

Texas Division of Emergency Management

# Preparedness Update

*Helping to prepare the Texas emergency management community*

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The *Preparedness Update* alerts the 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 [william.wahlgren@dps.texas.gov](mailto:william.wahlgren@dps.texas.gov).

## Handling a Water Contamination Crisis

To watch the related video, click on this [link](#).

In October 2018, after historic flooding that caused high levels of silt and debris in the local water supply, officials in Austin issued a citywide boil-water notice and urged residents to curb their water usage. The State Operations Center, already activated because of the flooding in 54 disaster area-declared central Texas counties, now had to work on making sure the city and associated municipalities had potable water. So—what happens when a jurisdiction learns that its water may not be safe to drink? Emergency managers should first contact their local district coordinator and/or the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). TCEQ implements minimum water quality standards for public drinking water



What happens when a jurisdiction's water supply is suddenly unsafe?

Photo: City of Austin

set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). When those standards are not met, as with the high turbidity levels in October or the chemical leak from an industrial facility in Corpus Christi that triggered a four-day water ban, municipalities work with TCEQ and other state and federal partners. Those partners, like the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, the Texas Department of State Health Services and the National Association of Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOADs), work with TDEM to get resources to where they are needed. With any disaster, resourcefulness is often the key to getting a job done effectively and expediently. "During the Corpus Christi water crisis, State Troopers took water samples to the EPA lab in Houston, where the EPA had created a test method just for this disaster," notes Michelle Havelka, TCEQ's Homeland Security Coordinator. Municipalities should determine minimum water amounts needed and should already have water emergency provision agreements with other jurisdictions to use some of their water during a crisis, if possible. It is also important to know the maximum amount of water that can be brought in by truck or from other sources and to have contracts in place with those providers. Some local businesses also provide aid during disasters and may donate bottled water to those in need. Water crises often end as abruptly as they began, and since bottled water has a shelf life, it is a good practice to donate excess supplies to VOADs or other charitable organizations. From the minor inconvenience of a boil-water advisory to a major inconvenience like a total water ban, jurisdictions should know whom to call at the first sign of trouble. For more information, or to comment, contact [Chuck Phinney](#).

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### Exercise Program Spotlight

After our grants unit released Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG) information for 2019, we received several requests for clarification on exercise requirements. In December we will present five webinars to explain the new and reduced number of requirements and take participants step-by-step through the EMPG Exercise Guidance for grant program applicants. This includes Training and Exercise Planning Workshops (TEPW) and new opportunities to earn exercise credit. Please mark your calendars:

Jurisdiction	Date	Time
Jurisdiction Names <b>A - C</b>	December 4, 2018	10:00 a.m.-12 p.m.
Jurisdiction Names <b>D - K</b>	December 4, 2018	1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Jurisdiction Names <b>L - P</b>	December 5, 2018	10:00 a.m.-12 p.m.
Jurisdiction Names <b>R - Z</b>	December 5, 2018	1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Jurisdictions that missed their assigned webinar	December 6, 2018	10:00 a.m.-12 p.m.

Please watch for an email containing the dial-in information. For more information, contact [Sabine Gumm](#).

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### Local and Regional Plans Spotlight

In November, the unit's Region 1 planner attended the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training ([ALERRT](#)) Conference in Grand Prairie to support efforts to close emergency planning gaps between local jurisdictions and school districts. This is the only national conference to include law enforcement, fire, EMS, emergency management and physician response to active shooter/attack events. Following are some key takeaways from the presentations:

- Integrated emergency management among law enforcement, public education and the broader emergency management disciplines needs to be emphasized in training.
- Wrap-around operations for an active shooter/hostile incident (including but not limited to secondary and psychological injury management, site coordination and scene control) need to be updated in planning and exercises.
- School administrators are increasingly open to the idea of emergency planning.

TDEM continues to work with the [Texas School Safety Center](#) and local jurisdictions to help Texas public schools enhance their preparedness. For more information, contact [Mario Chapa](#).

