
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](#).

New Technologies Deployed During Hurricane Harvey Recovery

With even well-trained personnel and fully exercised plans in place, the scale and scope of Hurricane Harvey was so large and complex that it overwhelmed an unprecedented number of communities. In fact the storm and its aftermath resulted in approximately 10,000 open recovery projects. John Kelley, Supervising Program Director at TDEM's Recovery, Mitigation and Standards, reminds us that "the key to successful recovery is to anticipate what will happen next and get in front of it." With this in mind, TDEM and FEMA deployed new technologies that were not scheduled to roll out for months. For example, satellite photos



An estimated 200 million cubic yards of debris will need to be removed in Texas.

and drones were used for the first time to make preliminary damage assessments, an approach that was safer and 50 percent faster than sending in personnel. A new Public Assistance (PA) process employs both FEMA's and TDEM's new online portals. The FEMA portal handles projects until the "Funding" stage. The TDEM portal takes over from there, handling projects until the "Project Closeout" stage. Webinars were used to brief jurisdictions about making requests for public assistance, cutting the time to deliver an applicant briefing from two months to three weeks. Now that these technologies have been proven in the midst of a major disaster, they will join our preparedness and recovery planning toolset. For more information, or to comment, contact John Kelley at john.kelley@dps.texas.gov.

Exercise Program Spotlight

During the holiday season, special events like parades, concerts and festivals may not come off as planned due to incidents, either man-made or natural, that are unexpected and beyond our control. Members of the whole community should understand the potential risks and hazards associated with the event. Awareness of emergency measures can prevent or minimize consequences to life and property. Event promoters, vendors, sponsors, first responders, volunteers, staff and any individual or organization that contributes to the planning of an event should meet well in advance. Discussions should identify access, evacuation and emergency access routes, shelter areas, weather impacts, a communications structure and any other health, safety and security issues that need to be addressed. Experience gained through exercises, even small discussion-based exercises, is an effective way to identify gaps in event preparedness planning. A well-planned event is a happy and safe event. For more information, contact tdem.exercises@dps.texas.gov.

Local and Regional Planning Update

Local and Regional Planners would like to remind local jurisdictions to review their Preparedness Profiles monthly. Are your local plans and annexes up to date? Are they close to expiration? Remember that these documents need to be reviewed by the state every five years. For any questions related to local and regional plans or for a copy of your current Preparedness Profile, contact tdem.plans@dps.texas.gov.

Local and Regional Plans Review

In October, the unit reviewed **125** plan documents.

State of Texas Emergency Management Plan and Annex Updates

State of Texas Emergency Management Plan

The planning process has begun on the *State of Texas Emergency Management Plan*. Stakeholders will be notified as future planning meetings are scheduled. For more information, contact [Natalie Vega](#).

Public Works and Engineering Annex

The planning process has begun on the *Public Works and Engineering Annex*. Stakeholders will be notified about upcoming meeting dates. For more information, contact [Ben Parry](#).

Emergency Management Annex

The planning process has begun on the *Emergency Management Annex*. Stakeholders will be notified about upcoming meeting dates. For more information, contact [Danielle Hesse](#).

Oil and HAZMAT Response Annex

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

Agriculture and Natural Resources Annex

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Public Safety and Security

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Recovery Annex

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

Public Information Annex

The planning process has begun on the *Public Information Annex*. Stakeholders will be notified as future planning meetings are scheduled. For more information, contact [Jay Rimel](#).

Preparedness Quiz

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

1. At a minimum, how often must a jurisdiction submit its local emergency management plan for review by TDEM?
 - a. Once a year
 - b. Every three years

- c. Every five years
 - d. Every ten years
2. When a county judge and a mayor disagree on matters related to evacuation and ingress to and egress from an area, who prevails?
- a. Mayor
 - b. City Manager
 - c. County Judge
 - d. Senior Commissioner
3. Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) should be made up of members who represent_____.
- a. Representatives from community groups and the media
 - b. Police, fire, civil defense, and public health professionals
 - c. Privately owned facility representatives
 - d. All of the above

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Calendar of Preparedness Meetings and Events

For more information, refer to the Preparedness Team roster below for a point of contact.

December 5-6

HSEEP Program Direct Delivery Meeting, Austin

December 6

Drought and Seasonal Forecasting Tools Meeting, Austin

Other News and Events

A Warm Welcome

Preparedness welcomes Scott Sutherland who joins the Training Unit as its new Training Point of Contact. Prior to joining Preparedness, Scott worked in the TDEM Chief of Staff's Office. Scott comes to us with over 12 years of emergency management experience in operations, planning and event management.

Congratulations

Local and Regional Planner Dan Borgeson has been promoted to Technological Hazards Unit Supervisor. Prior to joining TDEM, Dan worked at the Texarkana Office of Emergency Management as the Community Emergency Response Team Program manager and trainer. Dan assisted with the emergency management plan and wrote several grants. Dan also taught crisis leadership, disaster preparedness, mass casualty incidents (MCI) for first responders, MCI for supervisors and management, and terrorism investigations for first

responders at Collin College. Dan began his career as a law enforcement officer in California, where he served over 21 years in a variety of positions. Please join us in congratulating Dan.

