
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](#).

Hazardous Cargo Moves Safely Through Texas

The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) is a deep geologic repository in New Mexico used to store transuranic waste far from major population areas. Transuranic waste is a byproduct of weapons production, nuclear research and power production. This waste consists of protective gear, tools, residue, debris and other items contaminated with small amounts of radioactive elements. Although transuranic waste is a low-level radioactive waste, the U.S. Department of Energy has established a system for safely transporting it to the WIPP site for permanent disposal. The WIPP route through Texas covers more than 650 miles of roadways through 20 counties and 40 municipal jurisdictions. Three to five WIPP transportation trucks cross our state each month and are monitored carefully according to a detailed plan. But what should be done if an incident occurs along the WIPP route? Area



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first responders and citizens should follow a three-tiered protection principle: Time, Distance, and Shielding. According to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Time, distance, and shielding measures minimize your exposure to radiation in much the same way as they would to protect you against overexposure to the sun." First, limiting one's exposure time is the primary method of reducing radiation dosage, spending as little time near a source as possible. Next, one should move away from a radiation source as quickly as possible. Finally, one should find shielding or a barrier such as protective gear or a building or wall between a radiation source and one's position. Proper shielding will either eliminate or greatly reduce contamination and exposure potential. In addition, preparedness activities that can strengthen your community's ability to respond include

- Updating related annexes to your emergency operations plan;
- Participating in training opportunities available through PreparingTexas.org;
- Participating in exercises relevant to nuclear or radiological incidents.

Subject-matter experts, identified on the team roster at the end of this *Update*, stand ready to assist. For more information or to comment, contact [Bill Wahlgren](mailto:Bill.Wahlgren).

State of Texas Preparedness Exercise Program Updates

The TDEM Exercise Unit participated in the FEMA Region 6 Annual Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW) to develop a regional strategy for the next three-year training and exercise cycle. Participating states included Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. A representative from the National Exercise Program previewed some of the new exercise resources that will be available to local and state agencies. We will keep you informed as more information becomes available. Separately we have begun planning for the 2018 Coastal Bend Hurricane Exercise. We are in the early stages of the planning and will provide more information in the coming months.

In the meantime, the Exercise unit will take to the road to deliver the FEMA L-146 Indirect Delivery of the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) class. Our first class is in Lubbock, August 22-23. Seats are still available. More offerings will be posted on preparingtexas.org. For more information, contact us at t-dem.exercises@dps.texas.gov.

Local and Regional Planning Spotlight

During the "Hurricane Charlie" Full-Scale Exercise in June, Local and Regional Plans Unit planners served as lead controller in the control cell, evaluator, and safety officer in multiple locations throughout the week of the exercise. As always, TDEM's Local and Regional Plans Unit planners stand ready to assist jurisdictions with their planning efforts. For assistance, contact Acting Supervisor [Dan Borgeson](mailto:Dan.Borgeson).

Local and Regional Plans Review

In June, the unit reviewed **93** 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 [Will Patton](#).

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 [Will Patton](#).

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 [Will Patton](#).

Preparedness Quiz

Test your knowledge of emergency management by deciding whether each statement is true or false.

1. According to NRC regulations, the four levels of an emergency at a nuclear power plant are *unusual event*, *alert*, *site area emergency*, and *general emergency*.
2. No general emergencies have been reported since the Three Mile Island incident in 1979.
3. Emergency response planning for a nuclear incident includes two planning zones: a 10-mile emergency planning zone, and a 35-mile emergency planning zone.
4. Within the 10-mile emergency planning zone, immediate protective actions include instructions for sheltering in place or evacuation.

Other News and Events

A Warm Welcome

Preparedness welcomes Jaime Erlandson who joins the team as a new State Training Officer. Prior to joining Preparedness, Jaime worked in the TDEM Chief of Staff's Office. Jaime comes to us with several years of experience in the emergency management field at several levels of government.

A Fond Farewell

This month we bid farewell to State and Federal Plans Unit Supervisor Will Patton. Will becomes the new Emergency Plans Section Coordinator on TDEM's State Management Team. We wish him the best in his new role.

We also said goodbye to Dan Price, Local and Regional Plans Unit Supervisor. Dan has accepted a new position as COOP Planner for the Texas Comptroller's Office. We wish him the best in his new role.

Lastly, we bid farewell to Theron Proctor, our Hazardous Materials Unit Supervisor. A career firefighter with several years' distinguished service for the City of Austin and for the state, he will be missed as he transitions into retirement.

