Texas Department of Public Safety
Texas Division of Emergency Management
State Situation Report

Event Name	Fertilizer Plant Explosion SITREP #12
Date	04/30/2013
Time	04/27/2013, 1900 Hours - 04/29/13, 1900 Hours
Operational Period	0700-1900
Report Number	#12

Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	Region 6
DDC's Active	Waco 11/23

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

Federal, state and local government and volunteer organizations continue to provide counseling, chaplaincy, cleaning, feeding, medical care and other assistance to the citizens of West. Complete re-entry and repatriation, and a transition from response to long-term care and recovery continue to be the main operational objectives. As resources are no longer needed, they are being demobilized.

Governor Perry issued a proclamation, declaring a state of disaster in McLennan County. On Monday April 22nd, 2013, a request for a Presidential Disaster Declaration was submitted by the Governor's Office.

The Joint Assistance Center (JAC) is providing direct services to clients including monetary assistance, and can be contacted at ***512-424-2588*** or ***512-284-2205***.

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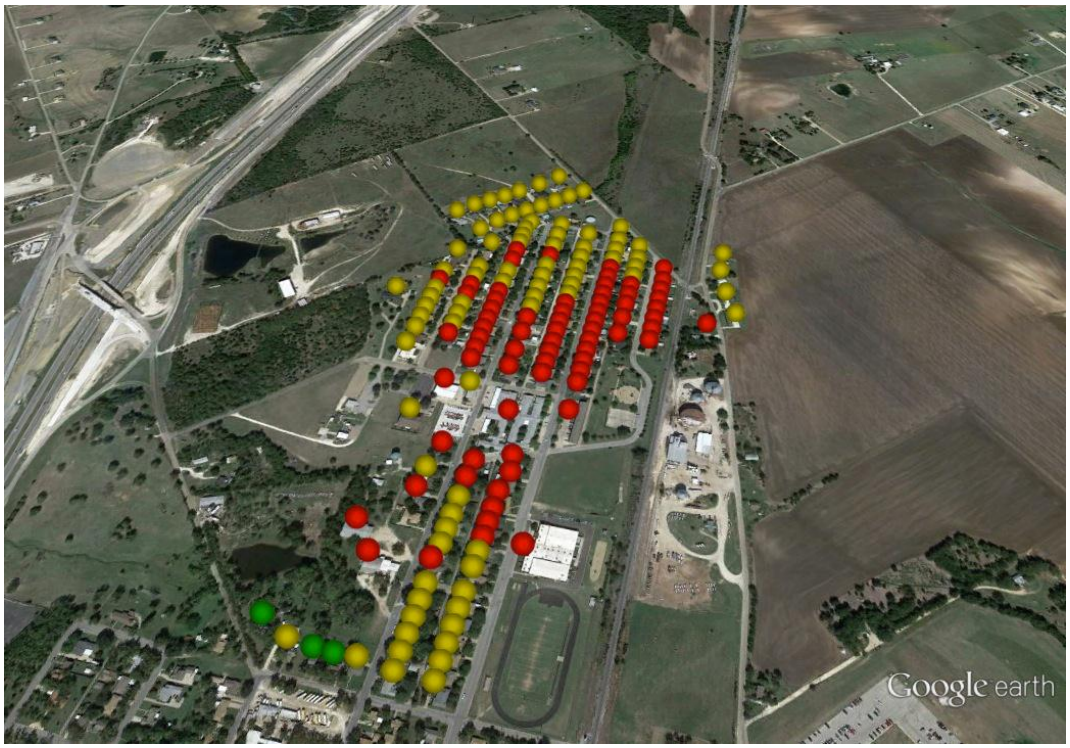
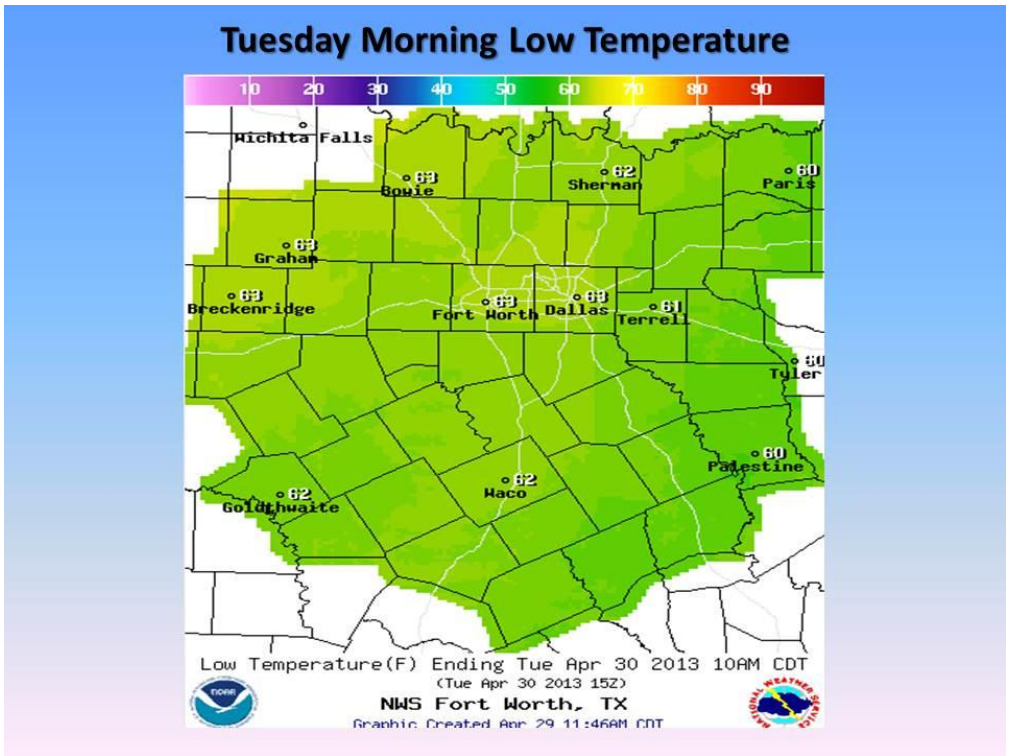
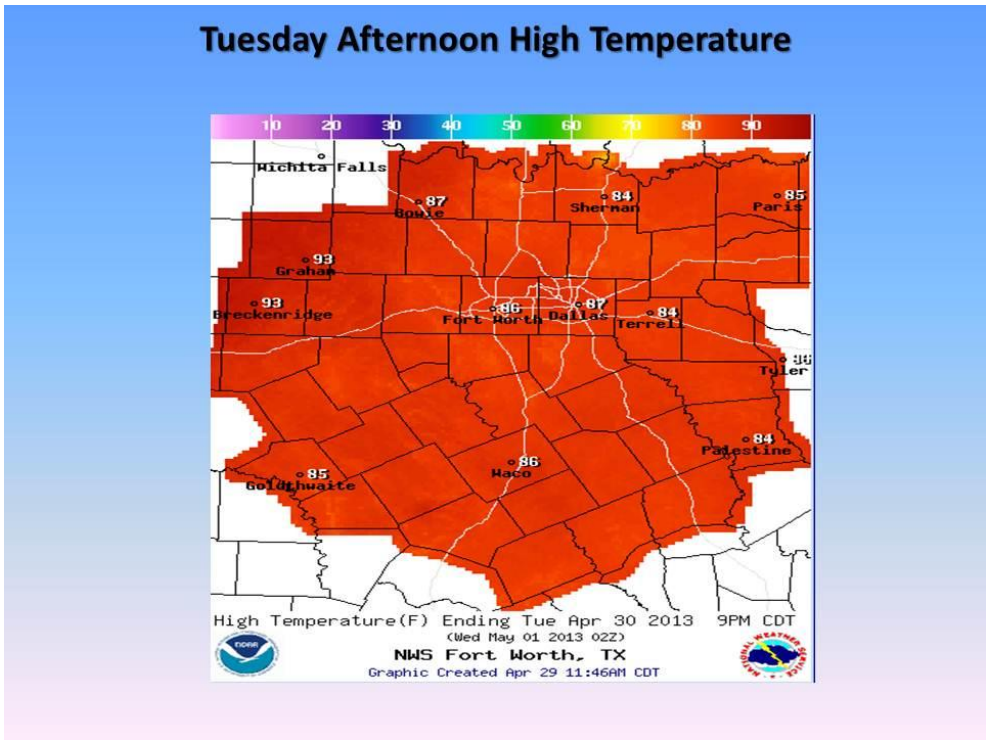


