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

Event Name	Fertilizer Plant Explosion SITREP #10
Date	04/25/2013
Time	0424/2013, 1900 Hours - 04/25/13, 1900 Hours
Operational Period	0700-1900
Report Number	#10

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. The main operational objectives continue to be complete re-entry and repatriation, and a transition from response to long-term care and recovery.

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 State Operations Center (SOC) processed requests for assistance for one Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Team to support re-entry operations in West and for 10 motor coach buses to provide transportation for approximately 450 to 500 family members attending the memorial services for the fallen first responders which was held at Baylor University in Waco today.

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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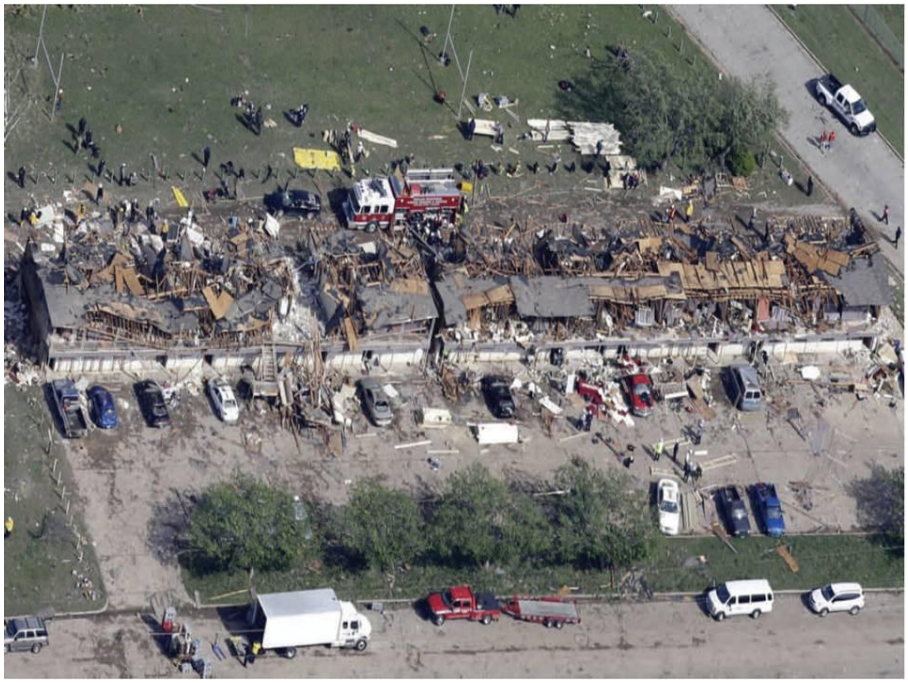
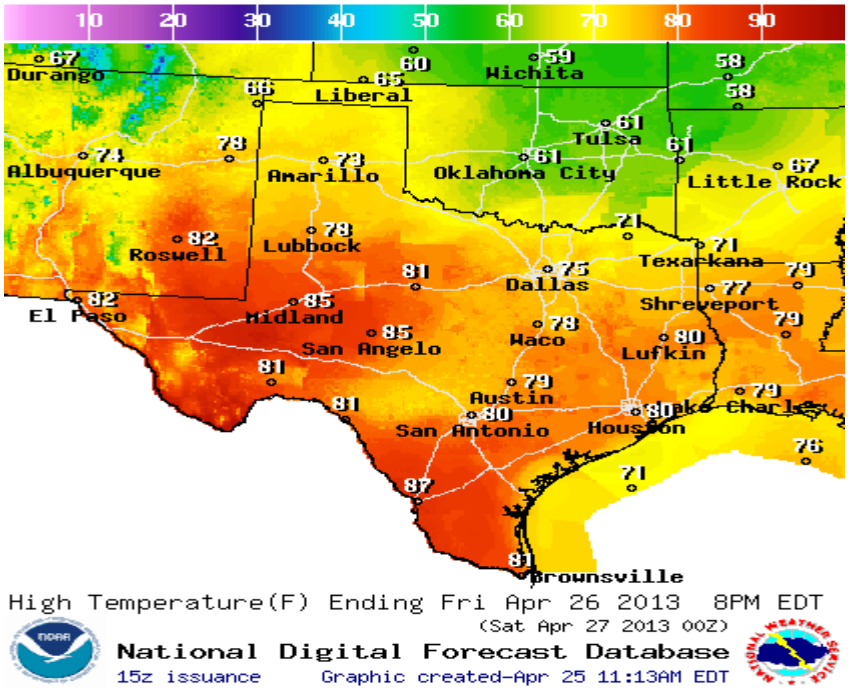
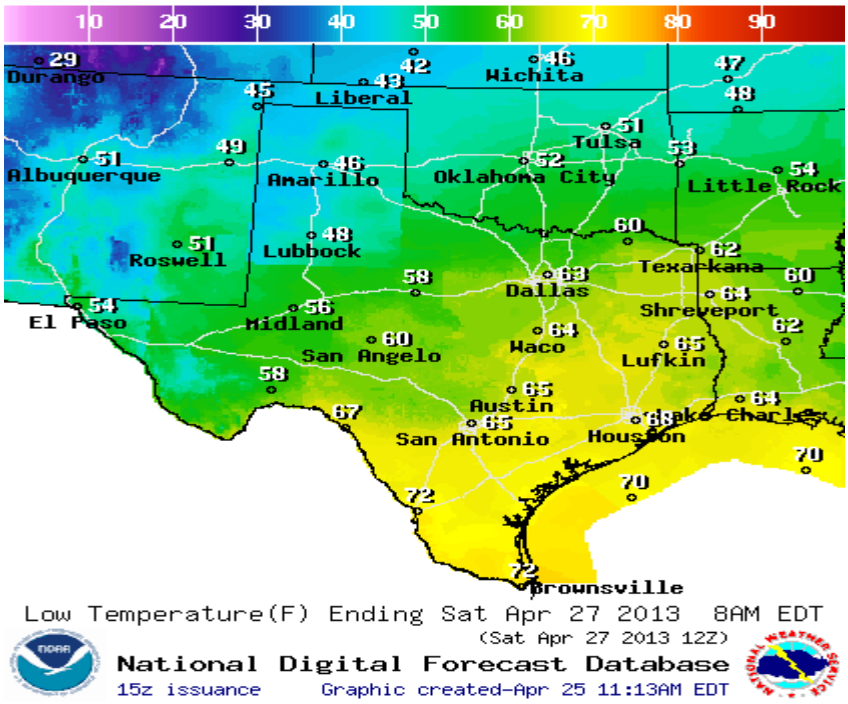


