



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

Event Name	19-0029 September Severe Weather Incident
Date	October 4, 2019
Time	0900
Operational Period	8:00 AM October 3, 2019 – 8:00 AM October 4, 2019
Report Number	18

Regions Affected	
TDEM Regions Affected	2
DDCs Active	16A

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Governor Abbott requested a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance in counties that sustained widespread damage due to severe flooding as a result of Tropical Storm Imelda on 10/01/19. The Texas Division of Emergency Management's Recovery Section continues to coordinate and conduct joint preliminary damage assessments (PDAs) with the local jurisdictions, FEMA and the Small Business Administration (SBA). PDAs for public assistance are also being coordinated as damage assessments for individual assistance (IA) are completed. As the residents and local jurisdictions continue to assess their damages, Texas Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOADs) are busy assisting affected residents of the communities with food, water, cleaning supplies and any other unmet needs. The State of Texas State Operations Center (SOC) along with the Texas Emergency Management Council remain at Level III (Increased Readiness) as of 1900 9/23/19 providing the needed assistance to the local jurisdictions. Governor Abbott declared a State of Disaster for Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, Hardin, Harris, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Orange and San Jacinto counties on 9/19/19.

Current Weather Situation: No severe weather hazards forecast for the affected areas.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Conduct and complete preliminary damage assessments.
2. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
3. Accurately, track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

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

DDC 14 – Lufkin (Includes Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, and Tyler Counties) TDEM and FEMA Recovery Individual Assistance (IA) Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA) were completed for Jasper and Newton Counties on 9/26/19. TDEM/FEMA Recovery joint IA PDA was completed on 9/27/19 in San Jacinto County. Newton County PA PDA was completed on 10/03/19.

DDC 15 – Beaumont (Includes Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange Counties) –Jefferson County EOC remains at Level III. TDEM and FEMA Recovery IA PDA completed on 9/26/19 for Hardin County. Jefferson County TDEM Recovery IA PDA is complete. Orange County TDEM/FEMA Recovery joint IA PDAs were completed on 9/27/19. Jefferson County Declaration of Disaster was extended on 10/01/19. TDEM has provided 3 Grant Coordinators supporting DDC 15 in Jefferson County. Jefferson County PA PDA is ongoing.

DDC 16A – Houston (Includes Chambers, and Harris Counties) –The Chambers County Health Department and the Chambers County Mosquito Control Office are supporting mosquito abatement measures at the local level. Current measures conducted include aerial and ground spraying. The Chambers County EOC reduced manning and moved from the County Courthouse to the County OEM/Health Services Building in Anahuac. The EOC remains at Level III and will maintain the hours of 0800 to 1700. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has provided two personnel providing disaster recovery support in Chambers County. Harris County and Chambers County PA PDAs were completed on 10/02/19

DDC 16B – Texas City (Includes Brazoria and Galveston Counties) – TDEM and FEMA Recovery joint IA PDAs were completed on 9/27/19.

DDC 16C – Conroe (Includes Liberty, Montgomery, and Walker Counties) – Montgomery County's IA PDA was completed on 10/01/19.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

TFS - Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS): 8 TIFMAS personnel continue supporting local Fire Departments (Jefferson County)

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (Agrilife): Agrilife has activated two Extension agents providing disaster recovery support in Chambers County

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): Currently four TDMS have been authorized. Staff continues to assess any issues with drinking water and wastewater treatment plants. Parkview Water Supply in Orange County restored power to both their drinking water and wastewater treatment plants. Their drinking water system remains on a boil water notice. Maywood Acres and Dow Freeport remains on a boil water notice. TCEQ HAZMAT contractors continued the clean-up process for an oil spill that originated from a facility of Orange County. All orphaned containers in Jefferson and Chambers Counties were recovered, with the exception of three in Jefferson County. A total of 33 orphaned containers were identified; 30 were recovered, removed by owners, and/or referred to local jurisdictions. The TCEQ regional office continues to track the remediation of fourteen spills in the area.

Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM): The TDEM State Operations Center continues to conduct recovery conference calls and support recovery operations.

TDEM Recovery Unit: The TDEM Recovery Unit is reviewing the DSOs and preparing TDEM staff, coordinating and conducting PDAs in the affected areas. Individual Assistance (IA) / Small

Business Administration (SBA) PDAs began on 9/22/19. PDA teams started operations on Monday, 9/23/19 for Jefferson and Orange Counties. Montgomery and Chambers Counties PDAs began Tuesday, 9/24/19. Harris County and Liberty County PDAs began on Thursday, 9/26/19. PDA teams are working to explain the Response-to-Recovery transition to include PDAs after damages are identified, estimated, validated, and submitted via DSO. IA PDA Teams continue operations in Harris County.

