TX-TF-1 activated two Swift Water Rescue (SWR) boat squads and one Water Group Supervisor (WGS) package. These resources will be integrated with local officials in TDEM Regions 4 and 7.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):

TPWD has Game Wardens, rescue boat teams, and helicopters with hoist capability to assist with incident response.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TDEM	ISTF SOC Liaison	3		Assigned	Travis County
TX-TF1	Overhead	4		Activated	Brazos County
TX-TF1	LNO	1		Activated	Travis County
TX-TF1	WGS	2		Activated	Tom Green County
TX-TF1	WS Austin	6	2	Activated	Brewster County
TX-TF1	WS Conroe	6	2	Activated	Val Verde County
TX-TF1	WS Gainesville	6	2	Activated	Midland County
TX-TF1	WS Longview	6	2	Activated	Brazoria County
TX-TF1	HPV MRP	6	1	Activated	Brazoria 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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