



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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| Event Name | 19-0029 September Severe Weather Incident |
| Date | September 18 th , 2019 |
| Time | 0800 |
| Operational Period | 0800 September 17 – 0700 September 18, 2019 |
| Report Number | 2 |

| Regions Affected | |
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| TDEM Regions Affected | 2 & 6 |
| DDCs Active | 15, 16A, 16B, 16C, 16D & 17 |

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Governor Abbott ordered the Texas State Operations Center (SOC) to elevate its readiness level as Tropical Storm (TS) Imelda moved toward the Texas coast. The SOC increased its readiness level from Level IV (Normal Conditions) to Level III (Increased Readiness) beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 17th, 2019. Additionally Governor Abbott placed numerous state resources on standby across the state.

Current Weather Situation:

Watches and Warnings:

Flash flood watches are in effect for southeast Texas and extreme southwest Louisiana.

For storm information specific to your area, including possible inland watches and warnings, please monitor products issued by your local National Weather Service forecast office.

Discussion and Outlook:

At 400 AM CDT, the center of Tropical Depression (TD) Imelda was located near latitude 30.0 North, longitude 95.6 West. The depression is moving toward the north near 5 mph (7 km/h) and this motion is expected to continue over the next couple of days with a slight turn to the north-northwest.

Maximum sustained winds are near 30 mph (45 km/h) with higher gusts. Additional weakening is forecast during the next 48 hours.

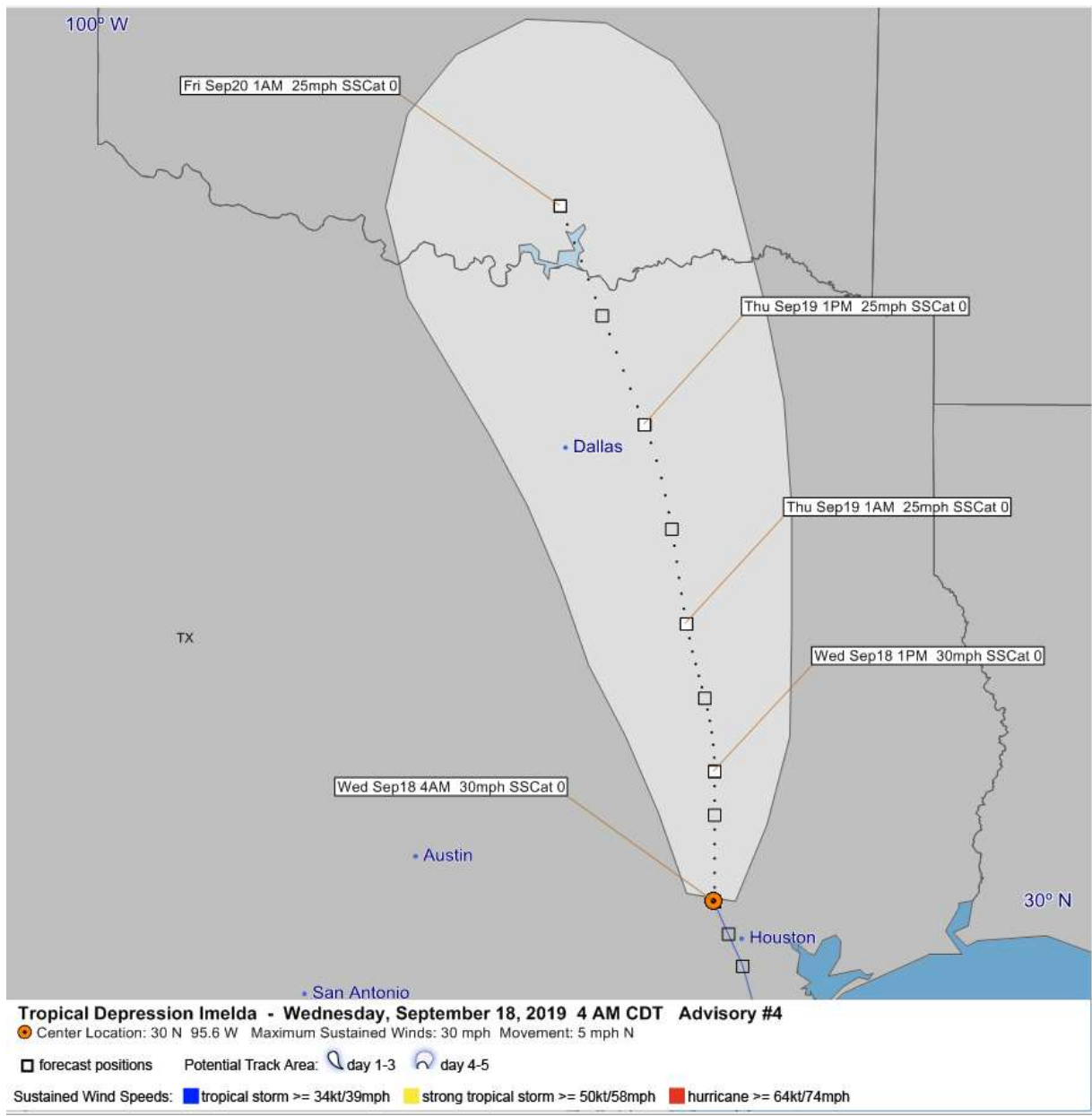
The estimated minimum central pressure is 1007 mb (29.74 inches).

