

Texas Division of Emergency Management



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TDEM's Mission Statement:

- Protect lives and property through communication, coordination, and collaboration ensuring Texans are effectively prepared to respond to, mitigate against, and recover from all disasters.

Vision Statement

- TDEM sets the global standard for excellence in emergency management, leading with innovation, compassion, and integrity.

Motto

- "Answering The Call"

Core Values

- Teamwork
- **EX**cellence
- Adaptability
- Service



Major Disaster Declarations Since 1953*

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| <u>TEXAS</u> | <u>107</u> |
| EMER | 18 |
| FMAG* | 259 |
| TOTAL | 384 |
- The Lone Star State has recorded 107 **Major Disasters** in 72 years.

**This total includes FMAGs and Fire Suppression Authorizations (predecessor to FMAGs)*



Texas Emergency Management by the Numbers

Texas is one of the leading states in the nation in natural disasters

- Over 100 major events since 1953
- TDEM has served the people of Texas for 74 years

Types of disasters can include (but are not limited to):

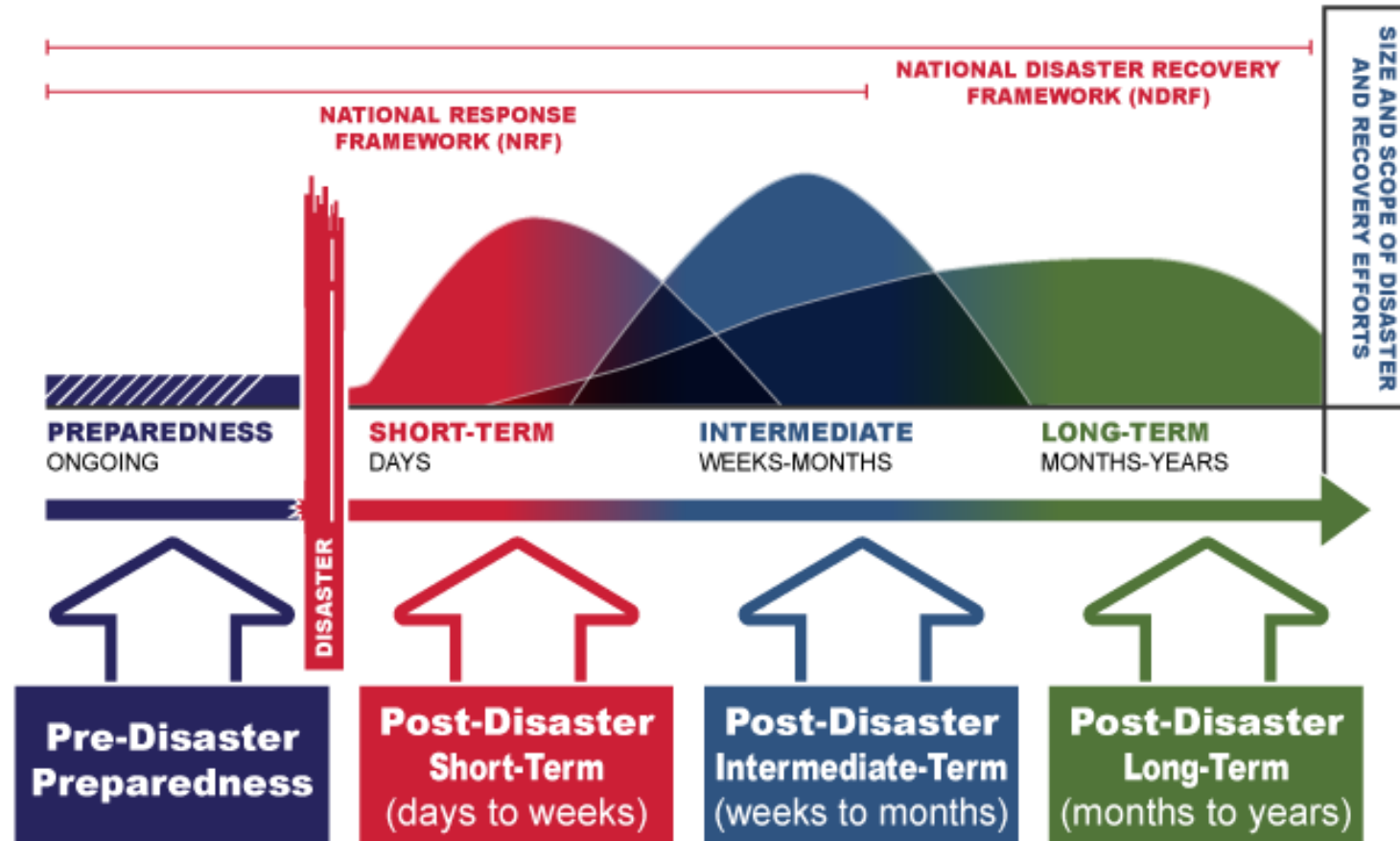
- Hurricanes
- Floods
- Wildfires
- Tornadoes
- Chemical Hazards
- Earthquakes
- Human-caused Incidents



