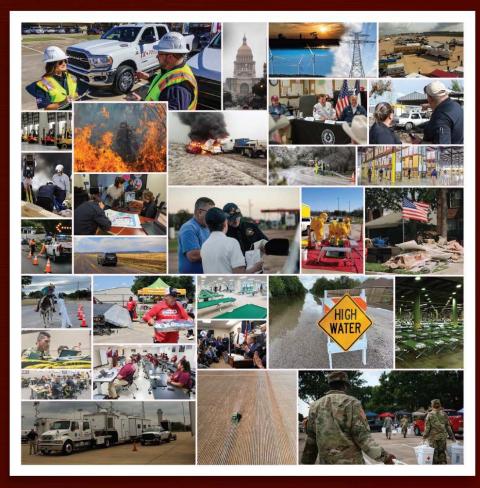
Overview of Emergency Management for Counties

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STATE OF TEXAS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



BASIC PLAN



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- What Is A Disaster?
- Who May Declare A Disaster?
- What Is The Emergency Management Council?
- Who Does What In A Declared Disaster?
- Role of the County Judges and Commissioners
- Local Disaster Stories



WHAT IS A DISASTER?

Natural Hazards	Technological Hazards	Human-Caused Hazards
 Drought Extreme cold Extreme heat Pandemic Severe weather: Flooding (coastal and riverine) Hailstorms Lightning Severe winds Tornadoes Tropical weather: Hurricanes Tropical depressions Tropical storms Wildfire Winter weather 	 Chemical hazardous material release Dam failure Industrial accidents Radiological incidents 	 Active shooter Animal diseases Biological attack Cross-border violence and mass migration Cyber attack Explosive devices Improvised nuclear attack Organized crime Terrorism



Who May Declare a Disaster?

Governor

- The governor is responsible for meeting the dangers to the state and people presented by disasters; and disruptions to the state and people caused by energy emergencies (Texas Government Code § 418.011).
- The governor may issue executive orders, proclamations, and regulations and amend or rescind them. Executive orders, proclamations, and regulations have the force and effect of law (Texas Government Code § 418.012).



County Judge

- In Texas, mayors and county judges serve as emergency management directors and bear the responsibility for maintaining an emergency management program within their jurisdictions (TGC § 418.1015).
- Up to 7 Days Without Commissioners Court Ratification
- Judge May Appoint EMC to Help Discharge Duties.
- The chief elected official of a jurisdiction may declare a local state of disaster for the following reasons:
 - To exercise extraordinary powers.
 - To activate preparedness, response, and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local emergency management plans.
 - To provide additional liability protection to government agencies and special or volunteer emergency workers.
 - To formally request general assistance from the state and federal governments.



- Local jurisdictions that declare a disaster under Texas Government Code § 418 or declare an emergency under § 433 must submit the following information to the State Operations Center:
 - Declaration from the chief elected official that has been signed and dated.
 - Letter to the governor requesting assistance that has been signed by the chief elected official and dated.
 - Disaster summary outline.
- The state of disaster continues until the governor finds that:
 - The threat or danger has passed.
 - The disaster has been dealt with so that emergency conditions no longer exist.
 - A state disaster declaration may be terminated in accordance with Texas Government Code § 418.014.



All Disasters Are Local

- In responding to emergencies and disasters, a local government is expected to use its own resources and the resources available to it through mutual aid agreements before requesting assistance from the state.
- If local and mutual aid resources are exceeded, the local government may request assistance from the state (TGC § 418.102).



Emergency Management Council















































































Texas Emergency Management Council is composed of 39 state agencies, university systems, and nongovernmental organizations to advise and assist the governor in all matters relating to disaster mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery (Texas Government Code §418.013) (Executive Order GA-05).



Appendix D: Texas Emergency Support Function Crosswalk

The following table aligns Texas Emergency Management Council entities with their emergency support function responsibilities in each annex:

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Resources

- https://www.tdem.texas.gov/preparedness/stateplanning
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