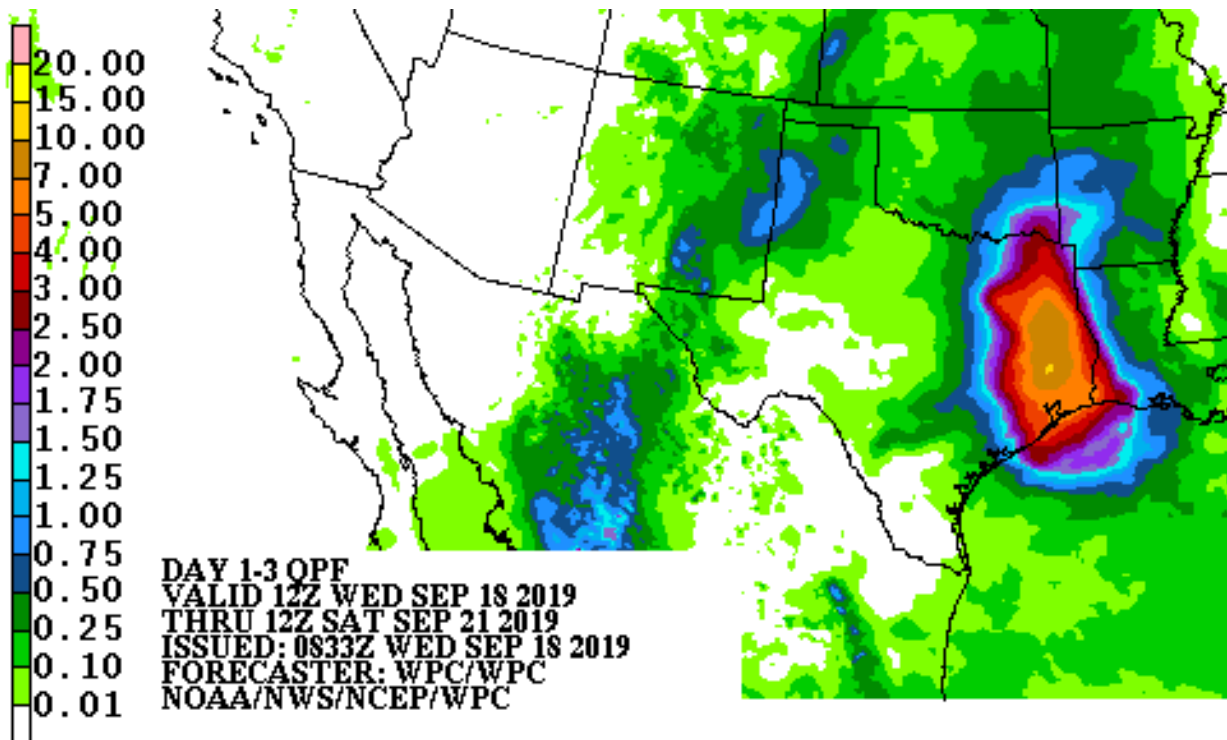
Hazards Affecting Land:

Rainfall: Imelda is expected to produce total rainfall accumulations of 6 to 12 inches with isolated maximum amounts of 18 inches across portions of eastern Texas, including the Houston and Galveston areas.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.