Disaster/Event Cycle



Recovery Continuum



Each disaster begins and ends at the **local** level.

- Local governments (counties, cities, or towns) respond to *emergencies* daily using their own resources.
- Local governments rely on mutual aid and assistance agreements with neighboring jurisdictions.
- When an incident response exceeds local resource capabilities the state can be requested to assist.



According to state law, a **DISASTER is the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from:**

- Fire
- Flood
- Earthquake
- Wind
- Storm
- Wave action
- Oil spill or other water contamination
- Volcanic activity
- Epidemic
- Air contamination
- Blight
- Drought
- Infestation
- Explosion
- Riot
- Hostile military or paramilitary action
- Extreme heat
- Energy emergency

Tex. Gov't Code 418.044



Eye of the Storm Report

- Post Hurricane Harvey, Governor Abbott formed the Commission to Rebuild Texas headed by Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp.
- The Texas A&M University System Chancellor following his appointment by Governor Greg Abbott led to the creation of ***The Eye of The Storm*** report.
- The report contained 44 recommendations.
- Including transferring TDEM from the Texas Department of Public Safety and into the Texas A&M University System.

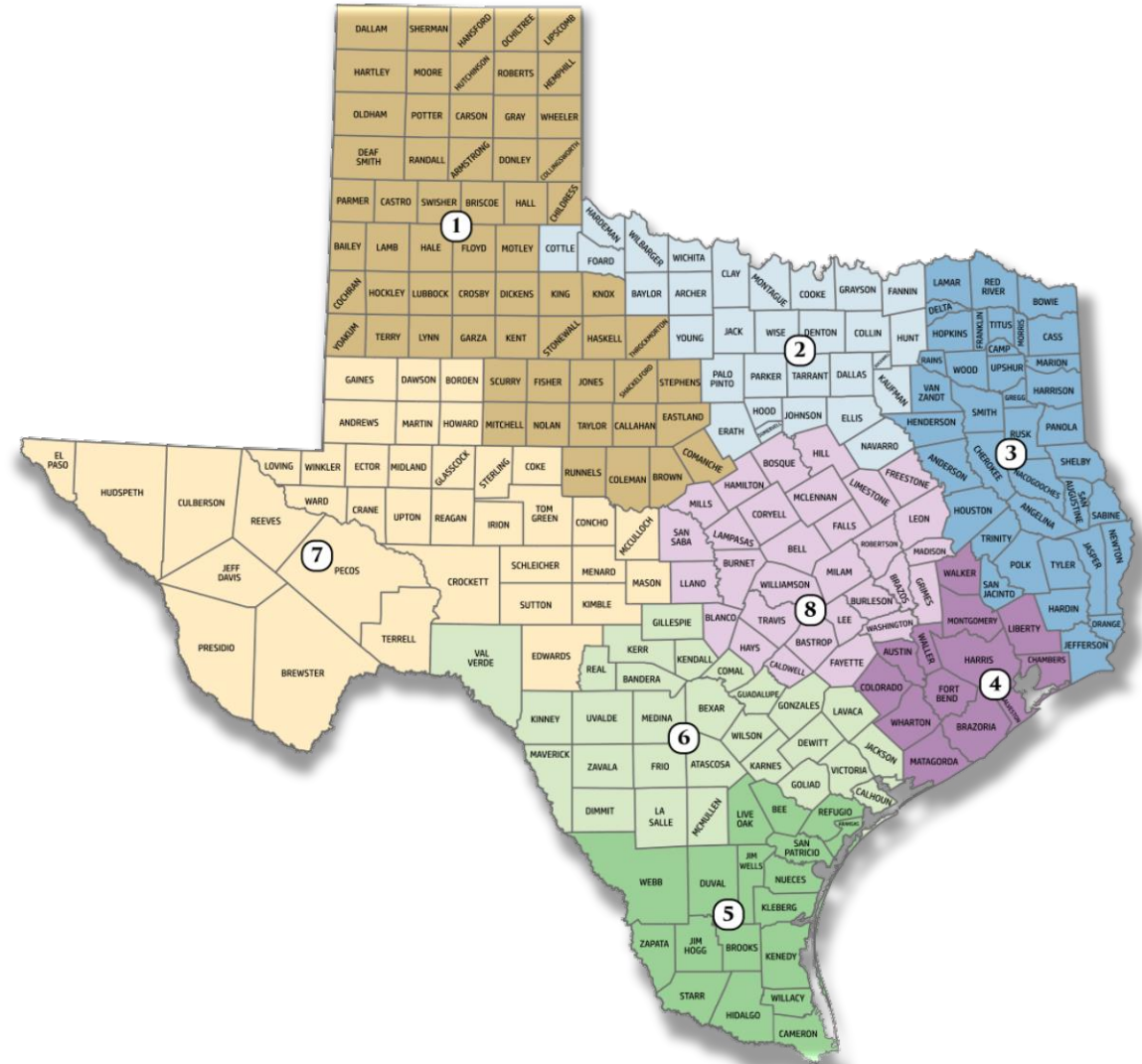


State Response to Disasters



TDEM Regions

- Texas is divided into 8 geographical regions.
- Transitioned from 6 geographical regions to better serve the State of Texas.
- Each region has a designated TDEM Assistant Chief.



State Disaster Districts

- Texas has 24 Disaster Districts – Texas Capitol is recognized at the 25th Disaster District.
- Boundaries based on Councils of Government.
- Each Disaster District has a TDEM District Chief.



County Liaison Officers



- Hired initial 100 field response employees.
- Providing more comprehensive state support for additional Texas communities.
- Improving emergency management capabilities statewide.
- Will more than triple the size of TDEM's field support network.



