

Texas Disability Task Force

Disability Taskforce Toolkits and the New Emergency Management System

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Whole Community

Means by which residents, emergency management practitioners, organizational and community leaders, and governmental officials can collectively understand and assess the needs of their respective communities and determine the best ways to organize and strengthen their assets, capacities, and interests.



People with Access and Functional Needs

Individuals who may have additional needs before, during and after an incident in functional areas, including maintaining independence, communication, transportation, supervision, and medical care. Individuals in need of additional response assistance may include those who have disabilities, live in institutionalized settings, are elderly, are children, are from diverse cultures, have limited English proficiency, or are non-English speaking, or are transportation disadvantaged.



History

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Texas Disability Task Force (DTF) on Emergency Management

The DTF was convened in late 2011. This task force serves as a resource to TDEM to provide input to the Texas emergency management community that will enhance state and local emergency management planning and response and promote preparedness efforts for Texans with disabilities.

Membership:

Chair: Dr. Laura Stough	Garret Foskit	Rosemary McKnight
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Councils & Committees List

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Communication Before and After Disaster



The Effective Communications Toolkit helps you ensure that emergency communications services and equipment address the functional and access needs of people with disabilities as part of the “whole community” approach endorsed by FEMA



Communication Before and After Disaster



To provide planning guidance to local emergency management and shelter planners, the State of Texas FNSS Integration Committee has created a toolkit that can be incorporated into existing shelter plans to meet access and functional needs in general population shelters.



Who do the Toolkits Apply to?

This toolkit applies to professionals from local jurisdictions in the following fields:

- First responders;
- Emergency management professionals;
- Public information officers;
- Shelter managers; and
- State and local government officials.



Where you can find the Toolkits

www.preparingtexas.org



Download: from the Preparing Texas Website under the preparedness link.



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Best Practice

Corpus Christi Functional Needs Support Team

- Established in 2006 as the Special Needs Support Team
- Reviews and makes recommendations on evacuation sites, travel modes, and communications for inclusiveness and accessibility accommodating the whole community.



New Planning System

The screenshot displays the Veoci web application interface. At the top, the browser address bar shows the URL <https://veoci.com/veoci/63480/home#tab=rooms>. The application header includes the 'veoci' logo and navigation links for Home, Alerts, Threads, Rooms, and Start a Room. A search icon, chat bubble, and user profile icon are also present.

The main content area is titled 'Active Rooms'. On the left, a user profile for 'Mario Chapa' is shown with a 'Available' status and the Texas Department of Public Safety logo. Below this is a sidebar menu with options: Rooms, Admin, My Apps, My Dashboard, Recent Activity, and Tasks.

The 'Active Rooms' section features two room cards:

- DPS Test Jurisdiction**: Status is 'Operational'. It has a 'Join' button and a 'View Room Dashboard' link. The last joined time is 'Today 15:50:04'. Below the card are tabs for 'Task Types' and 'Forms'.
- Government User Community Room**: Status is 'No Description'. Last activity was '4 days ago'. It has a 'Join' button.
- Texas DPS Support and Collaboration**: Status is 'No Description'. Last activity was '6 days ago'. It has a 'Join' button.

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the system clock as 3:50 PM on 3/19/2019.



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Plan Creation

The screenshot displays the Veoci web application interface for the 'DPS Test Jurisdiction' room. The main content area is titled 'Emergency Operations Plan Dashboard'. On the left, a 'Create' menu is open, listing several actions: 'Create a new EOP', 'Create an IAP', 'Create a new COOP', 'Create Draft Emergency Declaration', and 'Update Program Grant Funding Status'. To the right, the 'My Alerts' section is empty, displaying 'No Alerts'. A 'Full-Screen' button is visible on the left side of the dashboard. The bottom status bar shows the current time as 15:55:17 and the system status as 'Operational'. The user's name, Nathaniel Ellis, is also visible in the bottom right corner.



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Collaboration

The screenshot displays a web browser window with the URL <https://veoci.com/veoci/78344/dashboard/91244>. The page title is "DPS Test Jurisdiction - Dashboard". The main content area is titled "Emergency Operations Plan Dashboard" and includes a "Create" menu with options like "Create a new EOP", "Create an IAP", and "Create a new COOP". A "My Alerts" section is also visible. A chat window is open with "William Paiz-Tabash", showing a message "test test" sent on 28-Nov-2018 at 13:50. The status of William Paiz-Tabash is "Offline but will receive your messages the next time they log in." The bottom of the screen shows a Windows taskbar with the current time as 15:59:28 and the system status as "Operational".



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Plan Tracking

EOP - DPS Test Jurisdiction - Deti x

https://veoci.com/veoci/78344/processes/27486648?savedKey=9afgq986hy&returnRoomId=78344

Home Alerts Threads Rooms Start a Room

Texas All Hazards Planning System [ORG] / Plan Repository [GROUP] / DPS Test Jurisdiction [ROOM] / E... [WORKFLOW]

Entries Bulk Actions Filter Entries... Edit View 6 Workflow Entries Shown View Options

Submit New

Other Tools Edit Workflow Export Data to Excel Export Data to PDF View All Workflows

Status	Date Approved	Initiated By	Date Initiated	Last Modified	Duration	Room
In Progress		Jason Oyer	14-Nov-2018 11:51	14-Nov-2018 11:51	125 days	DPS Tes
In Progress		Jason Oyer	29-Jan-2019 13:53	29-Jan-2019 13:53	49 days	DPS Tes
In Progress		William Paiz-Tab...	21-Feb-2019 09:23	21-Feb-2019 09:38	26 days	DPS Tes
In Progress		Jason Oyer	25-Feb-2019 11:58	25-Feb-2019 12:16	22 days	DPS Tes
Closed	2018-Nov-05	William Paiz-Tab...	12-Nov-2018 11:50	13-Nov-2018 12:33	1 day	DPS Tes
Closed	2018-Nov-01	William Paiz-Tab...	13-Nov-2018 13:08	14-Nov-2018 11:14	22 hours, 6 minu...	DPS Tes

Current Time 16:01:40 Operational

Messages William Paiz-Tabash

4:01 PM 3/19/2019



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Implementation

- Fall 2019/Spring 2020.
- Demo at the Texas Division of Emergency Management Conference.
- It is not mandatory.
- Please continue to submit plans.
- More details on implementation as we get closer.



What Does it mean?

- Able to update the templates more frequently.
- Help tips are able to be added to the software.
- 508 Compliant Plan Creation.
- CPG 101 Compliant
- Toolkits can be added as a standard document available to all jurisdictions within the profile



Thank You!

For More Information

For more information about this presentation, contact Mario Chapa, State Mass Care Coordinator, at Mario.Chapa@dps.texas.gov.