3 Day Rainfall Totals 7:00 AM Wednesday - 7:00 AM Saturday

Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and 16 Rosenberg)

DDC 15 – Beaumont (Includes: Hardin, Jefferson and Orange Counties) – Jefferson County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activated to Level III (Increased Readiness) on Tuesday, September 17th.

DDC 16A – Houston (Includes: Chambers and Harris Counties) – DDC 16A Houston has activated to Level III (Increased Readiness). Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HCOHSEM) EOC activated to Level III (Increased Readiness) on Tuesday, September 17th. The City of West University Place in Harris County, EOC activated to Level III (Increased Readiness) on Tuesday, September 17th. The City of Bellaire in Harris County, EOC activated to Level III (Increased Readiness) on Tuesday, September 17th. The City of Baytown in Harris County, EOC activated to Level III (Increased Readiness) on Tuesday, September 17th. The City of Houston in Harris County, EOC activated to Level III (Increased Readiness) on Tuesday, September 17th.

DDC 16B – Texas City (Includes: Brazoria and Galveston Counties) – Galveston County EOC activated to Level III (Increased Readiness) on Tuesday, September 17th. Brazoria County EOC activated to Level III (Increased Readiness) on Tuesday, September 17th. The City of Kemah in Galveston County EOC activated to Level III (Increased Readiness) on Tuesday, September 17th. The City of Galveston in Galveston County, EOC activated to Level III (Increased Readiness) on Tuesday, September 17th. The City of Texas City in Galveston County, EOC activated to Level III (Increased Readiness) on Tuesday, September 17th. The City of Angleton in Brazoria County, EOC activated to Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) on Tuesday,

September 17th. There were reports of flooded streets throughout the City of Angleton in Brazoria County as the storm impacted the city's pumps.

DDC 16C – Conroe (Includes: Liberty, Montgomery, Walker and Waller Counties) – DDC 16C Conroe has activated to Level III (Increased Readiness). Walker County EOC activated to Level III (Increased Readiness) on Tuesday, September 17th.

DDC 16D – Rosenberg (Includes: Austin, Colorado, Fort Bend, Matagorda and Wharton Counties) – Fort Bend County Homeland Security and Emergency Management EOC increased to Level III (Increased Readiness) on Tuesday, September 17th.

Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18A, 18B, and 23)

DDC 17 – Victoria (Includes: Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Lavaca, Jackson and Victoria Counties) - The DDC activated to Level III (Increased Readiness) on Monday, September 16th.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS): TFS is providing support to the SOC in Austin, and has Saw Squads and Short IMTs rostered on standby for response.

Texas A&M Task Force 1 (TX-TF1): TX-TF1 has water rescue resources activated at the request of TDEM to support local partners. Mission planning is on-going for additional resources with state partners.

Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM): The State Operations Center (SOC) conducted a tropical weather conference call on Tuesday with the local, state and federal partners, and will continue conducting conference calls until this system no longer poses a threat to the State of Texas. The SOC continues to facilitate information dissemination, coordinating resource requirements, and processing resource requests.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD is supporting with two Ground Transportation Platoons that were staged in Houston. In addition TMD is supporting the SOC with two SOC Support Teams in Austin.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD Game Wardens rostered and deployed Game Wardens with SAR capabilities and local Game Wardens in the TDEM Region 2 area with water rescue capabilities in response to the severe weather. Currently TPWD has resources with the flexibility to move as the storm moves. TPWD is providing staffing at the SOC while under the 24hr operations activation.

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS): DPS Texas Highway Patrol Tactical Marine Unit (THP/TMU) rostered/identified flood boat rescue teams, placing them on standby in response to the severe weather. Additionally, THP/TMU rescue swimmers are assigned to DPS Aircraft for callout. THP is providing staffing at the SOC during the activation.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): DSHS is monitoring TD Imelda. There are no known impacts to ESF-8 infrastructure and no unmet needs. Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) assets are on standby for mission tasking to support the incident.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): TxDOT is providing staffing at the SOC and monitoring the system and prepared to assist as needed. TxDOT continues to update the www.drivetexas.org website as road conditions change.