Emergency Management Council

Purpose

- Provide advice on and assistance with response operations.
- Convene at the SOC (DDC for District/Regional Members) to carry out state response activities for major emergencies and disasters.
- Mandated by executive order to advise and assist the governor in all matters relating to disaster.

Team Members

- Agencies that have legal responsibility, expertise or resources needed for a specific emergency response function.
- Members **MUST HAVE** decision making authority and knowledge of agency's capabilities.



Texas Emergency Management Council



Disaster District Committee (DDC)

- May be partially or fully activated during emergencies.
- Identifies, mobilizes, and coordinates the use of state resources within the District to respond to emergencies.
- If state resources within the District are insufficient or inappropriate to meet a need, the request for assistance is forwarded to the State Operations Center (SOC) for action.
- The DDC Chair provides guidance and control for deployed state response resources.



Texas State Operations Center (SOC)

The SOC uses an extensive suite of communications to receive and disseminate alerts of threats state-wide.

- Monitors 3,000 to 4,000 incidents per year.
- The Emergency Management Council (EMC) convenes at the SOC to organize state response activities.
- The SOC is a coordination and communications hub to respond to a natural or man-made emergency or disaster.



Emergency Support Functions (ESF's)

- ESF 1 – Transportation
- ESF 2 – Communications
- ESF 3 – Public Works
- ESF 4 – Firefighting
- ESF 5 – Emergency Management
- ESF 6 – Mass Care
- ESF 7 – Logistics
- ESF 8 – Public Health & Medical Services
- ESF 9 – Search and Rescue
- ESF 10 – Oil and HAZMAT Response
- ESF 11 – Agriculture Natural Resources
- ESF 12 – Energy
- ESF 13 – Public Safety
- ESF 14 – Private Sector Coordination
- ESF 15 – Public Information
- ESF 16 – Recovery
- ESF 17 – Texas Military Dept. Civil Support
- ESF 18 – Higher Education Support
- ESF 19 – Operations Technology
- ESF 20 – Cybersecurity



