

## Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - January 2008

Location	Date/Time	Deaths & Injuries	Property & Crop Dmg	Event Type and Details
<b>TEXAS, Mid - South</b>				
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(TX-Z233) GOLIAD				
	01/02/08 12:35 CST		0	Wildfire
	01/02/08 18:00 CST		0	
<p>The Plummer Ranch Fire started from debris burning. The wildfire burned over 700 acres off FM2441 near Blanconia. (N 29 25.791, W 97 25.791) Three homes were threatened and saved. Thirteen volunteer fire departments responded with approximately 60 firefighters, along with private industry, Texas Forest Service and DPS. No report of injury.</p>				
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(TX-Z240) DUVAL				
	01/10/08 16:51 CST		0	Wildfire
	01/10/08 20:00 CST		0	
<p>The Rosita Cut-Off fire started from power lines. The wildfire burned 1000 acres off Hwy 44, 10 miles south of FM 3196. (N 27 41.66, W 98 23.07) 4 homes were threatened and saved. The Freer and San Diego Fire Departments responded, along with the Texas Forest Service.</p>				
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(TX-Z241) JIM WELLS				
	01/14/08 15:31 CST		0	Wildfire
	01/14/08 19:58 CST		0	
<p>The Hunter Brothers Ranch fire began from unknown causes. The wildfire burned 200 acres off Hwy 281 North of FM 2044. (N 27 51.85, W 98 05.17). Five residences and five campers were threatened and saved. Two camper trailers destroyed. 4 fire departments, Alice EMC, Jim Wells County EMC, Texas Forest Service and DPS responded.</p>				
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(TX-Z240) DUVAL				
	01/29/08 16:39 CST		0	Wildfire
	01/31/08 18:00 CST		0	
<p>The 285 Fire burned 14,210 acres in Duval and Brooks counties. The fire also crossed Highway 285. The wildfire was located in extreme southern Duval County, near the Brooks County line. (N 27 15.893, W 98 30.904) Multiple structures were threatened and saved, and Highway 285 was closed. 29 agencies and 137 personnel responded.</p>				
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(TX-Z233) GOLIAD				
	01/31/08 13:00 CST		0	Wildfire
	01/31/08 19:58 CST		0	
<p>The Tower Road Fire burned around 1600 acres near CR 622 and the town of Schroeder. (N28 38 33.4, W97 14 57.5) 42 homes were threatened and saved. Evacuations were required of some homes. 4 fire departments, Texas Forest Service, DPS and oilfield companies responded.</p>				
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(TX-Z229) LA SALLE				
	01/20/08 14:00 CST		0	Wildfire
	01/20/08 20:00 CST		0	
<p>A brush fire in La Salle County burned around 1500 acres on the Richie Ranch, off FM 468. One abandoned structure was destroyed. The time and name of the fire was unknown at the time of this writing.</p>				
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(TX-Z247) CALHOUN				
	01/01/08 14:00 CST		0	Wildfire
	01/01/08 20:00 CST		0	
<p>A wildfire burned 400 acres off Lane Rd, near Hwy 185 and Seadrift. Three homes were damaged and 12 threatened and saved. Exact time and name of the fire was unknown at the time of this writing.</p>				
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(TX-Z241) JIM WELLS				
	01/01/08 14:00 CST		0	Wildfire
	01/01/08 20:00 CST	1	0	
<p>A wildfire burned 500 acres south of Premont on CR 407. 4 homes and 10 out buildings were threatened and saved. One firefighter was injured. The exact time and name of the fire were unknown at the time of this writing.</p>				

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(TX-Z241) JIM WELLS	01/31/08 16:50 CST		0	Wildfire
	01/31/08 23:59 CST		0	
<p>The Ben Bolt Fire burned around 60 acres, however it threatened the town of Ben Bolt, forcing evacuations. (N27 38 8.49, W98 04 9.3) 500 homes were threatened and saved. Several homes did receive minor damage. One middle school and 271 structures were evacuated. A fiber optic line was destroyed in the fire, causing a complete phone outage for the cities of Falfurrias, Premont and Ben Bolt. The Alice FD, Alice EMC, Jim Wells Co EMC, Jim Wells Co Judge, Texas Forest Service, DPS and Red Cross responded. The fire continued into the early morning hours of February 1st.</p>				
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(TX-Z241) JIM WELLS	01/31/08 20:45 CST		0	Wildfire
	01/31/08 23:59 CST		0	
<p>The Salado Creek Fire burned 250 acres in rural south-central Jim Wells County. (N 27 28.167, W 98 06.138) Several oil and gas pumps were threatened and saved. The Texas Forest Service and Premont Fire Department responded. The fire was contained early on the morning of February 1st.</p>				
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(TX-Z229) LA SALLE	01/31/08 14:00 CST		0	Wildfire
	01/31/08 23:59 CST		0	
<p>The Cotulla Fire burned over 19,000 acres near and in the town of Cotulla. (N 28 31.215 W 099 18.708) The wildfire began on the 31st and was finally contained on the evening of February 2nd. 7 homes were destroyed, almost 30 damaged and nearly 70 threatened. The fire crossed Interstate 35 from the Northwest to the Southeast of Cotulla. An additional fire was situated Southeast of Cotulla on Martinez St and Dobie Rd, and threatened propane storage tanks plus numerous surrounding dwellings. Numerous local, state and federal resources responded.</p>				
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(TX-Z239) WEBB	01/31/08 14:00 CST		0	Wildfire
	01/31/08 20:00 CST		0	
<p>A wildfire on Mines Road burned 200 acres. The Laredo Fire Department responded. The exact time and name of the fire were unknown at the time of this writing.</p>				
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(TX-Z229) LA SALLE, (TX-Z230) MCMULLEN, (TX-Z231) LIVE OAK, (TX-Z232) BEE, (TX-Z239) WEBB, (TX-Z240) DUVAL, (TX-Z241) JIM WELLS, (TX-Z242) KLEBERG, (TX-Z243) NUECES, (TX-Z244) SAN PATRICIO	01/01/08 00:00 CST		0	Drought
	01/31/08 23:59 CST		0	

Lack of significant rainfall beginning in October of 2007 led to moderate drought conditions developing in January of 2008 in La Salle, Webb, McMullen, Duval, Live Oak, Jim Wells, Bee, San Patricio, Nueces and Kleberg counties. (per the U.S. Drought Monitor: <http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html>).

The primary impact of this drought in January was a wildfire threat across South Texas.