WEATHER: On Friday, there is a chance of showers with thunderstorms also possible after 1 p.m. It will be cloudy with a high near 77, and a south-southeast wind of 10-15 mph and gusts up to 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%. There is a 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms on Friday night. It will be mostly cloudy with a low around 63. South-southeast wind of 10-15 mph with gusts up to 20 mph can be expected. On Saturday there is a 20% chance of shows and thunderstorms and it will be mostly cloudy with a high near 76. South wind around 5 mph will shift to the north in the afternoon. The following graphics show the forecast high for Friday and low for Saturday.





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.

Donations Management is being transferred to local officials and long-term recovery plans are being discussed. No shelters or PODs are being utilized although feeding centers have been established at St. Joseph's Hall and at the West Community Center.

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 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) Office of Media and Communications: 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. DPS Communications is providing dispatch services for West.

Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM): The following TDEM employees are deployed in West in response to this incident. District Coordinator – Waco and District Coordinator – Del Rio are assigned to Debris Management; State Coordinator – Region 6 and District Coordinator – Victoria are at the DDC/ICP. District Coordinator – San Angelo, District Coordinator – Conroe, and District Coordinator Amarillo were demobilized. The State Operations Center continues to process and coordinate requests for state assistance as requested by Disaster District Waco in support of the City of West and McLennan County.

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 representatives to discuss other issues related to Recovery. The proposed timeline is provided 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.

Housing Assessment for City of West/McLennan County:

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): (No change).

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)

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.

The Salvation Army: The Salvation Army has prepared 5,439 hot and cold meals; served 5,854 drinks; and 3,285 snacks. Spiritual care has been provided to 263 individuals, and 45 items of clothing have been distributed. There are a total of 364 officers, employees and volunteers engaged for a total of 3,155 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, and the memorial services. Collection of donated items is at the TSTC student center. Comfort stations will be set up to assist individuals returning home. Emotional and spiritual care will be provided in the affected area and at the West Relief Supply Center with departure scheduled for Friday morning. Preliminary damage assessments indicated 73 homes destroyed; 59 sustained major damage; 78 sustained minor damage, and 61 affected.

Southern Baptists of Texas Convention (SBTC): The SBTC feeding unit from Pflugerville deployed to Baylor University to provide meals for firefighters attending the memorial service for the fallen first responders held today. SBTC will be serving with the American Red Cross to provide 2,000 breakfast meals and 5,000 snack lunches for those attending. Chaplaincy and cleanup operations continue.

