

Texas Division of Emergency Management

Preparedness Update

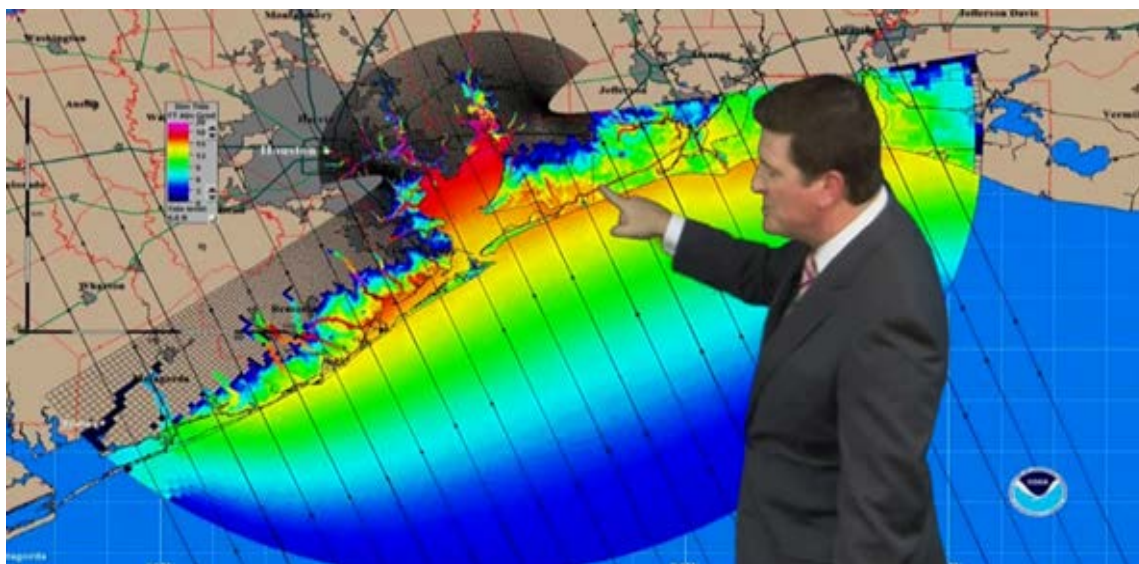
Helping to prepare the Texas emergency management community

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The *Preparedness Update* alerts Texas' emergency management community to planning, training and exercise opportunities while providing updates on Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) preparedness initiatives and activities. For more information, or to receive the *Preparedness Update*, contact [Bill Wahlgren](#).

Harvey Underscores Importance of Planning, Training and Exercise

Hurricane Harvey—and the tragic events of the past week—are stark reminders of the importance of preparedness. In planning for disasters in Texas, emergency management professionals, as directed by law, partner with stakeholders from the entire community to develop all-hazards emergency operations plans. And that's just the beginning. Planning sometimes reveals knowledge and capability gaps that should be addressed through training. The state offers a wide range of courses that target basic through advanced emergency management skills and capabilities. Course descriptions and dates can be found on [PreparingTexas.org](#). To test the effectiveness of training, however, requires participation in well-executed exercise activities. Only then do participants know how well prepared they are for a real-world incident. This past June, several of our preparedness partners



TDEM Hurricane Planner and meteorologist John Honoré developed several weather injects for the state's "Hurricane Charlie" state exercise series held in June of this year.

participated in our “Hurricane Charlie” state exercise series, which was aimed at testing the state’s ability to evacuate populations from the path of a Category 3 hurricane. Large, full-scale exercises often reveal planning and training gaps that emergency managers should address. Although planning, training and exercising never end, we hope that “Hurricane Charlie” helped brace Texas emergency managers for Hurricane Harvey. For more information or to comment, contact [Bill Wahlgren](#).

State of Texas Preparedness Exercise Program Updates

The Exercise Unit is looking for Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) co-instructors. If you have extensive exercise experience, we want you! We plan on expanding the number of L-146 HSEEP class deliveries this year. As a co-instructor, you should be familiar with HSEEP concepts and have experience in the planning, development, conduct and evaluation of exercises. We seek instructors from the local, regional, state and federal levels. Recently the unit delivered its first FEMA L-146 (HSEEP) class in Lubbock. Classes are scheduled for Belton, Del Rio, El Paso, Bryan and Austin. If interested in taking a class, please check www.preparingtexas.org for class offerings in your area. We look forward to seeing you! For more information, contact the TDEM Exercise Unit at tdemexercise@dps.texas.gov.