Volunteer Agencies Active in Disaster (VOAD):

American Red Cross (ARC): ARC has initiated the Tropical Storm Imelda response and are staffing with leadership teams. Many ARC volunteers are ready to respond. Teams conducted volunteer call downs and have mass care teams on standby status through the state. ARC is supporting various EOCs virtually and in person. Inspecting shelter trailers across the state and crews are on standby to move when activated. Shelter trailers are stocked to support a 50-100 person shelter and are strategically stationed throughout the potentially affected area.

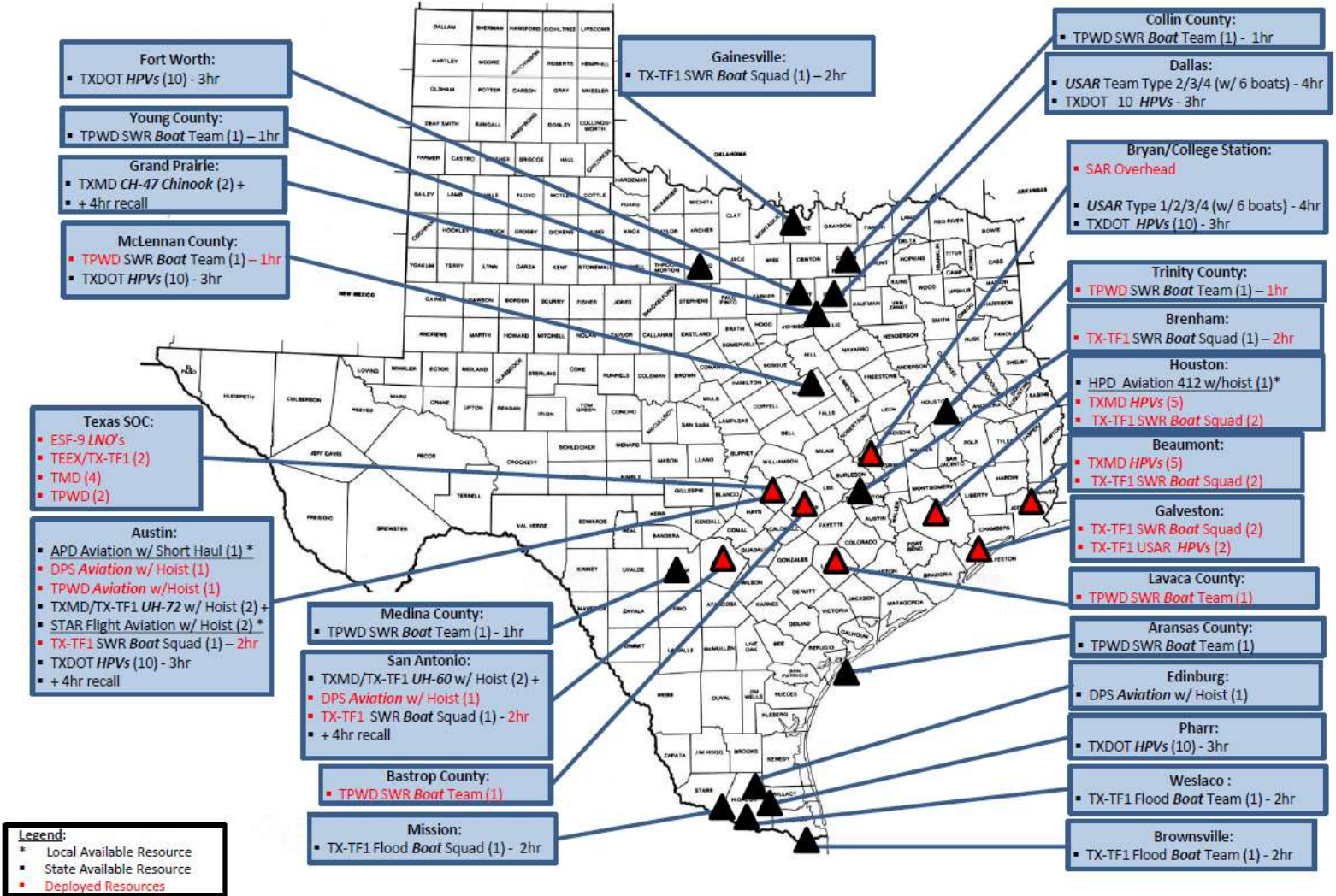
STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

