

**POLK COUNTY, TEXAS  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Time: 12:30 p.m.

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**FLOOD WARNING – TRINITY RIVER NEAR GOODRICH**

From the National Weather Service:

A Flood Warning has been issued for the Trinity River near Goodrich for this evening until further notice or until the warning is canceled. At this time, the river gauge reads 30.4 ft (flood stage is 36 ft). At 38 ft moderate low-land flooding begins. The Trinity River is forecast to rise above flood stage by tonight and continue to rise to near 40 ft by early Thursday morning. The Lake Livingston Dam is currently releasing 75,900 cfs. Additional rainfall has been forecast for our area. The Office of Emergency Management is operating at increased readiness and is monitoring the situation.

Persons residing along the Trinity River and below the Lake Livingston Dam should make preparations in the event waters rise to flood levels for your area.

Persons are urged to stay away from creeks and rivers until water levels recede. Motorist should avoid any water covered roads and find an alternate route.

For TxDOT road conditions, please monitor DriveTexas.org.

**Flood Safety Tips:** In the event of severe flooding, please remember:

Turn Around, Don't Drown! Do not drive through water over roadways and **DO NOT DRIVE AROUND BARRICADES!** Just 2 ft of water can sweep your vehicle away.

**DO NOT WALK** through floodwaters. Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down.

**STAY AWAY** from streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly with little warning.

**MOVE** important items – especially important documents like insurance policies to the highest possible floor. This will help protect them from flood damage.

**DISCONNECT** electrical appliances, and do not touch electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water. You could be electrocuted.

Please look for further updates on the Polk County Emergency Management Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/PolkCountyEmergencyManagement](http://www.facebook.com/PolkCountyEmergencyManagement)).

Road conditions and updates will be posted to the Polk County Emergency Management Website as we receive them: [PolkCountyOEM.com](http://PolkCountyOEM.com)