Local and Regional Planning Spotlight

Earlier this month, Local and Regional Plans Unit staff briefed the Disability Task Force on access and functional needs (AFN) findings from the “Hurricane Charlie” After Action Report. As always, TDEM’s Local and Regional Plans Unit planners stand ready to assist jurisdictions with their planning efforts. For more information, contact Acting Supervisor [Dan Borgeson](#).

Local and Regional Plans Review

In August, the unit reviewed **193** plan documents.

State of Texas Emergency Management Plan and Annex Updates

Oil and HAZMAT Response Annex (Q)

The planning process has begun on the *Oil and HAZMAT Response Annex*. The planning team will be notified about upcoming meeting dates. For more information, contact [Daniel Alvarado](#).

Energy (L)

The *Energy Annex* is in final review. For more information, contact [Joshua Bryant](#).

Recovery Annex

The *Recovery Annex* is in internal review. For more information, contact [Natalie Vega](#).

Search and Rescue (R)

The *Search and Rescue Annex* is in final review. For more information, contact [Joshua Bryant](#).

Biological Hazards Annex

The *Biological Hazards Annex* is in stakeholder review. Stakeholders will be notified as future planning meetings are scheduled. For more information, contact [Joshua Bryant](#).

Preparedness Quiz

Test your knowledge of emergency management by answering the following questions.

1. The state is divided into disaster districts that engage in _____ and response activities.
2. Government Code Chapter 418 falls under the _____ branch of government.
3. The emergency management program of a _____ must be coordinated with emergency programs of municipalities situated in the _____ but does not apply to municipalities that have their own emergency management program.
4. In 2003 the president issued _____, which created the National Incident Management System (NIMS).
5. September is National _____ Month.

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Other News and Events

A Warm Welcome

Joshua Bryant has transferred from the role of Technological Hazards Unit Supervisor to the State and Federal Plans Unit Supervisor. Joshua is looking forward to leading the State and Federal Plans Unit in developing and maintaining a comprehensive and integrative State Emergency Management Plan.

Preparedness welcomes Ben Parry who joins the team as a Planner for the State and Federal Plans Unit. Prior to joining Preparedness, Ben worked in the Disaster Behavioral Health Unit at the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. Before moving to Texas, Ben's career in international relations took him to Washington D.C., Baghdad, and Berlin in various positions inside and out of the federal government.

Preparedness also welcomes Jay Rimel who joins the team as a Planner for the State and Federal Plans Unit. Prior to joining Preparedness, Jay was an active duty member of the Texas Army National Guard (TXARNG) from which he recently retired with 20 years of service. He joins us with over 11 years of experience in the emergency management field as a member of the TXARNG 6th Civil Support Team/WMD.

The Publications Management Unit welcomes two new employees. Teresa Johnson joins us as a technical writer. She comes to TDEM with a strong background in technical writing,

editing, design, and website maintenance. She has worked on print, online manuals and documentation for the Office of the Attorney General and TxDOT, as well as IBM, Pervasive Software, and AMD.

Colin Lowry joins us as our New Media lead. Colin has worked as both an in-house and independent producer/editor for educational, tech, and commercial film companies. He was also the video and TV production manager for Austin-Travis County EMS where he gained valuable experience with first responders and the emergency management community.

A Fond Farewell

Last month we bid farewell to Local and Regional Planner Ernesto Vazquez. Ernie is now a WebEOC specialist with the Critical Information Systems Unit within TDEM. We wish him the best in his new role.

Upcoming Preparedness Training Opportunities

Because of numerous deployments due to Hurricane Harvey, our training calendar for September begins mid-month and is subject to change. Please check our website, www.preparingtexas.org, for current dates and locations. Click [here](#) for a map of DPS regions. Click the course code for course descriptions.

