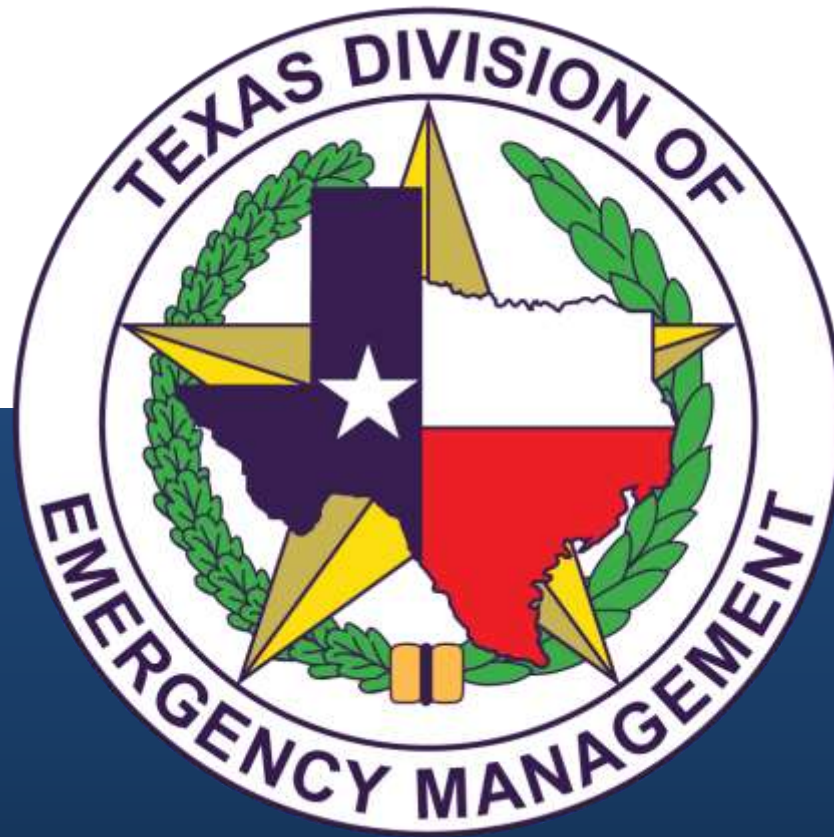


# TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



# Fundamentals of Emergency Management in Texas

## Key Statutes and Authorities

- Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended (Stafford Act)
- Chapter 418 Texas Govt Code – Emergency Management
- Chapter 421 Texas Govt Code – Homeland Security
- Chapter 433 Texas Govt Code – State of Emergency
- Executive Order No. GA-05 – Emergency Management
- Title 37 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 7 – Emergency Management
- TAMUS Board of Regents Regulations



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## TDEM Overview

- Responsible for a comprehensive state emergency management program to include planning, training and exercising, response, recovery, and mitigation.
- TDEM Chief is appointed by (and serves at the pleasure of) the Governor and must be confirmed by the Texas Senate.



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

- Effective emergency management **relies on the integration** of emergency plans **at all levels** of government and non-government, including, but not limited too, individuals and community organizations.
- Requests for assistance comes from the local government. We regularly think outside the box with our response to local's requests.



# According to State Law, a local **EMERGENCY** is any occasion or instance such as:

- Hurricane
- Tornado
- Storm
- Flood
- Tidal wave
- Tsunami
- Earthquake
- Volcanic eruption
- Landslide
- Mudslide
- Snowstorm
- Fire
- Explosion
- Nuclear accident
- Any other natural or man-made catastrophe

that warrants action to save lives and to protect property, public health, and safety.



# 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/Pandemic*
- Air contamination
- Blight drought
- Infestation
- Explosion
- Riot
- Hostile military or paramilitary action
- Extreme heat
- Energy emergency



# Texas Govt Code 418

## Texas Disaster Act of 1975

### Was enacted to:

- (1) reduce the vulnerability of our people & communities due to natural or human made incidents
- (2) prepare for prompt & efficient rescue, care, & treatment of persons victimized or threatened by disaster;
- (3) provide a setting conducive to the rapid & orderly restoration and rehabilitation of persons & property affected by disasters;
- (4) clarify & strengthen the roles of the governor, state agencies, the judicial branch of state government, & local governments in the prevention of, preparation for, response to, & recovery from events, emergencies, and disasters;
- (5) authorize & provide for cooperation in disaster mitigation, preparedness, response, & recovery;



# Texas Govt Code 418

## Texas Disaster Act of 1975

### Continued:

- 6) ensure coordination of activities relating to disaster mitigation, preparedness, response, & recovery by agencies and officers of this state,
- 7) provide an emergency management system embodying all aspects of pre disaster preparedness & post-disaster response;
- 8) assist in the mitigation of disasters caused or aggravated by inadequate planning for & regulation of public and private facilities and land use; and
- 9) provide the authority & mechanism to respond to an energy emergency;