IA Preliminary Damage Assessments					
County	Destroyed	Major	Minor	Affected	Total
Brazoria	0	0	0	0	0
Chambers	1	254	77	1	333
Galveston	0	0	0	1	1
Hardin	0	1	1	12	14
Harris*	0	22	28	0	50
Jasper	0	2	7	0	9
Jefferson	11	532	242	4	789
Liberty*	0	31	42	0	73
Matagorda	0	1	10	5	16
Montgomery*	0	53	8	2	63
Newton	0	1	5	0	6
Orange	19	220	185	1	425
San Jacinto*	1	8	7	2	18
County Total	32	1125	612	28	1797

Note: Numbers reflect Uninsured only

*County IA-PDAs are still ongoing.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): Current activities for DSHS include vaccine deliveries and providing technical assistance and support as needed to jurisdictions requesting mosquito control assistance. TDAP vaccines were delivered to Montgomery County on 10/1/19. DSHS PHR 6/5S staff is scheduled to go out in Liberty County on the afternoon of 10/01/19 to collect the mosquito count data and is working with Hardin County with mosquito abatement guidance, technical guidance and documentation. DSHS PHR 4/5 is reaching out to Chambers, Jasper and Newton Counties to review requirements of the reactivated STARs for Aerial Vector Spraying in those counties. Contacted all jurisdictions to determine if all data required in the technical Guidance Document had been submitted for DSHS to make a final decision on Mosquito Abatement STARs. As of today, no jurisdictions have replied to the request and/or confirmed the data had been submitted.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): TxDOT is supporting impacted jurisdictions with requested emergency repair road materials and debris removal.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC): Two (2) staff members are currently providing assistance with Individual Assistance/Small Business Administration Preliminary Damage Assessments in Harris County. HHSC is working to have remaining trailers picked up from POD sites. HHSC staff continues to support preliminary damage assessments.

Texas Information and Referral Network (2-1-1 TIRN): The 2-1-1 TIRN team is actively monitoring telephony statistics to ensure adequate Network call taking capacity and is communicating with the Network providers and call specialists. All 2-1-1 Area Information Centers are fully operational. 2-1-1 TIRN will be used as a single point of contact for disaster

related information for Tropical Storm Imelda. Call volume has returned to near normal conditions. Disaster-related needs are no longer in the top 10 needs for callers.

Top Five Disaster – Related Needs				
Case Management	Clean-Up Crews	Crisis Counseling	Disaster Food Stamps	Food Pantries
50	47	39	37	37
Top Five Disaster Related Referrals				
Recovery Centers	Recovery Assistance	Crisis Clean-Up	SNAP	Flood Reporting
70	62	46	33	26

Volunteer Agencies Active in Disaster (VOAD):

Texas Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (TXVOAD): TXVOAD is the Texas affiliate of National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD). TXVOAD consists of organizations that have a role in one or more phases of disaster throughout the State, each of whom agrees to adhere to the 4C’s of NVOAD – cooperation, communication, coordination, and collaboration. These principles serve as the foundation for TXVOAD as it works collaboratively with local, regional and national nonprofits, faith-based organizations, and governmental partners to coordinate disaster relief, response, and recovery.

TXVOAD currently has over 40 entities providing assistance with feeding, sheltering, muck/gut of homes, debris removal, shower units, emotional and spiritual support, animal assistance, and other support/recovery services in the affected areas.

American Red Cross (ARC): ARC continues to operate kitchens in partnership with the Texas Baptist Men's in Nederland (Jefferson County) until 10/02/19. This site is delivering meals to shelters in Orange, Hardin and Jefferson Counties. Meals and Snacks to Date: 61,185. The mobile teams are providing and distributing clean up kits and water; items distributed to date: 33,305. There are seven teams in the field today performing hotshots; the ARC is nearing the end of their DA mission.

ARC continues working with local recovery centers. Caseworkers have opened 643 cases serving 1,732 people. Disaster Health, Mental Health and Spiritual Care teams have served over 4,792 people with their services. The ARC Local Recovery Centers (LRC) in Chambers County, Harris County, Liberty County, Montgomery County & Orange County will be open on Wednesday, 10/2/19.

Feeding Texas:

Houston Food Bank has distributed 678 prepared meals in support of shelters in Chambers County

Food Bank Distribution				
Resource Type / Kind	Current Location	Food, Water and Snacks Distributed (Pounds)	Volunteers	
			Personnel	Hours
Houston Food Bank / Warehouse & Distribution	Houston / Harris	367,634	1,717	6,617
Southeast Texas Food	Beaumont /	104,532	140	1,495

Food Bank Distribution				
Resource Type / Kind	Current Location	Food, Water and Snacks Distributed (Pounds)	Volunteers	
			Personnel	Hours
Bank / Warehouse & Distribution	Jefferson			
Montgomery County Food Bank / Warehouse & Distribution	Conroe Montgomery	156,027	231	655
Galveston County Food Bank / Warehouse & Distribution	Texas City / Galveston	39,865		
	TOTAL	668,058	2,088	8,767

Southern Baptists of Texas Convention (SBTC): SBTC Disaster Relief has mud-out operations based at the First Baptist Church in Vidor and the second one based at Calvary Baptist Church in Beaumont. Louisiana Disaster Relief has a mud-out operation based at First Baptist Church in Hamshire. All sites have shower units, laundry units, and feeding teams supporting disaster relief volunteers. SBTC currently has two shower units deployed in response to STAR requests at First Baptist Church in Hamshire and at St Mark's in Beaumont to support Team Rubicon. There are currently 25 units active which are staffed by 70 volunteers who have provided 7,940 volunteer hours to date.