Region 1

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
H-200	HazMat First Responder Operations	Fort Worth	09/16 - 09/17
HZMTIQ	HZMTIQ-Above the Line/Below the Line Training	Grand Prairie	09/18 - 09/18
G-402	ICS Overview for Executive/Senior Officials	Lancaster	09/19 - 09/19
HZMTIQ	HZMTIQ-Above the Line/Below the Line Training	Grand Prairie	09/19 - 09/19
HZMTIQ	HZMTIQ-Above the Line/Below the Line Training	Grand Prairie	09/20 - 09/20
G-191	ICS - EOC Interface	Dallas	09/21 - 09/21
G-200	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Arlington	09/21 - 09/21
T-600.b	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Bonham	09/21 - 09/21
G-288	Donations Management Course	Desoto	09/21 - 09/22
PER-320	Personal Protective Measures for Biological Events	Arlington	09/26 - 09/26
AWR-350	Introd. to Radiological/Nuclear WMD Op. for Em. Med. Services/Healthcare	Dallas	09/29 - 09/29
PER-332	Population Monitoring for Community Response Center Course	Dallas	09/30 - 09/30
G-200	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Farmers Branch	10/10 - 10/10
PER-213	Wide Area Search	Weatherford	10/13 - 10/15
G-191	ICS - EOC Interface	Weatherford	10/17 - 10/17
PER-243	Primary Screener/Personal Radiation Detector (PRD)	Fort Worth	10/17 - 10/17
MGT-317	Disaster Management for Public Services	Texarkana	10/17 - 10/18
G-386	Mass Fatalities Incident Response	Dallas	10/17 - 10/19
PER-245	Secondary Screener Radiation Isotope Identifier Device (SS/RIID)	Fort Worth	10/18 - 10/19

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
PER-246	Primary Screener Backpack Basic Course (PSBB)	Fort Worth	10/20 - 10/20
COMT	OEC All-Hazards Communications Technician (COMT)	Denton	10/23 - 10/27
AWR-313	Homemade Explosives: Awareness, Recognition, and Response	Paris	11/01 - 11/01
T-600.d	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	Denton	11/02 - 11/02
MGT-348	Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents	Paris	11/02 - 11/03
PER-335	Critical Decision Making for Complex Coordinated Attacks	Dallas	11/02 - 11/03
T-600.e	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Denton	11/03 - 11/03
H-301	HazMat Emergency Response Technician	Sherman	11/13 - 11/17

Region 2

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Conroe	09/18 - 09/20
T-600.d	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	Baytown	09/19 - 09/19
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Pearland	09/19 - 09/21
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Conroe	09/20 - 09/21
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Pearland	09/21 - 09/22
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Orange	09/26 - 09/28
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Orange	09/28 - 09/29
H-510	NFPA 472 Air Monitoring and Sampling for Hazardous Materials, Pro-Board Certification	Conroe	10/03 - 10/04
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Galveston	10/05 - 10/06
E/L-956	NIMS ICS All Hazards Liaison Officer (LOFR) Course	Houston	10/10 - 10/11
G-290/G289/G291	Basic Public Information Officer Course(G290)/Public Information Officer Awareness Course(G289)	Bryan	10/10 - 10/12
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Houston	10/10 - 10/12
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Dickinson	10/16 - 10/17
H-509	NFPA 472 HazMat Transportation Specialist - (Pro-Board Certification)	College Station	10/16 - 10/20
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Dickinson	10/18 - 10/19
T-600.b	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Galveston	10/19 - 10/19
T-600.e	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Baytown	10/19 - 10/19
H-500	HazMat Technician - Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) Certification	Rosenberg	10/23 - 11/03

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	League City	11/04 - 11/05
E/L-973	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Finance/Administration Section Chief (FSC) Course	Conroe	11/06 - 11/08
L-146	INDIRECT DELIVERY - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Basic Course	Bryan	11/14 - 11/15
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	League City	11/17 - 11/18
T-600.d	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	Galveston	11/29 - 11/29

Region 3

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Falfurrias	09/19 - 09/21
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Roma	09/19 - 09/21
G-288	Donations Management Course	Corpus Christi	09/20 - 09/21
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Falfurrias	09/21 - 09/22
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Roma	09/21 - 09/22
AWR-122	Law Enforcement Prevention and Deterrence of Terrorist Acts	Aransas Pass	09/25 - 09/26
L-548	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Program Manager Train-the-Trainer Course	Zapata	09/25 - 09/26
L-550	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Train-the-Trainer	Zapata	09/27 - 09/29
MGT-310	Jurisdictional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment	Brownsville	10/03 - 10/04
PER-213	Wide Area Search	Corpus Christi	10/03 - 10/05
L-146	INDIRECT DELIVERY - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Basic Course	Del Rio	10/10 - 10/11
H-202	Pipeline Emergencies - Awareness / Operations	Laredo	10/10 - 10/12
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Roma	10/14 - 10/21
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Cotulla	10/17 - 10/19
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Penitas	10/18 - 10/18
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Cotulla	10/19 - 10/20
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Corpus Christi	10/23 - 10/25
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Corpus Christi	10/30 - 11/01
G-290/G289/G291	Basic Public Information Officer Course(G290)/Public Information Officer Awareness Course(G289)	Beeville	11/07 - 11/09