| Agency | Resource Kind and Type | Quantity | Status | Resource Location |
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| TAMUS TFS | Incident Management Teams | 3 | Standby | Various Locations |
| TAMUS TFS | SAW Crews | 3 | Standby | Various Locations |
| TAMUS TX-TF1 | SOC Liaison | 2 | Assigned | SOC/Austin |
| TAMUS TX-TF1 | SWR Boat Squad (Personnel: 6, Equipment: 2) | 2 | Assigned | Galveston |
| TAMUS TX-TF1 | SWR Boat Squad (Personnel: 6, Equipment: 2) | 2 | Activated | Houston |
| TAMUS TX-TF1 | SWR Boat Squad (Personnel: 6, Equipment: 2) | 2 | Activated | College Station |
| TAMUS TX-TF1 | High Profile Vehicles (HPV) | 2 | Assigned | Galveston |
| TAMUS TX-TF1 | Water Rescue Managers with Tech (Personnel: 2, Equipment:1) | 2 | Assigned/Activated | Galveston/Houston |
| TMD | Ground Transportation Platoons. (Personnel: 12, Equipment: 6) | 2 | Assigned | Houston |
| TMD | SOC Support Personnel | 7 | Assigned | SOC/Austin |
| TPWD | SOC Liaison | 2 | Assigned | SOC/Austin |
| TPWD | SAR Captain | 1 | Activated | Austin (Statewide coordination) |
| TPWD | Game Warden Swift Water Rescue Boat Teams (Personnel: 2, Equipment: 1) | 5 | Activated | Statewide |
| TPWD | Capt. Game Warden | 2 | Activated | Houston/Galveston |
| TPWD | Capt. State Parks Police Officers | 2 | Activated | Houston/Galveston |
| TPWD | Lt. Game Warden | 1 | Activated | Houston/Galveston |

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| TPWD | Local Game Wardens (each with a 4x4 Truck) | 16 | Activated | Houston/Galveston |
| TPWD | State Parks Police Officers | 10 | Activated | Houston/Galveston |
| TPWD | Airboats | 10 | Activated | Houston/Galveston |
| TPWD | Flat-Bottom Boats | 9 | Activated | Houston/Galveston |
| TPWD | Fuel Trailer | 2 | Activated | Houston/Galveston |
| TPWD | Incident Command Trailer | 1 | Activated | Houston/Galveston |
| TPWD | TPWD AirBus AS350 Hoist Equipped Helo (Personnel: 3, Equipment: 1) | 1 | Activated | Austin |
| DPS (THP) | SOC Liaison | 2 | Assigned | SOC/Austin |
| DPS (THP/TMU) | Helicopter Rescue Swimmers | 6 | Available | DPS Aircraft |
| DPS (THP/TMU) | Rescue Flood Boat Team (4 Boats per Team) | 3 | Available | Various Locations |
| DPS (THP/TMU) | Fuel Trailer | 1 | Available | Standby |
| DSHS | Task Force Leaders | 4 | Available | Statewide |
| DSHS | Medical Intake Support Teams (MIST) | 4 | Available | Statewide |
| DSHS | AMBUSs | 4 | Available | Statewide |
| DSHS | Ambulance Strike Teams | 4 | Available | Statewide |
| TxDOT | SOC Liaison | 1 | Assigned | SOC/Austin |

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This map depicts a snapshot in time. Resource locations are fluid based on response needs. Use normal resource request process for SAR assistance.