The Salvation Army (TSA): Salvation Army is continuing to coordinate with all community, state, and local partners as we support local recovery and clean-up efforts. We are participating in the State Recovery calls as well as the Texas VOAD Recovery Coordination calls.

In Liberty County, TSA service unit, in coordination with local partners, has provided clean-up kits, food boxes and other relief supplies for those in affected communities. Starting Thursday 9/26/19 they are partnered with St Vincent DePaul (SVDP) and are supporting their Disaster Assistance Centers at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in the City of Raywood with Clean-up kits, food boxes. The Salvation Army of Granbury Rapid Response Unit (RRU) will provide Snacks, Drinks, and Emotional & Spiritual Care. Service delivery regarding snacks, drinks, Emotional/Spiritual care as well as the distribution of clean-up kits and food boxes continues at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church's Disaster Assistance Center in Raywood, TX.

In Chambers County, as of 1200 hours on 9/26/19, Salvation Army and SVDP have activated the community service center with snacks, emotional/spiritual care, food boxes and clean-up kits within Winnie, TX. Snacks and drinks are being provided by the Salvation Army Canteen of Bryan/College Station. The assistance center is planned to be operational for 10 days at minimum. Salvation Army continues to provide food boxes and clean-up kits at the SVDP P-RAC.

In Harris County, TSA with the NW Corps feeding unit provided meals, hydration and clean up kits to the areas of Kingwood and along Westheimer and Hampstead. Salvation Army of Houston continues to reach out to affected communities and provide clean-ups kits and water as needed. A distribution of gift cards began 9/26/19 through the Salvation Army of Houston to help leverage client's resources to cover immediate needs. Salvation Army of Houston continues to reach out to affected communities and provide clean-up kits and water as needed.

In Orange County, TSA is supporting POD locations in Mauriceville and Vidor with blankets. They also provided 1,000 clean up kits and a pallet of paper towels to the Orange Disaster Assistance Group who is supporting the local community with clean up via local churches and other civic organizations. Salvation Army RRU continues to roam the affected communities providing food, hydration and emotional and spiritual care. Focused efforts have been particularly concentrated in the Mauriceville/Vidor areas of service. Salvation Army continues to assess community needs and provide service, including the transportation of cleaning supply pallets, in tandem with local EM and VOAD partners.

In Jefferson County, Salvation Army of Beaumont continues to support the local surrounding communities with relief supplies out of our Beaumont Disaster warehouse as needed (including supporting the distribution efforts of Grace Community Baptist Church.) A canteen has been roving the various communities providing meals, hydration and supplies. Meals, clean-up kits, and water continue to be distributed into communities via various platforms of distribution (primarily focused through the Jack Brooks Airport).

In Montgomery County, Salvation Army of Conroe continues to monitor and assess local needs, as well as providing clean-up kits and water as needed, with one particular area of focus being the Patton Village and Kingwood areas. A distribution of gift cards began 9/26/19 through the Salvation Army of Houston to help leverage client's resources to cover immediate needs.

Service Delivery as of 9/29/19: 2,835 meals; 10,571 snacks and drinks; 4,885 clean-up kits, 730 food boxes, 752 cases of water, 380 infant supplies, 600 hygiene kits and 1 shower unit.

Shelters Activated: Open Status

County	# Shelters	Pop
Hardin	1	10
Orange	1	7
Total Population		17

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED				
Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Qty	Status	Resource Location
TAMUS Agrilife	Extension Agents	2	Activated	Chambers County
TAMUS TFS	Engine (TIFMAS) (Personnel:8, Equipment: 2)	2	Assigned	Jefferson County
TAMUS TFS	SOC Liaisons	1	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TDEM	DSRTF Section Chief	1	Activated	Jefferson County
TDEM	DSRTF personnel supporting	2	Activated	Orange County Jefferson County
TDEM	District Coordinators	6	Activated	Various
TDEM	Grant Coordinator	3	Activated	Jefferson County
TDEM	Grant Coordinator	1	Activated	Harris County
TDEM	Grant Coordinator	1	Activated	Montgomery County
TDEM	Grant Coordinator	1	Activated	Chambers County
HHSC	PDA Support	3	Activated	Harris, Chambers, Liberty and San Jacinto Counties

FINAL COMMENTS: State of Texas State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Readiness Level III (Increased Readiness) as of 1900 9/23/19 in support of the incident. 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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