

Group #4 – Flooding

After several very wet years and a few minor landslides, the hills along the Brazos River near Granbury, Texas, have been left barren of trees. Rainfall has also been an issue because it has compromised the land around Lake Granbury, which feeds the Brazos River. Several residents around the reservoir have reported unusual excessive drainage around the Mambrino Highway and Rainey Court.

However, the weather is turning, and more rain is coming.

At 1 am, CURRENT DATE, a rainstorm arrived. 6 inches of rain had fallen by 6 am, and another 4 inches of rain is expected in the next 24 hours with wind and lightning.

At TODAY/CURRENT TIME, floodwaters rush downstream in a torrent through the Brazos River, which feeds Lake Granbury from the north. Floodwater has risen throughout the area.

A Boy Scout troop from the Belhaven Church of the Nazarene was camping in the Hunter Park area. They have not been heard from since 9 pm yesterday. Most of the area is inaccessible due to rising floodwater.

The reservoir is near to overtopping the dam, and the floodgates have been opened as much as possible to take pressure off the dam. The Brazos River is over flood stage below the Lake Granbury dam.

Golden's Riverside RV park reports that it is cut off from the road and several guests are stranded in their RV's.

The National Weather Service has issued a flood warning for all areas around the Pearl River.

GROUP MISSION:

Prepare and deliver a news conference regarding the jurisdiction's response to the event.

Your news conference should start 4 hours after the accident was reported.

The expectation is that there will be a lead PIO, city/county officials, and subject matter experts, as required

The news conferences will be organized as a multi-party briefing with time for questions by reporters. The news conference will be limited to 10 minutes, with a 5-minute question-and-answer period after the news conference concludes.