



FEBRUARY WINTER STORMS

February 11th-24th, 2021

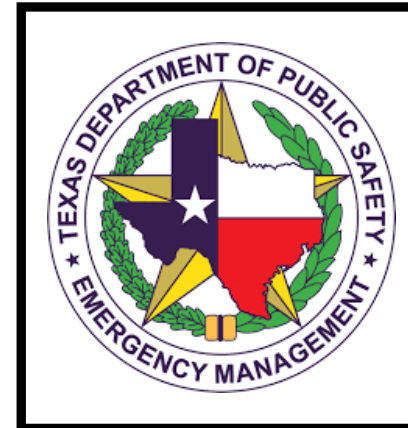


February Winter Storms

- Central Texas was hit with historic cold temperatures, with 9 days of below freezing temperatures, numerous bands of freezing rain, and snow. Williamson County declared a local state of disaster on February 14th.
- The Energy Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) entered emergency conditions on February 15th and residents began experiencing rotating outages or complete interruptions in service.
- On February 16th, with a recorded low of 6° F much of the region was in a complete standstill with iced over roadways, water/wastewater plant failures, and continued electrical outages for over 247,000 county residents.
- Impacts affected every sector of the county including the availability of food, potable water, gasoline and diesel for critical infrastructure, and safe shelters for vulnerable populations.

State Response

- Texas Division of Emergency Management
- Texas Forest Service
- Texas Department of Transportation
- Texas Department of Public Safety



County Response



- Animal Shelter
- Auditor's Office
- Budget Office
- Constables
- Emergency Communications
- Emergency Management
- EMS
- Fire Marshal
- GIS
- Health District
- Infrastructure
- Parks and Recreation
- Public Affairs Office
- Purchasing
- Road and Bridge
- Sheriff's Office

City Response

- City of Cedar Park
- City of Coupland
- City of Florence
- City of Georgetown
- City of Granger
- City of Hutto
- City of Jarrell
- City of Leander
- City of Liberty Hill
- City of Round Rock
- City of Taylor
- City of Thrall
- City of Weir





Critical Operations

- Road Clearing
 - Countless roadways and overpasses cleared , deiced, and sanded over the duration of the event.
 - Cleared the driveways of local area hospitals so EMS and others could access safely.
- Water Distribution
 - Provided bulk water delivery to numerous residents in need via point of distribution (POD) operations
 - Provided bulk water delivery to vulnerable populations, such as skilled nursing facilities and assisted living homes.

Critical Operations (Continued)

- Fuel Distribution
 - Conducted refueling operations of critical infrastructure generators, including the Justice Center, Wireless Communications radio towers, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and the County Emergency Services Operations Center (ESOC).
- First Responder Support
 - Responded to support calls for EMS and the Sheriff's Office, in order to assist first-responders respond to the scene or transport patients to the hospital safely.





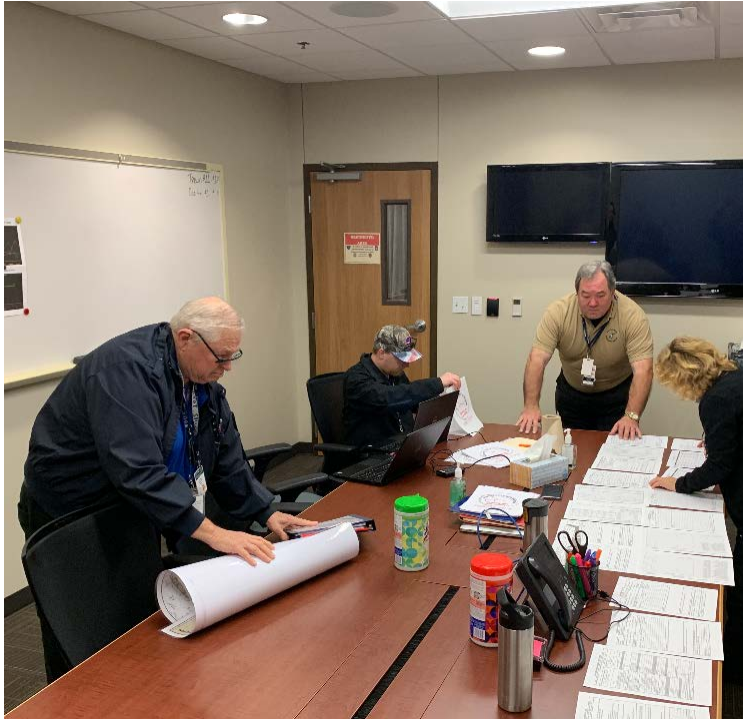
Critical Operations (Continued)