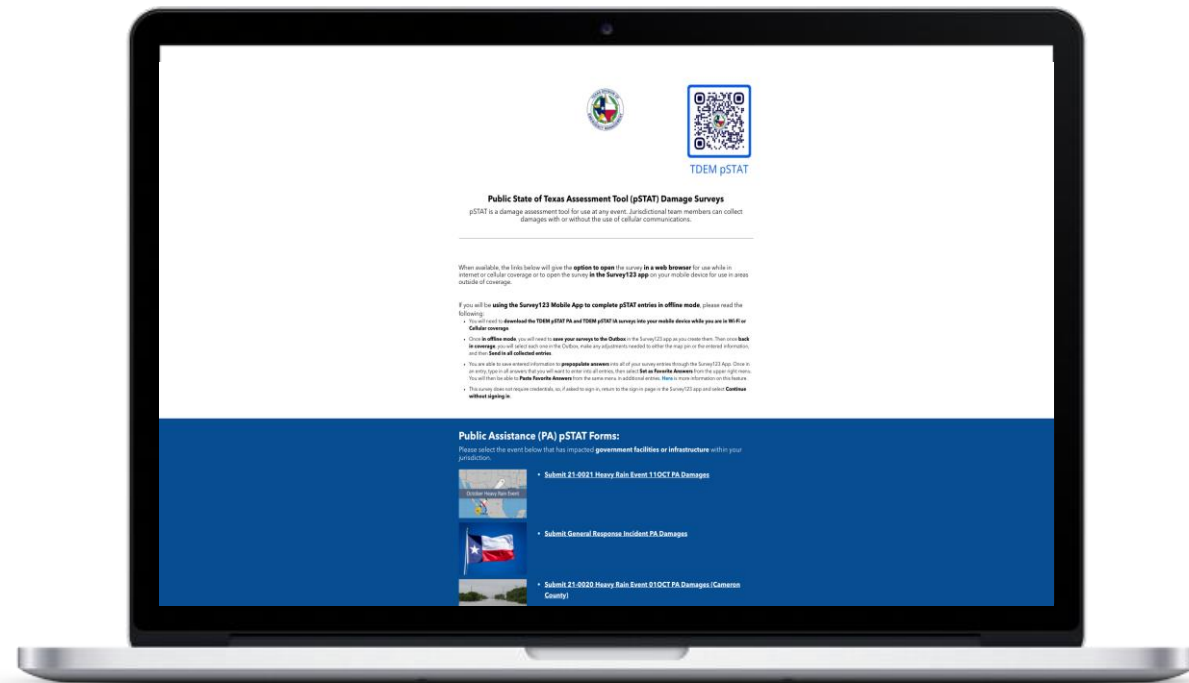
Individual State of Texas Assessment Tool (iSTAT)

damage.tdem.texas.gov



Public State of Texas Assessment Tool (pSTAT)

pstat.tdem.texas.gov





Texas Emergency Management Assistance Team



Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS)



Texas Task Force 1 (TTF-1)



Texas All-Hazards Incident Management Team (IMT)



Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF)



Public Works Response Team (PWRT)



Incident Support Task Force (ISTF)

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Milestones



2011

Statewide Fires
Bastrop Complex Fires
Regional Response



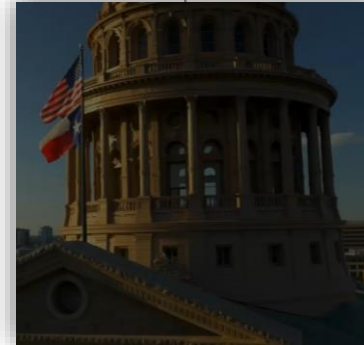
2014

Texas Emergency
Management
Assistance Teams
TEMAT



2018

Texas Legislature
Eye of Storm Report



2019

Disaster Recovery
Task Force
HB-6



2023

Incident Support
Task Force

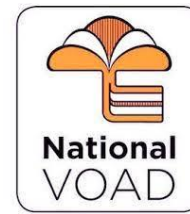
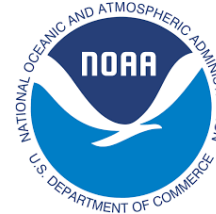