The map above is showing where the inspectors have identified by color tag the destroyed (red), major (yellow) and damaged (green) homes in zone c. There is a single red tag on the nursing home and apartments.

WEATHER: Warm/muggy conditions will prevail through Wednesday. By Wednesday night, a strong cold front will sweep through West with a good chance of thunderstorms. Expect much cooler temps behind the front Thursday and Friday.





OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Support re-entry and repatriation
2. Transition from response to long-term care and recovery.
3. Maintain communication with local officials.
4. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve timely decision-making.
5. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

REGION 6 (DDCs 11, 23)

McLennan County: Request for Emergency Declaration and Disaster Summary Outline submitted.

A Public Works Response Team has been deployed to provide technical assistance to the city for the damage sustained to the public water system and waste water system. The team completed their mission and were demobilized today (04/29/2013).

Donations Management is being transferred to local officials and long-term recovery plans are being discussed. Feeding centers have been established at St. Joseph's Hall and at the West Community Center. Two shelters are currently active in Waco with a census of 44.

Disaster District Committee (DDC) Waco: The DDC is fully activated and continues to identify unmet needs and provide coordination of state resources assigned to the DDC. The DDC is in the process of identifying unneeded state resources and demobilizing them. The DDC and Incident Command Post have relocated to West High School on Jerry Mashek Drive. This includes DPS Communications, Texas A&M

Forest Service and AT&T. Texas Task Force 1 (TTF1) was demobilized at 0700 on 04/29/13.

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Highway Patrol (THP): (No change.) Texas DPS continues provide coordination and control at the DDC level in West, Texas. Troopers, Agents, continue to provide traffic control and security in the impacted area. DPS Communications has a Command Trailer, Support Trailer along with personnel supporting the Waco DDC.

Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS) Communications: Continues to provide 9-1-1 dispatch services for West.

Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS) Office of Media and Communications: (No change.) DPS Media Sergeant and Safety Education Service Troopers continue to provide coordination with the Media and Communications Office at DPS HQ to assist in providing updated information to the media and situational awareness to the public.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): TxDOT continues to provide fuel to qualified emergency response vehicles and also is providing traffic control as requested by the DDC.

Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM): The following TDEM employees are deployed in West in response to this incident. District Coordinator – Del Rio and District Coordinator – Victoria were demobilized on Saturday, and District Coordinator – Waco demobilized today at 12:00 noon; District Coordinator – San Angelo is supporting the DDC in West; and State Coordinator Region 6 also is in West. A total of four Recovery staff persons are in West assisting with recovery activities. This includes the State Coordinator – Recovery. The State's Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL) is deployed and working with the TX VOAD and the City of West in donations management, volunteer management, and long-term recovery. TDEM continues to maintain a contact list of DDC agency representatives assigned, coordinating/assisting VOAD and donation management, and assisting in the preparation of a debris management plan.

Recovery Staff Activities:
The state, coordinating with city and county leaders has proposed the following timeline for conducting public assistance site visits, conduct applicants' briefings and meet with city, county, state, federal and ISD to discuss other issues related to Recovery. Please see proposed timeline below:

- Monday, April 29th – Meet with city, county, state, federal and ISD to discuss insurance, debris, individual assistance and public assistance issues.
- Tuesday, April 30th – Conduct public assistance site visits to determine eligibility.
- Monday, May 6th – Conduct the applicant's briefings for those who will need/qualify for assistance.
- Public Assistance applicant briefings are scheduled to be held on 1 May 2013 with state agencies who provided resources in response to the plant explosion.