Texas Baptist Men (TBM): Requests are being received to assist residents with cleanup of glass and removing damaged dry wall and ceiling debris. The Chaplains continue walking through neighborhoods talking with residents. The San Angelo specialty feeding unit began feeding on 4/24/13. To date, the box unit has distributed

approximately 5,383 boxes to residents for salvaging personal belongings as they were escorted quickly to their residences and 200 boxes to ARC/TSA/Others; provided child care for 79; prepared 538 meals; completed 5 roof jobs; provided 68 showers and 101 loads of laundry; 523 ministry contacts; and distributed 9 bibles. There were 51 volunteers on site.

Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster (VOADs): The Donations and Volunteer Reception programs were operational. Both were at the West Fest fairgrounds 1110 S. Main, West. The 10,000 sq. ft warehouse in Hillsboro is now full. A third warehouse was established in Waco, with 100,000 sq. ft. that is 50% full. Aidmatrix, a warehouse database, was implemented in Hillsboro. More than 6000 spontaneous volunteers have been processed at the Volunteer Reception Center (VRC), supplying volunteers to the Donations Program sorting and palletizing goods, as well as supplying volunteers to the Joint Assistance Center (JAC). The Joint Assistance Center at the Knights of Columbus Hall is providing resources to survivors. Texas VOAD partners are providing gift cards, case management, food, clothing and emotional and spiritual care. It is anticipated this 'one stop shop' for survivors will be operational until Friday (4-26) with hours of operation 9am-7pm. The Shoreline Church is providing Wal-Mart gift cards to Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN). Information Technology Disaster Resource Center (ITDRC) has been deployed in West since Friday, 041913 and is providing Information and Communications Technology (ICT) support for the Volunteer and Donations Command Center at the West Fest Fairgrounds location. Following is listing 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, various feeding ministries including Mercy Chefs, and the Catholic Diocese of Austin.

Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC): (No change.) STRAC is supporting MIST personnel with patient tracking, using Texas Emergency Tracking Network (TxETN) resources. STRAC continues to support WebEOC support.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS): (No change.) The Texas A&M Forest Service continues to assist at the West ICP. Currently, there are 18 TFS personnel, along with 8 Type 3 IMT personnel at the West ICP. The TFS Mobile Command Post with the Communication trailer are located at the ICP in West, Texas, which has been moved to the West High School. The IMT continues to produce the Incident Action 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. There continues to be no emissions above action levels. TCEQ and US EPA moved their Command Posts to the High School forward operational base with the ATF and State Fire Marshall. A storm water control measure (silt fencing) was placed north of the ammonium nitrate railcar that remains at the site. Yesterday, TCEQ staff coordinated with Texas Engineering Extension (TEEX) Public Works Emergency Team and West Public Works Department to evaluate public water supply and wastewater.

- The integrity of the city water system south of Spring Street is being evaluated. Water lines are being flushed and chlorine residuals are being tested. The boil water notice remains in effect; however, it may be lifted tomorrow. Tomorrow the city will return water service to individual homes one by one to evaluate system integrity.
- Smoke testing is being conducted on wastewater lines in Zone 3 (North). 75% of the lines have been evaluated. No significant wastewater line failures have been identified.

Soil samples from a drainage channel immediately down-gradient of the site were sent for analysis. The samples will be analyzed for pesticides, herbicides and ammonia. Analysis results are expected in 4 to 5 days. Via the DDC, TCEQ requested the opportunity to submit guidance documentation to TDEM. These documents may be added to a state generated information packet that would be distributed to citizens as they check in to make re-entry. ***(Below is a photo of the Anhydrous Ammonia transfer and removal operation, courtesy of TCEQ.)***

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. Also, insurance specialists are available at the Red Cross assistance center located in the Knights of Columbus Hall at 2547 Jerry Mashek in West. The center will be open 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. through Saturday. TDI's Consumer Help Line hours have been extended to 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday - Friday. 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): A 24/7 crisis hotline has been set up and the numbers are ***254-752-3451*** or ***866-752-3451***. CISM still is being coordinated for the responders at the Church of Christ, 311 W. Tokio Road in West. CISM had 566 encounters in a group setting and 317 individual one-on-one encounters, for a total of 883 encounters. DBH assists remain at 380. Health Services Region 7 coordinated with IMT and Waco-McLennan County Public Health Department (WMCPHD) on public health messaging, masks/work gloves, and mental health assets to provide to residents of Zone C at pre-registration and entry to the zone. At the request of TCEQ, a DSHS inspector with the Asbestos Group was in West to discuss matters related to building materials that may contain asbestos when debris removal begins. Heart of Texas Regional Advisory Council (HOTRAC), East Texas Medical Center (ETMC) Emergency Medical Services, and City of West will meet on Monday to develop long-term plan for EMS services in West.