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Date: 9/17/19

Time: 1500

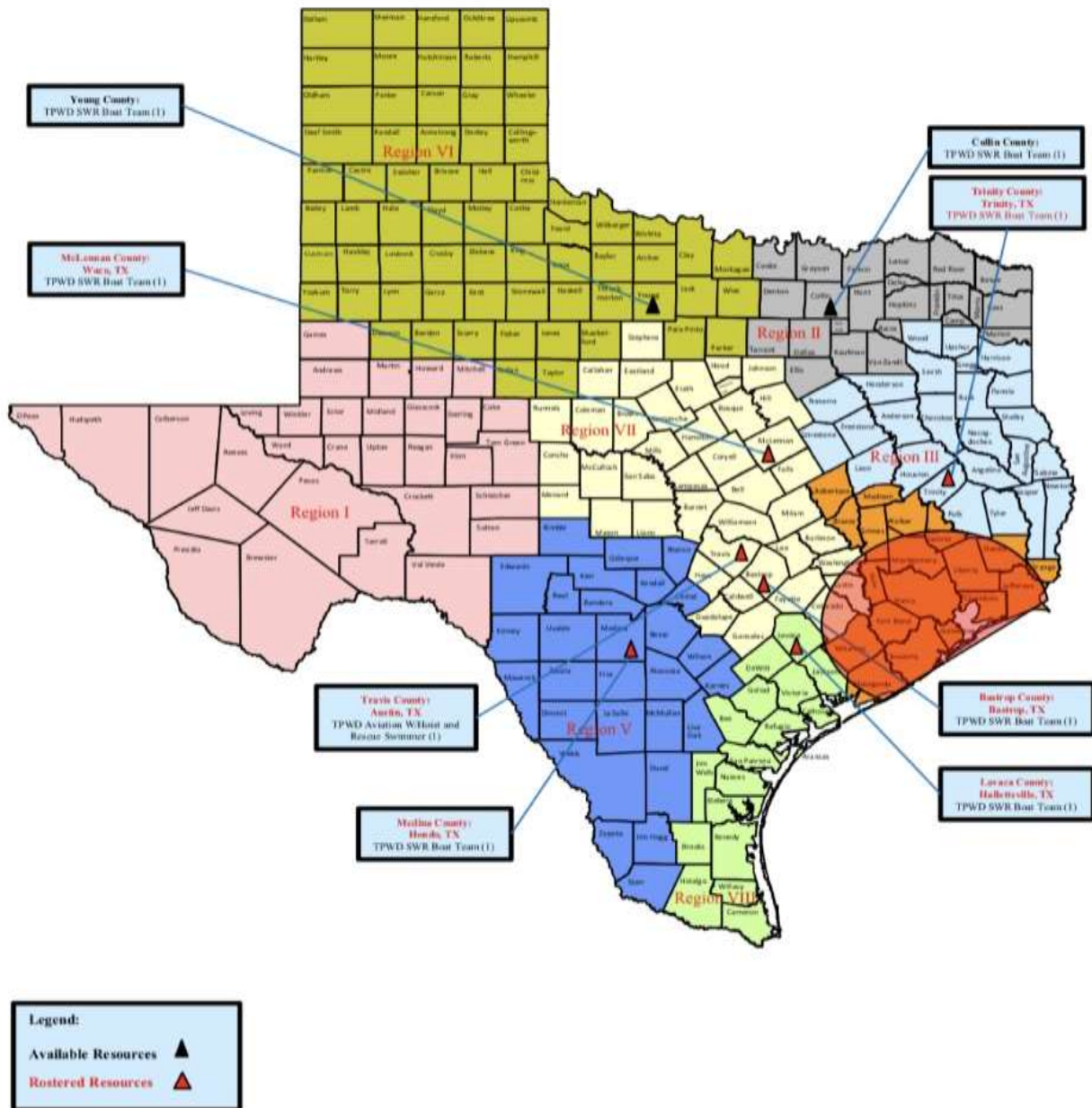


Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Law Enforcement Division



Search and Rescue Command
Major of Special Operations - Brent Satsky
Search and Rescue Captain - Andrew Alexander

State-Wide Personnel:
(57) Game Warden Search and Rescue Operators
(13) Game Warden Rescue Swimmers



FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level III (Increased Readiness). 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/>

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