Housing Assessment for City of West/McLennan County: (No change).
The state estimates that the City of West has 700 housing units, not including the skilled nursing homes that were damaged in the blast. On Saturday April 20, a joint state/FEMA and Small Business Administration damage assessment was conducted with the following results (also see table below):

1. 350 homes impacted
2. 142 were destroyed
3. 51 received major damage
4. 27 received minor damage
5. 130 were otherwise affected
6. West Rest Haven Nursing Home had 128 residents who were evacuated to local and regional care facilities and will be unable to return to the facility, which was destroyed.

Damages/Current Assessment																
Jurisdiction	**Homes**				**Businesses**				**Government**				**Other**			
	D	Maj.	Min.	A	D	Maj.	Min	A	D	Maj.	Min.	A	D	Maj.	Min.	A
West	142	51	27	130												

- Identify Number of Each by Destroyed (D), Major (Maj.), Minor (Min), Affected (A)
- A total of 350 homes were impacted (296 were single family, 50 were multi-family and 4 were mobile homes)

The State Management Team – Logistics and the SOC continue to coordinate and track resources. The following reflects the current status of the resources acquired through STAR in support of the West incident.

*Resource Type	Quantity	Location
Portable restrooms	6	West ICP in rear parking lot of West High School, 1008 Jerry Mashek
Hand-washing stations	2	West ICP in rear parking lot of West High School, 1008 Jerry Mashek
Portable restrooms	5	Investigation area, 1471 Jerry Mashek
Hand-washing stations	2	Investigation area, 1471 Jerry Mashek
30-cubic yard dumpster	1	West ICP in rear parking lot of West High School, 1008 Jerry Mashek
Portable restrooms	10	Located in various areas of Zone C
Hand-washing stations	3	Located in various areas of Zone C

*All units are in service, with requests indicating one month duration for use, which is subject to change.

Mass Care Operations: Volunteer agencies are scaling back operations as the focus shifts from response to recovery and Individual Assistance. Working to establish a Long-Term Recovery Committee.

American Red Cross: Continuing to facilitate services at the JAC. Just approved to provide financial assistance to those that have major or destroyed homes. Assist includes first month's rent, security deposit, and other needs. Supporting logistics for housing and feeding for the honor guard and sending incoming responders to Latham Springs Cabins. The American Red Cross has four vehicles providing mobile feeding and has served 4,745 meals and 12,524 snacks. The ARC has distributed 354 clean-up kits; 367 comfort kits and 19,078 bulk items. ARC also has 244 client cases

opened, 1,074 health services contacts and 1,110 mental health contacts. ARC anticipates transitioning to the local Waco Chapter by the end of next week. Currently, a location in West is being scouted to function as office space for a local client casework office. Health Services/Mental Health will be there if needed. ARC continues to canteen for first responders funerals and providing nurses at the cemeteries and will respond to civilian funerals if requested.

The Salvation Army: The Salvation Army has prepared 6,282 hot and cold meals; served 6,767 drinks; and 3,705 snacks. Spiritual care has been provided to 281 individuals, and 45 items of clothing have been distributed. There are a total of 444 officers, employees and volunteers engaged for a total of 3,522 hours worked. Canteens remain deployed at the Joint Assistance Center, Community Center, Command Post and in the affected neighborhoods. Canteen operations are expected to continue at least through Sunday and then scale back to three possible locations – the command post, West Relief Supply Center, Zone 3 Re-entry and the memorial services. The warehouse operation is continuing with the help of numerous volunteers from the Waco area and is in the process of sorting and prioritizing donations. TSA is warehousing the entire overflow (20 truckloads – 95% clothing) from the City of West. TSA continues to provide meals in West through their partnership with Texas Baptist Men who have a field kitchen established at First Baptist Church in West.

Southern Baptists of Texas Convention (SBTC): SBTC Chaplains assisted the families of those who suffered injury and the families of those who lost their lives. SBTC chaplains are also assisting the families whose houses were damaged in the explosion. Shower/Laundry volunteers are also serving to meet the needs of families in West. Showers have been setup at the West Rodeo Camp Grounds and laundry has been setup at the Best Western Hotel in West. The laundry unit has washed and dried over 150 loads of laundry for families displaced by the explosions. Cleanup and recovery with operations/assessments are responding to assist families in cleaning their homes of ash and debris.

