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4th of July Flooding - Activation

- The State Operations Center (SOC) activated in response to severe weather, heavy rain, and flooding that occurred overnight on July 3rd, 2025, throughout Texas.
- The State Medical Operations Center (SMOC) activated and provided a DSHS ESF-8 representative (CHEPR) for over 30-days beginning the morning of July 4th, 2025.
- While immediate response operations have concluded, search and recovery efforts paired with debris delayering/removal continue. DSHS Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) resources are deployed providing force protection to personnel who continue to work the recovery efforts along the Guadalupe River basin searching for the last remaining missing victims.

DSHS Main Lines of Effort

Patient Evacuation

Mortality Surveillance

Patient Care

Immunizations

Force Protection for Search & Rescue/Recovery Teams

First Responder Peer Support

Fatality Management

Mosquito Abatement



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4th of July Flooding – Deployed Resources

- The following partners provided resources to support this incident:
 - Texas Funeral Directors Association (TFDA) supported with deployment/operation of DSHS morgue trailer, supplies and 3 personnel to provide technical assistance (TA)
 - Public Health Region 8 & 9/10 supported with vaccine operations, fatality management operations, and TA for mosquito abatement
 - Hospital Preparedness Providers (STRAC, SETRAC, CBRAC, CATRAC) with activation of Regional Medical Operations Centers and deployment of morgue trailers
 - Emergency Medical Task Force with the following teams:
 - Ambulance Strike Teams
 - Ambulance Buses
 - Mobile Medical Units
 - Medical Utility Terrain Vehicles
 - Medical Overhead Team
 - Texas Mass Fatality Operations Response Team (TMORT) members
 - Medical Incident Support Teams
 - Ambulance Staging Management Team
 - Peer Support Team



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Fatality Management Operations

- Due to the significant number of fatalities in the Kerrville area, local and regional operations were centered at Grimes Funeral Home in Kerrville
- A dedicated and secured area was set-up on the property of Grimes Funeral Home to coordinate the fatality management response operations with state, regional, and local partners



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- PHR 8 and STRAC initially deployed decedent storage resources which were augmented with additional morgue trailers coordinated by the SMOC with total decedent storage capacity of over 150 spots with additional trailers available, if required
- 2 TFDA and 6 TMORT members deployed to assist and advise JP with management of operations
- Statewide patient tracking network was repurposed to support the tracking and storage of decedent information to assist the JP and Texas Rangers



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Resource Roll-Up

Resource	Quantity
EMTF Ambulances Deployed	61
EMTF AMBUSs Deployed	6
EMTF Staff Deployed	Cumulative: 573 Peaked at 232 (07/26)
Patient Encounters	22,890
Patient Transports	194
Vaccine Doses Administered	Tdap 898, Hep A 897
Vaccine Needles	2000
Bandages & Alcohol Prep Pads	2000 each
Body Bags	125
Adult Epi Pens	2
Nitrile Gloves (Assorted Sizes)	15bx
Morgue Trailers	6
Mortuary Enhanced Remains Cooling System deployed	3
DSHS Staff Activated (Cumulative)	SMOC: 34 (9 SOC LNOs)
	8 (PHR 8), 1 (PHR 9/10), 1 (PHR 7)
	Total: 44
Total Estimated Cost	\$ 12,594,966



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