# 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.



# Emergency Management Council Membership GA-05 (39)

American Red Cross	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department *
Texas Department of State Health Services *	Texas Commission on Fire Protection
Public Utility Commission of Texas	Texas State Auditor's Office
Texas Department of Transportation*	Texas Department of Agriculture *
Railroad Commission of Texas *	Texas State University System
Texas Division of Emergency Management*	Texas Department of Criminal Justice
State Comptroller of Public Accounts	Texas Tech University System
Texas Education Agency	Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service *	Texas Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
Texas Facilities Commission	Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
Texas A&M University System	Texas Workforce Commission
Texas General Land Office*	Texas Department of Information Resources
Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service*	The Salvation Army
Texas Health and Human Services Commission	Texas Department of Insurance
Texas A&M Forest Service *	University of Houston System
Texas Military Department*	Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation
Texas Animal Health Commission *	University of North Texas System
Texas Office of the Attorney General	Texas Department of Motor Vehicles
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality *	University of Texas System
	Texas Department of Public Safety *



\*(indicates member of the State Emergency Response Commission)

# Emergency Management Council Responsibilities

The specific duties and responsibilities of each member of the Council:

- 1) Designated in the State Emergency Management Plan and Annexes, which are prepared, developed, and maintained by the Division as directed by Govt Code.
- 2) The head of each member shall designate one or more representatives to the Council, as requested by the Chair.
- 3) The Chair also may, upon approval of the Office of the Governor, request services from other relevant state agencies on matters relating to the Council.



# How We All Fit In

## Emergency Support Functions (ESFs)

- ESFs provide a structure for coordinating interagency support for a response to an incident.
- Mechanisms for grouping functions most frequently used to provide support, both for declared disasters and emergencies.



# Emergency Support Functions

## ESF# Focus

1. Transportation
2. Communications
3. Public Works and Engineering
4. Firefighting
5. Emergency Management
6. Mass Care Management
7. Logistics Management and Resource Support

## Texas Lead Agencies

- Texas Department of Transportation
- Texas Division of Emergency Management
- Texas Department of Transportation
- Texas A&M Forest Service
- Texas Division of Emergency Management
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# Emergency Support Functions

## ESF# Focus

8. Public Health & Medical Services
9. Search and Rescue
10. Oil and Hazardous Materials
11. Agriculture and Natural Resources
12. Energy
13. Public Safety and Security
14. Cross Sector Business and Infrastructure-New
15. Public Information
16. Recovery-New
17. Military-New
18. Higher Education-New
19. Operations Technology-New

## Texas Lead Agency

- Texas Department of State Health Services
- Texas A&M Engineering Extension
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- Texas Department of Agriculture/TAHC
- Public Utility Commission of Texas
- Texas Department of Public Safety
- TBD
- Texas Division of Emergency Management
- Texas Division of Emergency Management
- TMD
- Higher Education Coordinating Board
- Texas Division of Emergency Management



# Emergency Medical Task Force

- Are capable of activating resources on behalf of Texas on a state mission that provides a custom, scalable approach to medical disaster response.
- To minimize suffering and loss of life through a disaster medical response system that exceeds the expectations of our stakeholders and citizens across the great State of Texas.
- The key to the program is the ability to activate our members from:
  - EMS & fire departments,
  - public and private healthcare organizations,
  - regional coalitions
  - state and local government who provide personnel & assets that activate during disasters.



# Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS)

- TIFMAS is maintained by Texas A&M Forest Service. The program includes grants, training, qualification, and mobilization systems to make statewide use of local resources.
- The program was first used during Hurricane Ike and has since been mobilized in response to the Presidio flooding, wildfire outbreaks across Texas, Hurricanes Alex & Harvey, the 2018 and 2020 California wildfires, and many others.



# How We Respond in Texas

- **Local** Level
- **State** Level
- **Federal** Level



Incidents begin and end locally and are managed daily at the *closest possible* geographical, organizational, and jurisdictional level.