Upcoming Preparedness Training Opportunities

Please be aware that the dates of the classes listed below are subject to change. Check our website, www.preparingtexas.org, for current dates and locations as well as new course offerings. Click [here](#) for a map of DPS regions. Click the course code for course descriptions.

Region 1

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Arlington	07/31 - 08/01
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Arlington	08/02 - 08/03
MGT-361	Managing Critical Incidents for Higher Education Institutions: A Multi-Disciplinary, Community	Fort Worth	08/02 - 08/04
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Fort Worth	08/07 - 08/09
H-304	Confined Space Rescue	Dallas	08/07 - 08/10
AWR-122	Law Enforcement Prevention and Deterrence of Terrorist Acts	Terrell	08/09
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Fort Worth	08/09 - 08/10
MGT-319	Medical Countermeasures: Points of Dispensing (POD), Planning and Response	Fort Worth	08/10 - 08/11
MGT-348	Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents	Grapevine	08/17 - 08/18
E/L-969	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Type III Communications Unit	Denton	08/21 - 08/23

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
	Leader (COML)		
STRCOM	Street Command Series	Grand Prairie	08/22
MGT-343	Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities	Everman	08/22 - 08/23
G-202	Debris Management	Grapevine	08/22 - 08/25
STRCOM	Street Command Series	Grand Prairie	08/23
AWR-136	Essentials of Community Cyber Security	Dallas	08/24
STRCOM	Street Command Series	Grand Prairie	08/24
E/L/G-428	Community Emergency Response Team Train the Trainer	Arlington	08/28 - 08/30
PER-320	Personal Protective Measures for Biological Events	Longview	08/29
PER-320	Personal Protective Measures for Biological Events	Longview	08/30
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Mesquite	08/30
PER-320	Personal Protective Measures for Biological Events	Longview	08/31
H-301	HazMat Emergency Response Technician	Plano	09/11 - 09/15
HZMTIQ	HZMTIQ-Above the Line/Below the Line Training	Grand Prairie	09/18
HZMTIQ	HZMTIQ-Above the Line/Below the Line Training	Grand Prairie	09/19
HZMTIQ	HZMTIQ-Above the Line/Below the Line Training	Grand Prairie	09/20
HZMTIQ	HZMTIQ-Above the Line/Below the Line Training	Grand Prairie	09/21
HZMTIQ	HZMTIQ-Above the Line/Below the Line Training	Grand Prairie	09/21
HZMTIQ	HZMTIQ-Above the Line/Below the Line Training	Grand Prairie	10/13 - 10/15
HZMTIQ	HZMTIQ-Above the Line/Below the Line Training	Grand Prairie	10/17
HZMTIQ	HZMTIQ-Above the Line/Below the Line Training	Grand Prairie	10/17 - 10/19
HZMTIQ	HZMTIQ-Above the Line/Below the Line Training	Grand Prairie	10/18 - 10/19
HZMTIQ	HZMTIQ-Above the Line/Below the Line Training	Grand Prairie	10/20

Region 2

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
E/L-969	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Type III Communications Unit Leader (COML)	Houston	08/01 - 08/03
MGT-456	Integration of Cybersecurity Personnel into the Emergency Operations Center for Cyber Incidents	College Station	08/01 - 08/03
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Pasadena	08/02
T-600.b	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Pasadena	08/03
G-205	Recovery From Disaster: The Local Government Role	Orange	08/03 - 08/04
AUXCOMM	Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOMM) Training	Houston	08/04 - 08/05
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Houston	08/04 - 08/05
T-600.d	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	Baytown	08/08
G-202	Debris Management	Houston	08/08 - 08/11
T-600.e	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Baytown	08/09

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	New Caney	08/21 - 08/23
G-557	Rapid Needs Assessment	Conroe	08/22
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	New Caney	08/23 - 08/25
H-100	HazMat Awareness	Orange	08/28
PER-211	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	College Station	08/28 - 08/30
T-600.d	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	Pasadena	08/30
T-600.e	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Pasadena	08/31
H-504	NFPA 1006 2008 Edition Trench Rescue Levels I and II Pro-Board Certification	Channelview	09/04 - 09/08
H-503	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Spring	09/05 - 09/08
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Houston	09/11 - 09/13
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Houston	09/14 - 09/15
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Houston	09/14 - 09/15
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Conroe	09/18 - 09/20
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Conroe	09/20 - 09/21
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
G-290/G289/G291	Basic Public Information Officer Course(G290)/Public Information Officer Awareness Course(G289)/JIS/JIC Planning for Tribal, State, and Local PIOs(G291)	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
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Dickinson	10/18 - 10/19
H-500	HazMat Technician - Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) Certification	Rosenberg	10/23 - 11/03
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
G-290/G289/G291	Basic Public Information Officer Course(G290)/Public Information Officer Awareness Course(G289)/JIS/JIC Planning for Tribal, State, and Local PIOs(G291)	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

