Texas Disability Task Force

Disability Taskforce Toolkits and the New Emergency Management System

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Overview

• History of the Taskforce
• Toolkits Available
• Best Practices
• New Emergency Plans System
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

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.

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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 tool kit 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.
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

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Active Rooms

DPS Test Jurisdiction

Operational

No Description

Last Joined: Today 15:50:04

View Room Dashboard

Task Types Forms

Government User Community Room

No Description

Last Activity: 4 days ago

Join

Texas DPS Support and Collaboration

No Description

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Plan Creation
Collaboration

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# Plan Tracking

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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

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