

- In Accordance with the State Emergency Management Plan, when an emergency occurs or threatens to occur and is beyond the capability of local government to respond, state assistance will be requested by the local government chief elected official to the appropriate Disaster District Committee (DDC) Chairman as prescribed in the state emergency management plan. The DDC is chaired by the Highway Patrol commanding officer and is the first step in management of state resources during emergencies.
- The Division of Emergency Management is responsible for the administration of a program of Comprehensive Emergency Management. The program is designed to reduce the vulnerability of citizens and communities of this State to damage, injury and loss of life and property by providing a system for the mitigation of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from natural or man-made disasters.
- If the DDC is unable to meet requests for State assistance, the Chair will request State assistance from the State Emergency Management Council through the Division of Emergency Management. That assistance may then come from State assets, i.e., the National Guard or other State agencies or from neighboring Disaster Districts. If necessary, requests for federal assistance would be sent in the name of the Governor to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regional headquarters in Denton, Texas.