### Local and Regional Plans Review

In October, the unit reviewed **182** plan documents.

### Hazards Unit Spotlight

Is your jurisdiction’s emergency response team ready to handle confined spaces? The [H-503 NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II](#) course prepares responders to navigate grain silos, septic systems, municipal sewer systems, vessels and more. This Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant-sponsored course is free and will be available in regions throughout Texas. Check our [course link](#) to find out when Confined Space Rescue will be offered near you. For more information, contact [Dan Borgeson](#).

### State of Texas Emergency Management Plan and Annex Updates

The State of Texas Emergency Management Plan (State Plan), which includes the Basic Plan, all emergency support function (ESF) annexes and hazard annexes, has been posted to the [Preparing Texas](#) website. Below is a list of each document within the State Plan and its current status. As plans are updated, the State and Federal Plans Unit will replace the old version. For more information, contact [Josh Bryant](#).

State of Texas Emergency Management Plan and Annexes	Revised	Revising?
<a href="#">Basic Plan</a>	2012	Yes
<a href="#">Transportation Annex (ESF 1)</a>	2016	
<a href="#">Communications Annex (ESF 2)</a>	2015	
<a href="#">Public Works and Engineering Annex (ESF 3)</a>	2012	Yes
<a href="#">Firefighting Annex (ESF 4)</a>	2014	
<a href="#">Emergency Management Annex (ESF 5)</a>	2012	Yes
<a href="#">Mass Care Annex (ESF 6)</a>	2014	
<a href="#">Logistics Mgmt. and Resource Support Annex (ESF 7)</a>	2016	
<a href="#">Public Health and Medical Annex (ESF 8)</a>	2015	
<a href="#">Search and Rescue Annex (ESF 9)</a>	2016	

<a href="#">Oil and Hazardous Materials Response Annex (ESF 10)</a>	2013	Yes
<a href="#">Agriculture and Natural Resources Annex (ESF 11)</a>	2012	Yes
<a href="#">Energy Annex (ESF 12)</a>	2017	
<a href="#">Public Safety and Security Annex (ESF 13)</a>	2013	Yes
<a href="#">Recovery Annex (ESF 14)</a>	2013	
<a href="#">Public Information Annex (ESF 15)</a>	2013	Yes
<a href="#">Hurricane Annex</a>	2018	Yes
<a href="#">Drought Annex</a>	2014	
<a href="#">Wildland Fire Annex</a>	2014	
<a href="#">Radiological Incident Annex</a>	2013	
<a href="#">Terrorism Annex</a>	2013	Yes

## Preparedness Quiz

Determine whether each statement is *True* or *False* regarding health and environmental regulations.

1. The Safe Drinking Water Act has a "Right to Know" provision in which the public must be informed if certain contaminants are present in drinking water above Maximum Contamination Levels (MCLs) set by the EPA.
2. Turbidity is a measure of water current speed.
3. OSHA sets standards for worker exposure to hazardous substances and requires that such substances bear warning labels.
4. The primary mission of the EPA is to provide the framework for a comprehensive and balanced national energy plan through the coordination and administration of the energy functions of the federal government.

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## Advanced Professional Series Certificate

The FEMA Advanced Professional Series (APS) certificate of completion will no longer be issued by FEMA, effective December 31, 2018. Texas will continue to provide a state-managed APS program. State-managed programs allow each state to tailor the APS to meet their needs. A standard set of core courses (both required and elective) will continue to be offered. We are working with FEMA training managers to determine the best course of action for Texas. Certificates will be issued directly from the Chief of the Texas Division of Emergency Management. More information will follow as it becomes available. For more information, contact [Paul Hahn](#).

## Training Calendar

Note: the dates of the classes listed below are subject to change. Check our website, [www.preparingtexas.org](http://www.preparingtexas.org), for current dates, locations and new course offerings. Click [here](#) for a map of DPS regions. Click the course code for course descriptions.