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
PER-211	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	Robstown	11/15 - 11/16
MGT-317	Disaster Management for Public Services	Progreso Lakes	11/27 - 11/28
MGT-343	Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities	Progreso Lakes	11/29 - 11/30

Region 4

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Angelo	09/20 - 09/22
G-318	Local Mitigation Planning Workshop	Fort Stockton	09/26 - 09/27
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	San Angelo	09/27 - 09/28
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Junction	10/09 - 10/09
L-146	INDIRECT DELIVERY - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Basic Course	El Paso	10/24 - 10/25
H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Odessa	11/06 - 11/10
T-600.b	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Junction	11/07 - 11/07
PER-211	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	Fort Stockton	11/07 - 11/08

Region 5

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
AWR-147	Rail Car Incident Response	Levelland	09/23 - 09/23
AWR-213	Critical Infrastructure Key Resources Awareness Course	Wichita Falls	09/26 - 09/26
MGT-310	Jurisdictional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment	Wichita Falls	09/27 - 09/28
MGT-348	Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents	Lubbock	10/03 - 10/04
T-600.d	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	Pampa	10/10 - 10/10
MGT-414	Advanced Critical Infrastructure Protection	Wichita Falls	10/11 - 10/11
T-600.e	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Pampa	10/11 - 10/11
T-600.d	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	Wheeler	10/12 - 10/12
G-290/G289/G291	Basic Public Information Officer Course(G290)/Public Information Officer Awareness Course(G289)	Amarillo	10/17 - 10/19
T-600.b	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Wichita Falls	10/19 - 10/19
H-502	NFPA 472 Incident Command, Pro-Board Certification	Wichita Falls	10/19 - 10/20
G-318	Local Mitigation Planning Workshop	Wichita Falls	10/24 - 10/25
MGT-315	Critical Asset Risk Management	Wichita Falls	11/07 - 11/08
T-600.b	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Brownwood	11/15 - 11/15

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
MGT-348	Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents	Abilene	11/28 - 11/29

Region 6

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-288	Donations Management Course	Schertz	09/12 - 09/13
G-610	Basic Emergency Management Workshop	Austin	09/12 - 09/13
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Antonio	09/12 - 09/14
H-505	NFPA 472 Product Control Specialist (Pro-Board Certification)	San Antonio	09/18 - 09/19
H-504	NFPA 1006 2008 Edition Trench Rescue Levels I and II Pro-Board Certification	Leander	09/19 - 09/22
MGT-452	Physical and Cybersecurity for Critical Infrastructure	Austin	09/22 - 09/22
H-502	NFPA 472 Incident Command, Pro-Board Certification	Georgetown	09/26 - 09/27
L-146	INDIRECT DELIVERY - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Basic Course	Belton	09/26 - 09/27
G-191	ICS - EOC Interface	Victoria	09/27 - 09/27
MGT-341	Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Within the Community Inf.	San Antonio	09/27 - 09/28
AWR-136	Essentials of Community Cyber Security	San Antonio	10/05 - 10/05
PER-335	Critical Decision Making for Complex Coordinated Attacks	San Antonio	10/10 - 10/11
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Victoria	10/11 - 10/13
L-548	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Program Manager Train-the-Trainer Course	Austin	10/16 - 10/17
L-550	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Train-the-Trainer	Austin	10/18 - 10/20
E/L-963	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Planning Section Chief Train-the-Trainer	Austin	10/23 - 10/26
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Victoria	11/02 - 11/03
PER-228	Advanced Forensic Investigations for Hazardous Environments	San Antonio	11/05 - 11/08
ALERT	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Austin	11/07 - 11/07
G-608	Disaster Recovery Workshop	Austin	11/07 - 11/07
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	San Antonio	11/07 - 11/08
G-557	Rapid Needs Assessment	Victoria	11/08 - 11/08
G-205	Recovery From Disaster: The Local Government Role	Austin	11/08 - 11/09

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