2024

First Out of State
EMAC
Deployment



Federal Recovery Support Function Leadership Group



The Disaster



Operations



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Damage Assessments



Debris



Call Center



Donations



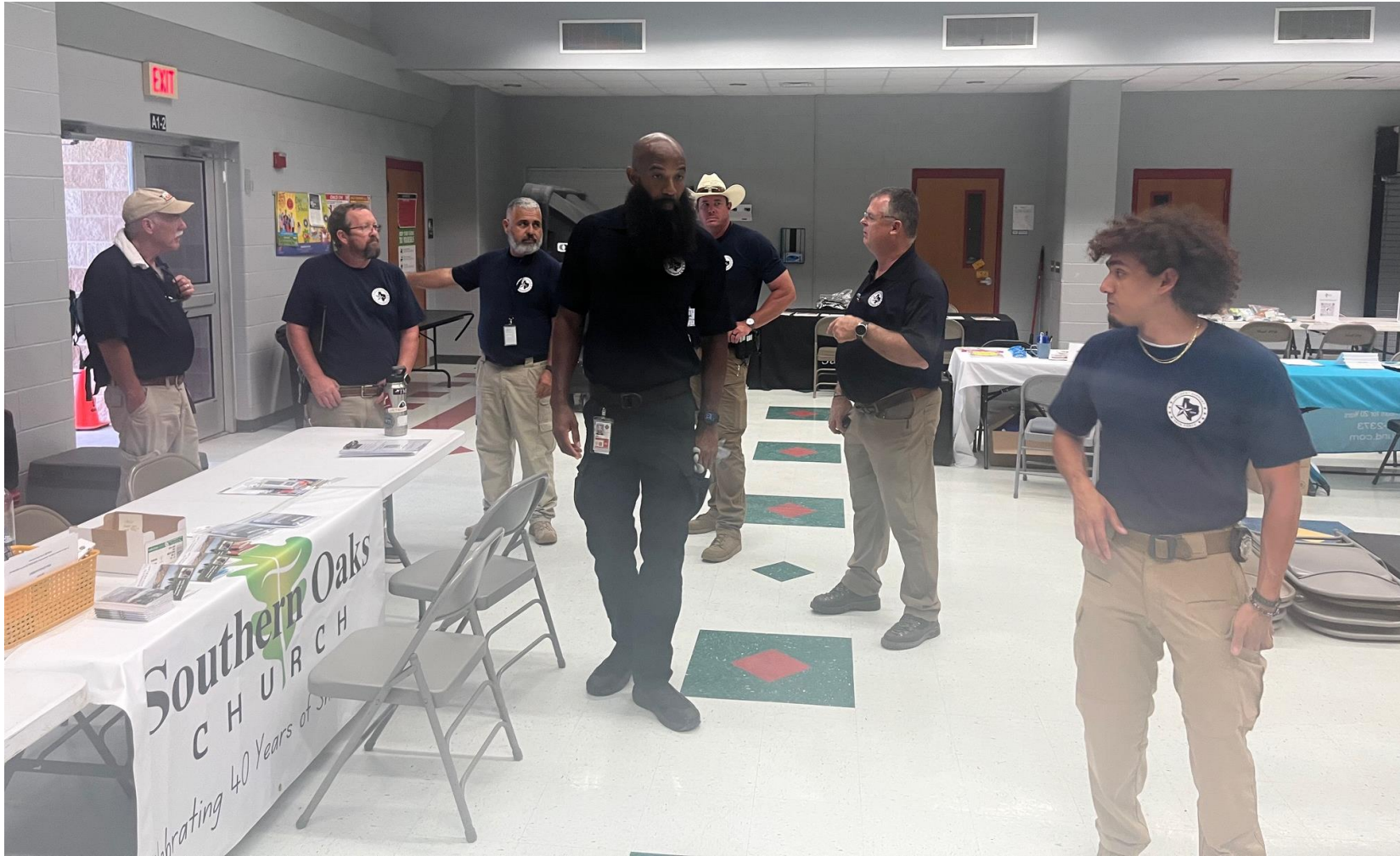
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