### Region 1 – North Texas

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">E-388</a>	Advanced Public Information Officers Course	Arlington	02/25 – 03/01
<a href="#">G-191</a>	ICS - EOC Interface	Fort Worth	01/10
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Cedar Hill	01/15 – 01/17
<a href="#">G-386</a>	Mass Fatalities Incident Response	Dallas	01/15 – 01/17
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Cedar Hill	01/17 – 01/18
<a href="#">G-402</a>	ICS Overview for Executive/Senior Officials	Frisco	02/07
<a href="#">G-775</a>	EOC Management and Operations	Fort Worth	01/08 – 01/09
<a href="#">H-204</a>	HazMat First Responder Awareness/Operations	Arlington	01/14 – 01/16
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	Paris	02/19
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	Paris	02/20
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	Paris	02/21
<a href="#">HME-IQ</a>	Homemade Explosive	Grand Prairie	01/08
<a href="#">HME-IQ</a>	Homemade Explosive	Grand Prairie	01/09
<a href="#">HME-IQ</a>	Homemade Explosive	Grand Prairie	01/10
<a href="#">HME-IQ</a>	Homemade Explosive	Fort Worth	02/13
<a href="#">HZMTIQ</a>	HZMTIQ-Above the Line/Below the Line Training	Plano	02/11
<a href="#">HZMTIQ</a>	HZMTIQ-Above the Line/Below the Line Training	Plano	02/12
<a href="#">HZMTIQ</a>	HZMTIQ-Above the Line/Below the Line Training	Plano	02/13
<a href="#">L-548</a>	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Program Manager Train-the-Trainer Course	Dallas	02/11 – 02/12
<a href="#">L-550</a>	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Train-the-Trainer	Dallas	02/13 – 02/15
<a href="#">MGT-318</a>	Public Information in an All-Hazards Incident	Dallas	02/20 – 02/21
<a href="#">MGT-319</a>	Medical Countermeasures: Points of Dispensing (POD), Planning and Response	Arlington	12/12 – 12/13
<a href="#">MGT-346</a>	Emergency Operation Center (EOC) Operations for All-Hazards Events	Garland	02/26 – 02/28
<a href="#">MGT-347</a>	Incident Command System (ICS) Forms Review	Grapevine	01/29
<a href="#">MGT-347</a>	Incident Command System (ICS) Forms Review	Grapevine	01/30
<a href="#">MGT-348</a>	Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing	Plano	02/06 – 02/07

	Incidents		
<a href="#">PER-211</a>	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	Dallas	01/16 – 01/17
<a href="#">PER-222</a>	Public Safety WMD Response - Sampling Techniques and Guidelines	Grand Prairie	01/30 – 02/01
<a href="#">PER-222</a>	Public Safety WMD Response - Sampling Techniques and Guidelines	Fort Worth	02/04 – 02/06
<a href="#">PER-232</a>	Initial Law Enforcement Response to Suicide Bombing Attacks (ILERSBA)	Fort Worth	02/12
<a href="#">PER-334</a>	Search and Rescue in Community Disasters	Denton	12/18 – 12/19

## Region 2 – Southeast Texas

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">AWR-167</a>	Sport Event Risk Management	Beaumont	01/22 – 01/23
<a href="#">AWR-219</a>	Site Protection through Observational Techniques (SPOT)	Houston	01/10
<a href="#">AWR-302</a>	Pipeline Security in Rural Communities	Jasper	02/23
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Pearland	12/03 – 12/04
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Lufkin	12/03 – 12/04
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Dickinson	12/04 – 12/05
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Galveston	01/08 – 01/09
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Houston	02/12 – 02/14
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Baytown	02/25 – 02/27
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Bryan	12/03 – 12/04
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Pearland	12/05 – 12/06
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Lufkin	12/06 – 12/07
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command	Dickinson	12/06 – 12/07