Texas Baptist Men (TBM): The Comanche shower and laundry unit is assisting the Fire Honor Guards and serving the community. A childcare team is onsite monitoring the playground. The Chaplains continue walking through the neighborhoods talking with residents. To date, the box unit has distributed approximately 11,648 boxes to residents for salvaging personal belongings as they were escorted quickly to their residences and 600 boxes to ARC/TSA/Others; provided child care for 142; prepared 10,127 meals; completed 6 roof jobs; completed 29 mud out jobs; provided 223 showers and 455 loads of laundry; 871 ministry contacts; distributed 9 bibles; and 15 gospel presentations. There were 70 volunteers on site. A field kitchen was established at First Baptist Church in West.

Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster (VOADs): The Donations program has been demobilized but the Volunteer Center is operational at the Community Center in West. It currently is being operated by the American Youth Works team but will transition to the City of West on Friday. The 10,000 and 30,000 sq. ft. warehouses in Hillsboro are full and the 100,000 sq. ft. warehouse in Waco, operated by The Salvation Army, is half full. The Joint Assistance Center (JAC) at the Knights of Columbus Hall is providing resources to survivors and will continue next week on a limited basis at the request of the City of West. Texas VOAD partners are providing gift cards, case management, food, clothing and emotional and spiritual care. Almost all homeowners listed on the American Red Cross damage assessment have visited the JAC and received financial assistance. Information Technology Disaster Resource Center

(ITDRC) deployed to West and is providing Information and Communications Technology (ICT) support for the Volunteer Center. Following is a list of the Texas VOAD Organizations currently involved in activities in West: American Red Cross, The Salvation Army, Adventist Community Services, Aidmatrix, Information Technology Disaster Resource Center (ITDRC), One Star Foundation, Tzu Chi Foundation, Catholic Charities, Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA, Southern Baptist of Texas Convention, Team Rubicon, Texas Food Bank, and Victim Relief Ministries. Other organizations assisting are Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN); American Youth Works, which processed 184 volunteers in the last 24 hours; and various feeding ministries including Mercy Chefs, and the Catholic Diocese of Austin.

Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC): STRAC transferred the Eprinter to the new wifi hotspot on Sunday during the evening hours and demobilized at the end of the shift. STRAC provided a 24/7 contact for STRAC IT on-call.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS): Continues to assist at the West Incident Command Post. The Incident Management Team continues to produce the Incident Actin Plan as well as supporting Planning and Logistical functions, and Re-entry.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): TCEQ continues to monitor air quality around the perimeter of the West Fertilizer Plant. TCEQ contractor CTEH conducted air monitoring. Contractor staff included OMI (4 staff), CTECH (3 staff), and SWS (4 staff) until 1900 on 4/29/13. Specific chemicals monitored by CTEH included volatile organic compounds (VOCs), ammonia, carbon monoxide, chlorine, nitrogen dioxide and lower explosive limit of methane. There continues to be no emissions above action levels. Debris Management Task Force meeting was held on 4/29/13. A household hazardous waste (HHW) event is being planned by the City of West and TCEQ. A preliminary debris management site was identified for the disposal of construction and demolition (C&D) debris. Two new air monitors were placed north and south of the site Friday. On Saturday, TCEQ staffed two additional AreaRAE air monitors north and south of the hot zone site during citizen re-entry into Zone 3 during the hours of 1600 to 1900. TCEQ conducted emergency protective measures through the evaluation, assessment and repair of the City of West public drinking water and wastewater infrastructure. These evaluations indicate some damage as a result of the incident. There were Damages at Wells 4 and 6, one manhole and lift station did indicate some damage as a result of the incident. Extensive damage was documented at both plants. These will be evaluated further for repair or replacement funding. The wastewater collection system evaluation did not reveal any extensive damage to the system in Zones 2 and 3. The public drinking water production and storage facilities in Zone 3 have been preliminary evaluated. TCEQ will continue to monitor integrity of the public drinking water service to all customers in Zones 1 and 2. Repair of the drinking water system was divided into north and south sections. South section between Spring and Meadow Streets was evaluated and then charged. The north section of the system is being evaluated. Storm water control measures have been implemented for the off-site discharge east of the facility. Water samples were collected by OMI at the creek impacted by the off-site discharge east of the facility. The samples are to be analyzed for herbicides, pesticides, and biological oxygen demand (BOD). Additional evaluation for potential funding will be conducted on Monday, April 29. The boil water notice (BWN) for the public drinking water (PDW) system will remain in effect until the entire distribution system is found to be of sound integrity and production capability is able to maintain adequate capacity and pressure without undue stress to components. SWS reported grain silo No.1 was still smoldering and a team was deployed to