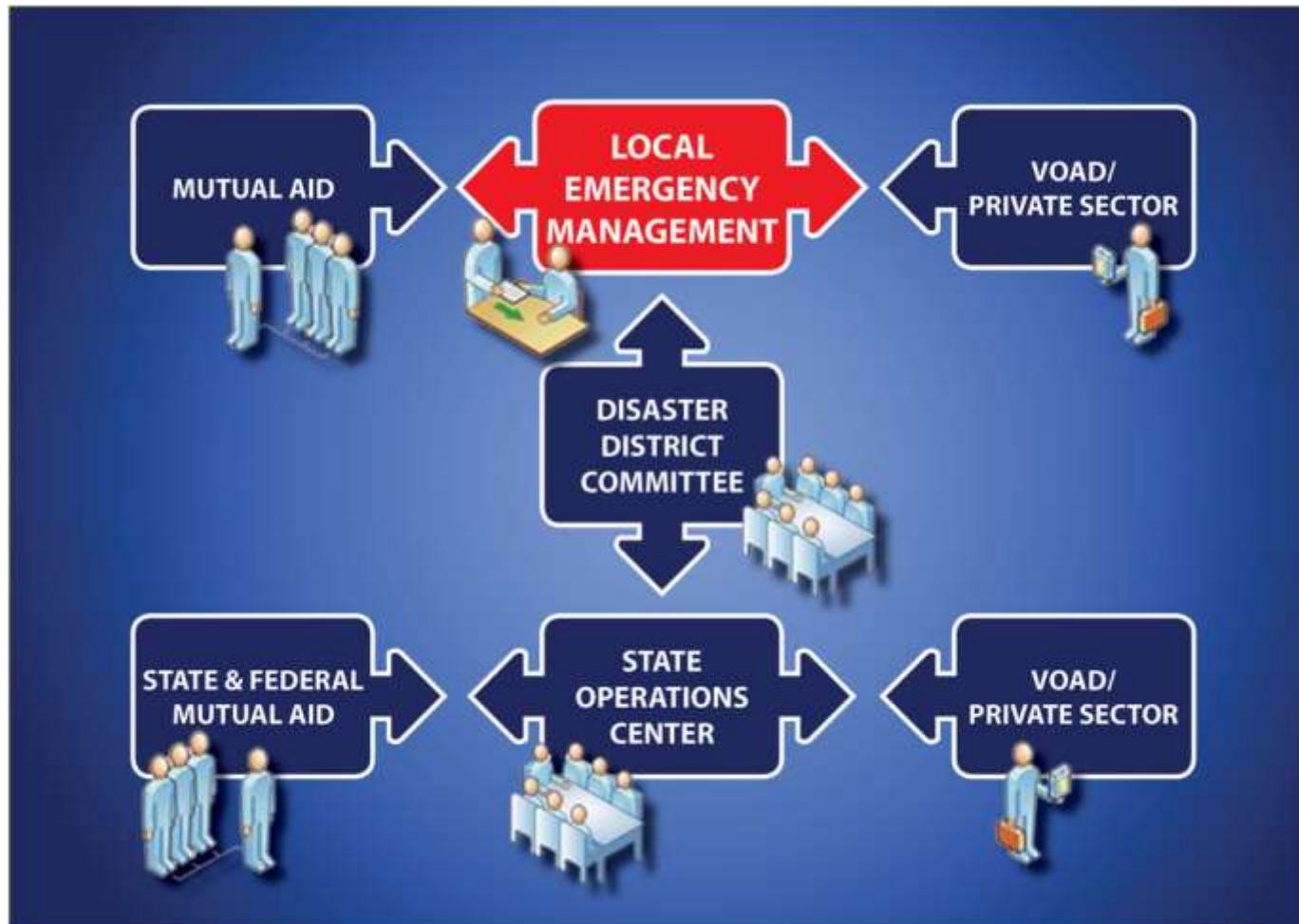


# Keeping Information Flowing

The Chief of the Division uses the information derived from the Council, other relevant state agencies, and Division staff to ensure the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives are kept up-to-date on critical matters relating to emergency management for natural and human-caused events, emergencies, and disasters that may occur in this state.



# Requesting Assistance



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# Requesting State Assistance



## State of Texas Assistance Request (STAR)



Type of Request:  Live or  Training

STAR Number:

### Requestor Information

Requested by Position and Name:

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Requestor Phone Number:

Requesting Entity (\*):

Requestor Email:

Requesting City: (if Needed)

### Description

Request:

Quantity:

Unit: (Pick one)

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# State Operations Center



# State Operations Center

## State Operations Center Support

- TDEM, through the SOC coordinates state emergency management activities.
- Coordinates the activation and deployment of state resources.
- DDCs may submit resource requests to the SOC.
- May request interstate mutual aid or federal assistance.



# Texas Threshold for PA

- For the State of Texas : \$38,975,619.55
- Each county has an individual county threshold that must be met.
- You can find your own county threshold on the TDEM website



# Major Disaster Declarations Since 1953\*

10.	Missouri	63
9.	Arkansas	67
8.	Kentucky	68
7.	Alabama	71
6.	Louisiana	73
5.	Florida	76
4.	New York	76
3.	Oklahoma	89
2.	California	100

\*As of April 2021



# Major Disaster Declarations Since 1953

**1. TEXAS 102**

- EMER 18
- FMAG 243
- TOTAL 363**

The Lone Star State has recorded 102 **Major Disasters** in 68 years.

**1 EVERY 8.0 MONTHS**



# Federal Government

- If an incident is beyond local and state capabilities, the Governor can request federal assistance through the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief Act (PL 93-288).
- The Governor's request is made through the FEMA Regional Administrator and based on a finding that the disaster is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the state and affected local governments, federal assistance is granted.



# State Resources

[www.tdem.texas.gov](http://www.tdem.texas.gov)

[PreparingTexas.Org](http://PreparingTexas.Org)

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