	and General Staff		
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Webster	12/06 – 12/07
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Galveston	01/10 – 01/11
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Houston	01/16 – 01/17
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Houston	02/06 – 02/07
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Baytown	02/27 – 02/28
<a href="#">H-200</a>	HazMat First Responder Operations	Calvert	12/18 – 12/19
<a href="#">H-200</a>	HazMat First Responder Operations	Beaumont	02/05 – 02/06
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	College Station	01/08
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	College Station	01/09
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	College Station	01/10
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	Beaumont	02/13
<a href="#">H-501</a>	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	College Station	12/10 – 02/14
<a href="#">H-501</a>	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Pasadena	01/07 – 01/11
<a href="#">H-501</a>	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Conroe	02/25 – 03/01
<a href="#">H-502</a>	NFPA 472 Incident Command, Pro-Board Certification	College Station	01/22 – 01/23
<a href="#">H-509</a>	NFPA 472 HazMat Transportation Specialist - (Pro-Board Certification)	College Station	12/03 – 12/07
<a href="#">MGT-310</a>	Jurisdictional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment	Grand Prairie	02/11 – 02/12
<a href="#">MGT-319</a>	Medical Countermeasures: Points of Dispensing (POD), Planning and Response	Pasadena	01/15 – 01/16
<a href="#">MGT-341</a>	Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Within the Community Infrastructure	Pasadena	02/20 – 02/21
<a href="#">MGT-345</a>	Disaster Management for Electric Power Systems	Pasadena	12/19 – 12/20
<a href="#">MGT-361</a>	Managing Critical Incidents for Higher Education Institutions: A Multi-Disciplinary, Community	Houston	12/17 – 12/19

<a href="#">MGT-412</a>	Sport and Special Event Evacuation Training and Exercise	Beaumont	02/12 – 02/13
<a href="#">PER-211</a>	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	Houston	01/17 – 01/18
<a href="#">PER-212</a>	Operational Level Response to HazMat/WMD Incidents	Pasadena	02/26 – 02/28
<a href="#">PER-375</a>	Surviving an Active Shooter: Run. Hide. Fight.	Texas City	01/22
<a href="#">PER-375</a>	Surviving an Active Shooter: Run. Hide. Fight.	Texas City	01/23

### Region 3 – South Texas

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">AWR-213</a>	Critical Infrastructure Key Resources Awareness Course	Brownsville	01/29
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	South Padre Island	12/03 – 12/05
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Del Rio	12/18 – 12/20
<a href="#">G-317 (Spanish)</a>	Curso de Equipo Comunitario de Respuesta a Emergencias (CERT)	Laredo	01/14 – 01/16
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Del Rio	12/20 – 12/21
<a href="#">H-100</a>	HazMat Awareness	Roma	12/01
<a href="#">H-100</a>	HazMat Awareness	Laredo	02/27
<a href="#">H-200</a>	HazMat First Responder Operations	Roma	02/02 – 12/03
<a href="#">H-405</a>	Air Monitoring for Hazardous Materials	Weslaco	01/08 – 01/09
<a href="#">H-501</a>	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Weslaco	12/10 – 12/14
<a href="#">H-503</a>	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Portland	02/05 – 02/08
<a href="#">MGT-310</a>	Jurisdictional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment	Brownsville	01/30 – 01/31
<a href="#">MGT-315</a>	Critical Asset Risk Management	Brownsville	02/26 – 02/27
<a href="#">MGT-317</a>	Disaster Management for Public Services	Corpus Christi	01/29 – 01/30
<a href="#">MGT-319</a>	Medical Countermeasures: Points of Dispensing (POD), Planning and Response	Harlingen	02/19 – 02/20