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

Provided below is the latest report of Patient Care: No change.

Name	# Seen	Treated & Released	Transferred Out	Admitted	Discharged
Hillcrest	130	66		28	21
Providence	69	51		18	17
Hill Regional	42	39	3		
Scott and White	3			3	1
McLane Children's - Temple	2			2	
Methodist Dallas	1			1	1
Children's Dallas	1				
JPS Ft. Worth	3			3	3
Parkland Burn Center (DFW)	2			2	1
Totals	**253**	**156**	**3**	**57**	**44**

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. TPWD has 23 Game Wardens on site conducting perimeter security, roving patrols, logistical support, and funeral procession coverage. Wednesday night patrols will remain at 10 overnight Game Wardens; Thursday daytime patrols will decrease from 14 to 13. Per-shift supervisors will decrease from 4 to 2, beginning Thursday evening. Two-thirds of the affected areas of the town are open to the public. Wardens are repositioned accordingly, maintaining vigilance through all areas. The secure zone near the blast site remains the most restricted and challenging, as a cautious but productive balance between security and productivity are maintained. Game Wardens continue working with DPS Highway Patrol Troopers. The Game Warden Mobile Command Vehicle remains at the helipad site; supervisory staff is there roaming at the Incident Command Post and the DDC. The supervisory staff already has developed a detailed plan and mapping for the repatriation of the final secure zone, which might occur on Friday and Saturday.

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	AT&T provided a cellular on wheels (COW) to provide additional cellular communications capability

(CCG)	
Department of State Health Services (DSHS)	DSHS physical State Medical Operations Center (SMOC) stood down, but remains activated virtually. All assets other than DSHS Regional staff at West ICP and 10-person Critical Incident Stress Management Team (CISM) have been demobilized and returned to home stations. CISM is available 10am to 10pm. Heart of Texas Regional Advisory Council (RAC) reports 150 assistance encounters as of 042013. 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.) Waco-McLennan County Public Health District (WMCPHD) set up a tetanus vaccine clinic at the re-entry portal from 12-5pm 042113. WMCPHD and DSHS PIO crafted "Precaution Guidance for West Disaster Recovery and Re-entry" guide and distributed to media sources.
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.
Medical Incident Support Team (MIST)	Entering into ETN board and WebEOC receiving updates from hospitals on patient counts and discharges, tracking patient locations.
Office of the Texas State Chemist (OTSC)	OTSC has dispatched Investigators as needed, to fulfill its role to assess the West Fertilizer site for ammonium nitrate security and to provide technical assistance, as needed, to the Incident command and responding agencies (i.e., Texas Commission for Environmental Quality, BATF, etc.) regarding possible residual fertilizer recovery.
Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS)	Personnel are activated at the Waco DDC, and 18 TFS personnel along with 8 Type 3 IMT personnel are at working at the West ICP. The TFS Mobile Command Post with communication trailer is at the ICP in West, Texas. Three Type 3 IMTs are restored, and available for assignment. 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)	Fuel Support Team providing fuel to qualified emergency vehicles. TxDOT has begun removing traffic barriers and has provided 4 Portable Changeable Message Boards for public service messages. Awaiting direction to begin sweeper

	operations in affected area. Message board for funeral 0n 042413 and barricade placement.
HOTRAC	Coordinating with East Texas Medical on additional EMS providers and vehicles for memorial. Provided Waco-McLennan Public Health Department with 1020 N-95 masks for citizen re-entry.
Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM)	Regional State and District Coordinator staff to support DDC Waco and impacted local jurisdictions. Assist with Incident Management Teams, Donations Management, and Debris Management. STAR requests and support. Working with TCEQ and FEMA on debris management.
Texas Education Agency (TEA)	Coordinating with local school district concerning damage to school(s).
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)	Maintaining 23 Game Wardens (including supervisors) in West. Conducting logistics, perimeter security, and roving site security.
Texas Salvation Army	Providing canteen support for impacted citizens and first responders. Collection of donated items is at the 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 support as requested. The Texas Division of Emergency Management is continues to support the transition to recovery and coordinating needed state resource support as required. The next situation report will be published on Friday, April 26, 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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