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Dickinson	10/18 - 10/19
H-500	HazMat Technician - Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) Certification	Rosenberg	10/23 - 11/03

Region 3

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Harlingen	07/31 - 08/02
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Harlingen	08/02 - 08/03
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Laredo	08/02 - 08/04
G-288	Donations Management Course	Weslaco	08/08 - 08/09
G-318	Local Mitigation Planning Workshop	Rio Grande City	08/08 - 08/09
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Edinburg	08/14 - 08/16
H-500	HazMat Technician - Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) Certification	Weslaco	08/14 - 08/25
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Del Rio	08/15 - 08/17
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Edinburg	08/16 - 08/17
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Corpus Christi	08/16 - 08/18
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Del Rio	08/17 - 08/18
PER-229	Introduction to the Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) Suite	Alice	08/25 - 08/27
MGT-315	Critical Asset Risk Management	Weslaco	08/29 - 08/30
MGT-315	Critical Asset Risk Management	Brownsville	08/29 - 08/30
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Laredo	08/29 - 08/31
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Laredo	08/31 - 09/01
G-489	Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in Disasters	Corpus Christi	09/14
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-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
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

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
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

Region 4

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-200	Texas Public Officials Workshop	San Angelo	08/02
T-600.b	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Andrews	08/02
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Angelo	08/09 - 08/11
G-288	Donations Management Course	San Angelo	08/16 - 08/17
H-100	HazMat Awareness	Alpine	08/19 - 08/20
L-548	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Program Manager Train-the-Trainer Course	San Angelo	08/21 - 08/22
L-550	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Train-the-Trainer	San Angelo	08/23 - 08/25
G-775	EOC Management and Operations	El Paso	08/29 - 08/31
MGT-341	Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Within the Community Infrastructure	Midland	09/06 - 09/07
MGT-341	Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Within the Community Infrastructure	El Paso	09/14 - 09/15
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

Region 5

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Amarillo	08/15 - 08/17
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Amarillo	08/17 - 08/18
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Lubbock	08/17 - 08/18
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Wichita Falls	09/13 - 09/14
AWR-147	Rail Car Incident Response	Levelland	09/23
AWR-213	Critical Infrastructure Key Resources Awareness	Wichita Falls	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
MGT-414	Advanced Critical Infrastructure Protection	Wichita Falls	10/11

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-290/G289/G291	Basic Public Information Officer Course(G290)/Public Information Officer Awareness Course(G289)/JIS/JIC Planning for Tribal, State, and Local PIOs(G291)	Amarillo	10/17 - 10/19
G-318	Local Mitigation Planning Workshop	Wichita Falls	10/24 - 10/25

Region 6

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Bellmead	07/31 - 08/02
G-200	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Austin	08/04
H-510	NFPA 472 Air Monitoring and Sampling for Hazardous Materials, Pro-Board Certification	San Antonio	08/09 - 08/10
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Kyle	08/09 - 08/26
H-402	NFA Chemistry for Emergency Response	Austin	08/14 - 08/25
H-503	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Schertz	08/15 - 08/18
G-205	Recovery From Disaster: The Local Government Role	Victoria	08/16 - 08/17
AWR-209	Working with the Media: A Short Course for Rural First Responders	Rockdale	08/22
G-141	Instructional Presentation and Evaluation Skills	Austin	08/22 - 08/24
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Antonio	08/22 - 08/24
G-290	Basic Public Information Officer	San Antonio	08/28 - 08/29
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Georgetown	08/28 - 08/29
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Georgetown	08/30 - 08/31
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Hewitt	08/30 - 08/31
G-191	ICS - EOC Interface	San Antonio	08/31
E/L-950	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Incident Commander (IC) Course	Waco	09/11 - 09/15
G-358	Evacuation and Re-Entry Planning	Victoria	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
G-288	Donations Management Course	Schertz	09/14 - 09/15
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
MGT-341	Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Within the Community Infrastructure	San Antonio	09/27 - 09/28
PER-335	Critical Decision Making for Complex Coordinated Attacks	San Antonio	10/10 - 10/11
L-548	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Program	Austin	10/16 - 10/17

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
	Manager Train-the-Trainer Course		
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

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