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
E/L-958	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Operations Section Chief (OSC) Course	Coppell	11/28-12/01
MGT-315	Critical Asset Risk Management	Denton	12/04-12/05
H-500	HazMat Technician - Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) Certification	Tyler	12/04-12/15
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Palo Pinto	12/06
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Willow Park	12/06-12/08
H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Tyler	12/11
MGT-343	Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities	Dallas	12/12-12/13
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Lake Worth	12/13-12/15
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Willow Park	12/14-12/15
E/L-954	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Safety Officer Course (SOFR)	Hurst	12/20-12/22
T-600.b	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Arlington	12/31
MGT-418	Readiness: Training Identification Preparedness Planning	Fort Worth	01/03-01/04
G-191	ICS - EOC Interface	Arlington	01/08
G-191	ICS - EOC Interface	Texarkana	01/09
MGT-341	Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Within the Community Infrastructure	Arlington	01/09-01/10
T-600.b	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Emory	01/10
L-550	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Train-the-Trainer	Dallas	01/10-01/12
ALERT	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Kilgore	01/12
E/L-950	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Incident Commander (IC) Course	Coppell	01/15-01/19
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Athens	01/17
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Garland	01/22-01/24

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
AWR-219-1	Site Protection through Observational Techniques (SPOT), Train-the-Trainer	Denton	02/01
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Denton	02/05-02/07
L-146	INDIRECT DELIVERY - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Basic Course	Tyler	02/06-02/07
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Denton	02/07-02/08
PER-212	Operational Level Response to HazMat/WMD Incidents	Tyler	02/09-02/11
G-205	Recovery From Disaster: The Local Government Role	Dallas	02/21-02/22
G-449	Incident Command System (ICS) Curricula (Train-the-Trainer)	Grapevine	01/22-01/26
L-146	INDIRECT DELIVERY - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Basic Course	Arlington	02/27-02/28

Region 2

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
H-502	NFPA 472 Incident Command, Pro-Board Certification	San Leon	12/02-12/03
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Dickinson	12/04
PER-211	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	College Station	12/04-12/06
T-600.e	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Galveston	12/06
MGT-343	Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities	League City	12/05-12/06
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Humble	12/11-12/12
H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	College Station	12/11-12/15
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Brenham	01/13-01/14
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Conroe	01/22-01/24
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Houston	01/29-01/31
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Conroe	01/24-01/25
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Houston	02/01-02/02
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Houston	02/06-02/08

Region 3

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
MGT-342	Strategic Overview of Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater	Progreso Lakes	12/01
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Laredo	12/01-12/09
PER-320	Personal Protective Measures for Biological Events	Rio Grande City	12/08
PER-320	Personal Protective Measures for Biological Events	Rio Grande City	12/09
PER-320	Personal Protective Measures for Biological Events	Weslaco	12/12
PER-213	Wide Area Search	Alice	12/12-12/14
PER-320	Personal Protective Measures for Biological Events	Weslaco	12/13
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Cotulla	12/19-12/21
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Cotulla	12/21-12/22
PER-213	Wide Area Search	Corpus Christi	01/09-01/11
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Laredo	01/13-01/14
MGT-341	Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Within the Community Infrastructure	Weslaco	01/16-01/17
MGT-345	Disaster Management for Electric Power Systems	Weslaco	01/18-01/19
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Rio Grande City	01/20-01/27
H-504	NFPA 1006 2008 Edition Trench Rescue Levels I and II Pro-Board Certification	Corpus Christi	01/23-01/26
AWR-213	Critical Infrastructure Key Resources Awareness Course	Brownsville	01/31
MGT-414	Advanced Critical Infrastructure Protection	Brownsville	02/01
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Laredo	02/10-02/11
E/L-967	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Logistics Section Chief (LSC) Course	Harlingen	02/12-02/16
MGT-310	Jurisdictional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment	Weslaco	02/20-02/21

Region 4

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
E/L-969	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Type III Communications Unit Leader (COML)	El Paso	12/05-12/07
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Socorro	12/06
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Junction	12/11
G-975	EOC Operations and ICS Interface	El Paso	12/12-12/14
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Angelo	01/10-01/12
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Midland	01/23

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Midland	01/24
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	San Angelo	01/24-01/25
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Midland	01/25
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Midland	02/13
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Midland	02/14
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Midland	02/15

Region 5

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
H-100	HazMat Awareness	Brownwood	12/09
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Lubbock	12/11-12/12
H-200	HazMat First Responder Operations	Brownwood	01/06-01/07
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Wichita Falls	01/10-01/12
H-500	HazMat Technician - Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) Certification	Brownwood	01/15-01/26
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Vega	01/23
H-500	HazMat Technician - Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) Certification	Abilene	02/05-02/16

Region 6

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)	Georgetown	11/29-12/01
H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Cibolo	12/04-12/08
L-146	INDIRECT DELIVERY - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Basic Course	Austin	12/05-12/06
G-557	Rapid Needs Assessment	Austin	12/06
G-200	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Austin	12/08
G-610	Basic Emergency Management Workshop	Austin	12/12-12/13
E/L/G-276	Benefit-Cost Analysis: Entry-Level Training	Austin	12/19-12/20
E/L-197	Integrating Access and Functional Needs into Emergency Planning	Austin	01/09-01/10
E/L-948	Situational Awareness and Common Operating Picture	Waco	01/15-01/18
AWR-213	Critical Infrastructure Key Resources Awareness Course	Austin	01/22
E/L-950	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Incident Commander (IC) Course	Austin	01/22-01/26
G-318	Local Mitigation Planning Workshop	Austin	01/23-01/24

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Antonio	01/23-01/25
MGT-341	Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Within the Community Infrastructure	Temple	02/01-02/02
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Antonio	02/05-02/07
PER-340	Active Threat Integrated Response Course	San Antonio	02/06-02/08
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	San Antonio	02/08-02/09
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Austin	02/15-02/16
E/L-557	Mission Essential Functions Workshop (Continuity Guidance)	Austin	02/21-02/22
L-146	INDIRECT DELIVERY - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Basic Course	Austin	02/21-02/22

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