

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - March 2008

Location	Date/Time	Deaths & Injuries	Property & Crop Dmg	Event Type and Details
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TEXAS, North Panhandle

(TX-Z014) GRAY, (TX-Z016) DEAF SMITH

03/14/08 13:03 CST			0	High Wind (MAX 52 kt)
03/14/08 16:05 CST			0	

(TX-Z017) RANDALL

03/14/08 15:15 CST			10K	Strong Wind (MAX 48 kt)
03/14/08 15:15 CST			0	

Surface low pressure deepened...which resulted in strong non-thunderstorm gradient winds across the southern half of the Texas Panhandle. These strong winds caused some damage...however no injuries were reported.

(TX-Z009) ROBERTS

03/02/08 14:45 CST			0	Wildfire
03/02/08 19:00 CST			0	

A wildfire burned approximately three hundred acres about twelve miles northwest of Miami Texas just east of Farm to Market Road 283. The wildfire started about 1445 CST and was contained around 1900 CST. Two homes and four other structures were saved and there were no reports of damage or injuries. The cause of the wildfire was determined to be the result of downed transmission lines.

(TX-Z010) HEMPHILL

03/08/08 12:30 CST			0	Wildfire
03/08/08 20:30 CST			0	

A wildfire about six miles east southeast of Lake Marvin in Hemphill County started around 1230 CST. The wildfire burned approximately twenty five hundred acres...however no damage and no injuries were reported. The cause of the wildfire was a controlled burn that went out of control. Eight fire departments including the Texas Forest Service responded to the wildfire...which was contained around 2030 CST.

(TX-Z020) COLLINGSWORTH

03/10/08 12:00 CST			0	Wildfire
03/10/08 15:00 CST			0	

A wildfire started at 1200 CST approximately eight miles south southeast of McLean in extreme northwestern Collingsworth County. The wildfire burned six hundred and forty acres and was contained around 1500 CST. One home was saved...and there were no damage or injuries reported. The cause of the wildfire was determined to be welding equipment use.

(TX-Z010) HEMPHILL

03/19/08 12:23 CST			0	Wildfire
03/21/08 11:00 CST			0	

An escaped prescribed burn was the cause of a five thousand acre wildfire which began at 1223 CST five miles east of Canadian. Twenty-five structures were threatened including the Gene Howe Wildlife Management Area Headquarters building...however none were lost. The cost to the state of Texas from the wildfire was approximately one hundred and thirty thousand dollars which was contained on March 21 around 1100 CST. No injuries were reported. Thirty-five fire departments...including the Texas Forest Service...were involved in the response efforts.

(TX-Z015) WHEELER

03/31/08 15:00 CST		1	10.50K	Wildfire
03/31/08 21:45 CST			0	

A large wildfire began three miles west northwest of Kelton Texas about 1500 CST and burned approximately twelve hundred and fifty acres. Four homes saved...however two other structures were lost. A sixty-four year old Stinnett Texas man...a dozer operator from a private company helping to fight the wildfire...was killed when the wildfire overcame the dozer. Two Wheeler firefighters were trapped in the fire when their truck stalled and was overrun by the fire...however no injuries were reported. A catalytic converter on a vehicle was determined to be the cause of the wildfire...and the vehicle was destroyed by the fire. The occupants of the vehicle escaped uninjured. Thirteen fire departments...including the Texas Forest Service...were involved in the response efforts...and the wildfire was contained around 2145 CST.

Direct Fatalities: M64EQ

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