evaluate the situation. A water truck is being staged at the site. Soil samples are expected to be available on Monday.

Texas Department of Insurance (TDI): The Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) is providing assistance through the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO), its Consumer Protection resources, and the Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) to assist those affected by the incident. As the lead fire investigation agency for Texas, SFMO staff is on-site and partnering with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to conduct a joint investigation of the incident. In addition, several fraud investigators have deployed to assist with the investigation. In addition, insurance specialists are available at the West Community Center, 200 Tokio Road in West. The center will be open Noon – 7:00 p.m. Sunday and 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

TDI's Consumer Help Line hours have been extended to 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday - Friday and 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The toll-free TDI Consumer Help Line is 1-800-252-3439, and assistance is available in both English and Spanish. A webpage has been established for individuals affected by the disaster on the TDI website at: http://www.tdi.texas.gov/. TDI is also coordinating with insurer representatives who are seeking access to the area. TDI encourages consumers and insurers to monitor the TDI webpage for further updates.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): There is a 24/7 crisis hotline set-up and individuals can call ***254-752-3451*** or ***866-752-3451*** to reach it.

Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) and Disaster Behavioral Health (DBH) Update:

- CISM resources demobilized Saturday afternoon while Heart of Texas Region MHMR continues to assess the needs of the community. DBHS is developing an outreach plan in order to follow up with first responders and individuals who were impacted by the event. This plan will include services that will occur over the coming weeks and months. In addition, DBHS continues to plan to request federal funding for supporting longer term crisis counseling services.

- A CASPER (Community Assessment of Public Health Emergency Response) team is being sent to the City of West on Tuesday, April 30th. Their mission is to perform interviews with individuals to better identify public health and medical issues. There will be 10 teams of 2 people each (20 people total).

- Inspector with the Asbestos Group, DHS is present at the request of TCEQ on matters related to building materials that may contain asbestos when debris removal begins.

Resource Kind/Type	***# Personnel***	***Status***	***Resource Location***	****Notification Time Required***
SMOC Members	8	Activated	SMOC	4/18/2013
Disaster Behavioral Health (DBH) Team	8	Assigned	DDC/Waco	4/18/2013
CASPER	20	Activated	West	4/26/2013
Asbestos SME	1	Activated	West	4/26/2013

Provided below is the latest report of Patient Care:

Name	# Seen	Treated & Released	Transferred Out	Admitted	Discharged	Remaining
Hillcrest	135	107	3	28	27	1
Providence	111	93	0	18	18	0
Hill Regional	42	39	3	0	0	0
Scott and White	3	0	0	3	2	1
McLane Children's -Temple	2	0	0	2	1	1
Methodist Dallas	1	0	0	1	1	0
Children's Dallas	1	0	0	1	1	0
JPS Ft. Worth	3	0	0	3	3	0
Parkland Burn Center (DFW)	2	0	0	2	1	1
Totals	**300**	**239**	**6**	**58**	**53**	**5**