- Canning Operations
 - Rentsch Brewery in Georgetown
 - 24,644 cans of water distributed
 - Texas Beer Company in Taylor
 - over 10,000 gallons of water distributed in bulk and canning operations
 - over 1,000 meals distributed from their taproom
- Supply Warehousing
 - 14 semi truckloads of bottled water
 - 37,000 MRE's
 - Wool blankets

Critical Operations (Continued)

- Community Resources
 - Over 20 independently managed and Red Cross supported warming centers, shelters, and resource centers were stood up countywide.
 - Charging centers were established at local county and city facilities to allow for public charging of critical devices, such as CPAP's, oxygen concentrators, phones, tablets, and computers.
- Dialysis support
 - Community Health Paramedics and the Mobile Outreach Team coordinated for the rescheduling and transportation needs for dialysis patients due to closures of dialysis facilities and public transportation.





Volunteer Support

- 500+ manhours were donated and logged by volunteer groups with many more uncaptured hours.
- Williamson County Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES)
- Texas Search and Rescue (TEXSAR)
- Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN)

Williamson County ARES

- Provided live weather and road condition updates.
- Reported power outages in real time.
- Coordinated welfare checks in public safety.
- Logged 480-hours of volunteer time.





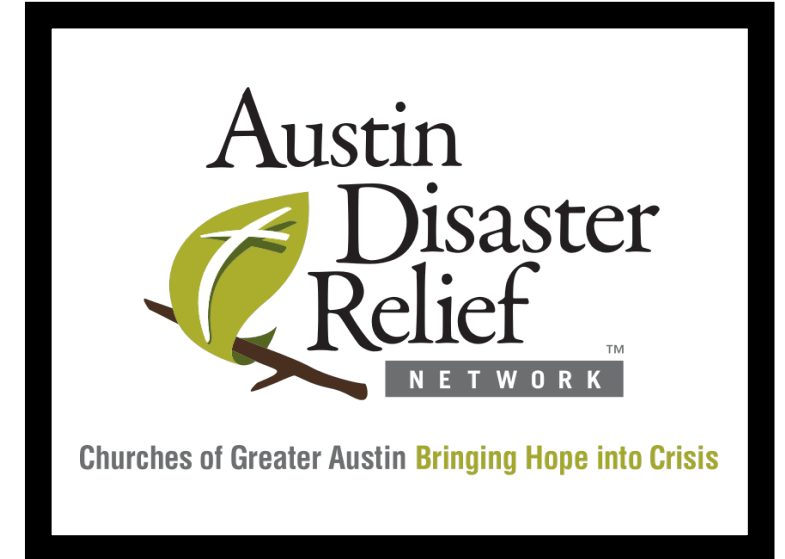
TEXSAR

- Hauled bulk diesel fuel to refuel critical communications tower support generators.
- Assisted with bulk water distribution and potable water distribution to residents.
- Provided shelter operations support in Florence.
- Logged 167-hours of volunteer time.



Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN)

- On February 20th, ADRN launched Crisis Cleanup, an online collaborative disaster work order management platform.
- Partnered with over 28 area churches, non-profit organizations, spontaneous volunteers, and skilled trades like plumbers.
- Completed over 450 work orders in Williamson County, including repairs for broken pipes, debris removal, muck-outs, structural repairs, and tree remediation.





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