<a href="#">MGT-414</a>	Advanced Critical Infrastructure Protection	Brownsville	02/28
<a href="#">PER-211</a>	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	Laredo	02/09 – 02/10
<a href="#">PER-212</a>	Operational Level Response to HazMat/WMD Incidents	Weslaco	12/04 – 12/06
<a href="#">PER-228</a>	Advanced Forensic Investigations for Hazardous Environments	Corpus Christi	01/15 – 01/18
<a href="#">PER-334</a>	Search and Rescue in Community Disasters	Harlingen	02/05 – 02/06

### Region 4 – West Texas

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">G-191</a>	ICS - EOC Interface	El Paso	12/18
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	El Paso	12/10 – 12/12
<a href="#">G-364</a>	Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools	El Paso	01/14 – 01/15
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	El Paso	12/13 – 12/14
<a href="#">G-449</a>	Incident Command System (ICS) Curricula (Train-the-Trainer)	El Paso	01/14 – 01/18
<a href="#">G-489</a>	Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in Disasters	San Angelo	01/23

### Region 5 – Northwest Texas

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">E/L-969</a>	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Type III Communications Unit Leader (COML)	Abilene	12/04 – 12/06
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Wichita Falls	12/17 – 12/19
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Amarillo	01/29 – 01/31
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Amarillo	01/31 – 02/01
<a href="#">H-204</a>	HazMat First Responder Awareness/Operations	Dalhart	01/12 – 01/13
<a href="#">T-615</a>	Orientation to Disaster District Emergency	Lubbock	12/06

	Operations		
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## Region 6 – Central Texas

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">E-388</a>	Advanced Public Information Officers Course	Austin	02/25 – 03/01
<a href="#">G-191</a>	ICS - EOC Interface	Austin	02/20
<a href="#">G-200</a>	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Dripping Springs	12/04
<a href="#">G-200</a>	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Georgetown	12/13
<a href="#">G-200</a>	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Georgetown	01/10
<a href="#">G-202</a>	Debris Management	Marble Falls	01/28 – 01/31
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Round Rock	12/04 – 12/06
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Georgetown	01/15 – 01/17
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Antonio	02/20 – 02/22
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Austin	02/27 – 03/01
<a href="#">G-317</a>	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	San Marcos	01/08 – 01/26
<a href="#">G-317</a>	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Cedar Park	02/22 – 02/24
<a href="#">G-361</a>	Flood Fight Operations	Belton	12/12 – 12/14
<a href="#">G-386</a>	Mass Fatalities Incident Response	San Antonio	01/29 – 01/31
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Round Rock	12/06 – 12/07
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	San Antonio	01/17 – 01/18
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Georgetown	01/22 – 01/23
<a href="#">H-202</a>	Pipeline Emergencies - Awareness / Operations	Taylor	01/05 – 01/06
<a href="#">H-301</a>	HazMat Emergency Response Technician	Round Rock	12/17 – 12/21
<a href="#">H-501</a>	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board	Live Oak	02/18 – 02/22

	Certification		
<a href="#">H-502</a>	NFPA 472 Incident Command, Pro-Board Certification	Victoria	02/26 – 02/27
<a href="#">MGT-341</a>	Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Within the Community Infrastructure	Belton	02/05 – 02/06
<a href="#">MGT-348</a>	Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents	Kyle	01/14 - 01/15
<a href="#">MGT-348</a>	Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents	Marble Falls	01/17 – 01/18
<a href="#">MGT-361</a>	Managing Critical Incidents for Higher Education Institutions: A Multi-Disciplinary, Community	San Marcos	01/29 – 01/31
<a href="#">MGT-439</a>	Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness	San Antonio	12/04 – 12/05
<a href="#">PER-220</a>	Emergency Response to Domestic Biological Incidents	Georgetown	02/11 – 02/12
<a href="#">PER-222</a>	Public Safety WMD Response - Sampling Techniques and Guidelines	Austin	01/15 – 01/17
<a href="#">PER-222</a>	Public Safety WMD Response - Sampling Techniques and Guidelines	Georgetown	02/13 – 02/15
<a href="#">PER-320</a>	Personal Protective Measures for Biological Events	Belton	01/23

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