Local Public and Mental Health: Developing re-entry Crisis Behavioral Health Plan with DSHS, MHMR, Waco Public Health, and volunteer agencies. Determining possible needs for families involved with re-entry.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): TxDOT continues to provide portable message signs and fuel to qualified emergency response vehicles.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD Law Enforcement Division continues to assist with entry control to the scene and with reentry. On 042713 night shift 7:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m., TPWD had twelve game wardens on patrol. Two captains and seven wardens manned checkpoints and patrolled restricted areas to ensure no unauthorized access occurred. Three wardens were on ATV patrol. On 042813 day shift 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., TPWD had twenty-one game wardens on duty. Two captains and eleven wardens manned checkpoints and patrolled restricted areas to ensure that there was no unauthorized access. Six wardens were on ATV patrol. Three lieutenants staffed the Mobile Command Unit. One sergeant is at the DDC. On 042813 night shift 7:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m., night patrols continued with same mission and no major changes. There were no significant incidents on either shift. A curfew still is in effect from 7:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m.. TPWD will had twelve game wardens on patrol. Two captains and seven wardens manned checkpoints and patrolled restricted areas to ensure that there was no unauthorized access. Three wardens were on ATV patrol.

STATE AGENCY RESPONSE: Resources still active

State Council Agency/VOAD	Active Specialized Resources/Status Report
American Red Cross (ARC).	Shelter Coordination and Support, Emergency Response Vehicles (ERVs).
Communications Coordination Group (CCG)	AT&T provided a cellular on wheels (COW) to provide additional cellular communications capability

Department of State Health Services (DSHS)	DSHS physical State Medical Operations Center (SMOC) Remains activated virtually. All assets other than DSHS Regional staff at West ICP have been demobilized and returned to home stations. Three ARC mobile first aid stations called up by West ICP IC now coordinated with Local Public Health. (These are not under ESF8 C&C) A CASPER team is being deployed on Tuesday, April 30. They will perform interviews with individuals to identify public health and medical issues. There will be 10 teams of 2 people each. CISM demobilized on Saturday.
Local Public and Mental Health	Developing re-entry Crisis Behavioral Health Plan with DSHS, MHMR, Waco Public Health, and volunteer agencies. Determining possible needs for families involved with re-entry.
Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS)	Continues to support the West ICP. Incident Management Team Planning Section. IMT producing Incident Action Plan; supporting Planning and Logistical functions and Re-entry.
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)	Air Quality Monitoring, monitoring water issues in town, boil water notice, planning for rotation of all crews. Working with Union Pacific to have 331 tankers on site to evacuate anhydrous ammonia tank.
Texas Department of Insurance (TDI)	Two TDI insurance specialists remain in West to assist consumers with contacting their insurers or agents, initiating their claims, and other insurance questions or concerns. One DDC representative was provided by the agency.
Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS) Highway Patrol	Recovery/Security and traffic control. Manage DDC West office.
Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)	Continues to provide portable message signs and fuel to qualified emergency response vehicles. Two 300-gallon trailers mounted fuel tanks, 2 truck-mounted fuel tanks.
HOTRAC	Coordinating with East Texas Medical on additional EMS providers and vehicles for funeral.
Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM)	Support DDC Waco and ICP operations. Process STAR requests received from ICP and State agencies; maintain contact list of DDC agency representatives assigned; continue coordinating/assisting local jurisdiction with VOAD and donations management; prepare debris management plan. Currently approved for FEMA (CAT B). Maintain situational awareness of current and planned activities. Units instructed to prepare for demobilization process. Operations for 7am-7pm until further notice.
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)	Maintaining Game Wardens (including supervisors) in West. Conducting logistics, perimeter security, and roving site security. All personnel have 4x4 vehicles, 4 ATVs currently on scene. Mobile command, 1 TPWD Command vehicle, 1 TxDOT fuel truck and all ATV/UTV assets.

Texas Salvation Army	Operating 3 canteens at Community Center, Ground Zero and Command Center. Collection of donated items at TSTC Student Center.
The State Fire Marshal's Office	Investigative support and personnel
TXDPS Criminal Investigations Division (CID)	Investigative support and personnel

FINAL COMMENTS: The SOC is at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) and continues to provide needed support as requested. The Texas Division of Emergency Management is supporting the transition to recovery operations and coordinating needed state resource support as required. The next situation report will be published on Tuesday, April 30, 2013.

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 www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem.

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