

**POLK COUNTY, TEXAS  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Time: 1 p.m.

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**HEAVY RAINFALL AND IMPACTS**

Yesterday evening, Emergency Management received reports that water from the Trinity River began to encroach on Route 66, a low-lying area along the Trinity River just west of Taylor Lake Estates Subdivision in Livingston. This area is prone to flooding when the Trinity River is in flood stage. RVs and some permanent structures exist in the area.

At 9:40 p.m. Polk County issued a Voluntary Evacuation Order for low-lying areas along the Trinity River below the Lake Livingston Dam. Residents who chose to evacuate these areas were encouraged to first seek shelter with relatives, friends, or hotel/motel; however, for those who needed shelter, the County opened Dunbar Gym located at 1103 Dunbar Ave. in Livingston and the shelter was staffed by American Red Cross. As there were no shelter occupants, the Dunbar Gym shelter closed this morning.

Although no additional rainfall is forecasted today, flooding is ongoing on the Trinity River:

**Trinity River at Goodrich in Flood Stage**

The Trinity River at Goodrich is forecast to crest at 44 ft. at noon on January 26<sup>th</sup>, and is forecast to be out of flood stage on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 a.m.

**Long King Creek at Livingston no longer in Flood Stage**

Long King Creek crested at 7 p.m. on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 22.19 ft. and continues to decrease.

**Menard Creek at Rye not in Flood Stage**

Menard Creek at Rye is not in flood stage and is forecast to crest at 19.5 ft. on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

The Trinity River Authority has increased the discharge at Lake Livingston Dam to 84,819 CFS. For more information on the Lake Livingston Dam releases, visit their website <https://lakedata.traweb.net>.

The Voluntary Evacuation Order is expected to remain in place until the level of the Trinity River and flooding impacts improve.

Remember to be cautious when driving, especially at night when visibility is limited and avoid flooded areas. Remember turn around, don't drown.

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