

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.

Situational Awareness Leads to Faster, Better Decisions

We rely on situational awareness every day, whether pursuing a challenging goal or driving home from work. For most people “situational awareness” means a heightened alertness to one’s surroundings or environment. In many fields, however, situational awareness (SA) is more than paying close attention to one’s surroundings. SA involves gathering and integrating information to make predictions that lead to good decision-making. The Endsley model defines SA in terms of three progressive levels, or steps, from basic perception to complex forecasting. The first step is to *perceive* relevant environmental cues, such as water overtopping a low-water crossing or approaching storm clouds. The second step is to *combine* these cues to form an assessment of the situation. Water over a low-water crossing is not as threatening by itself as it is when combined with an approaching storm. The third



Emergency managers rely on SA to scan the situation for cues, understand them and make sound predictions.

and final step is to use this assessment to *forecast* future events. Here, the combination of environmental cues might lead one to predict flooding and take action. The military, aviation, emergency response and other fields rely on advanced SA skills and techniques to make solid decisions, especially in fast-moving, complex environments. In emergency management, SA involves not only the weather but also any potential threat or hazard—from public utility outages to access and functional needs issues. In an incident command post or an emergency operations center, SA is essential to good decision-making and to creating and maintaining an accurate common operating picture. Research clearly points to the value of finely tuned SA skills in an emergency, especially when stress, workload and complexity raise the stakes. Responders and emergency managers who understand and practice SA are more likely to notice important cues, comprehend their meaning and use them to make sound predictions. Therefore, it is critical that emergency managers train on and exercise their SA skills in order to act with decisiveness and accuracy in the midst of a crisis. Fortunately, SA training and courses are available through state and federal partners. In addition, emergency managers can use every exercise as an opportunity to apply and hone their own SA skills.

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

Exercise Program Spotlight

What is “Whole Community” Involvement?

Emergency preparedness is a shared responsibility, and preparedness planning, training and exercise benefit from the involvement of multiple stakeholders with a variety of backgrounds and interests. This “whole community” of stakeholders includes business and industry, faith-based and cultural organizations, nonprofit groups, schools, access and functional needs (AFN) advocates, medical facilities, as well as all levels of government. Exercises that involve and engage members of the whole community as a collaborative resource enhance the resiliency and security of your jurisdiction, the state and our nation. For more information, contact [Rory Halpin](#).

This month the Exercise Unit welcomed **Raymond Loriaux**, its newest Exercise Coordinator. Raymond serves Region 3 – South Texas and Region 6 – Central Texas.

Local and Regional Plans Spotlight

In January, LRPUs planners attended an Emergency Operations Planning (EOP) development workshop in Victoria. The [Texas School Safety Center](#) (TxSSC)-sponsored course stems from Texas Education Code § 37.108 requiring each school district to have a multi-hazard EOP that addresses the four phases of emergency management: preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation. These workshops introduce school administrators and planners to resources they can use in the development of school-based EOPs. TxSSC offers the workshops at various dates and locations throughout Texas. For more information, contact [William Paiz-Tabash](#).

Local and Regional Plans Unit Administrative Assistant **Sarah Green** retires effective January 31. Sarah served 18 years at DPS, 12 of which were with TDEM, during which she

participated in the state’s response to some of its most challenging natural disasters. We thank her for her dedicated service and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

Local and Regional Plans Review

In December, the unit reviewed **48** plan documents.

Hazards Unit Spotlight

The Agreement-in-Principle (AIP) team is working with the city of Amarillo, Carson and Armstrong counties, Pantex and the Department of Energy to revise the Pantex emergency planning zone (EPZ). The EPZ is currently being revised by TDEM’s Geographic Information System (GIS) team. The finished, approved product will be used for emergency planning purposes and included in the 2020 AIP community calendars, which will be sent to 5,000 households within the Pantex EPZ later in 2019.

AIP is participating in planning and scripting the Nuclear Weapon Accident/Incident Exercise (NUWAIX) for Pantex and the Office of Secure Transportation full-scale exercise in 2019. AIP has attended numerous planning conferences and produced over half of the Master Scenario Events List (MSEL) scripts being considered for the exercise. For more information, contact [Luke Cogburn](#).

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 plan documents 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?
Basic Plan	2012	Yes
Transportation Annex (ESF 1)	2016	
Communications Annex (ESF 2)	2015	
Public Works and Engineering Annex (ESF 3)	2012	Yes
Firefighting Annex (ESF 4)	2014	
Emergency Management Annex (ESF 5)	2012	Yes
Mass Care Annex (ESF 6)	2014	
Logistics Mgmt. and Resource Support Annex (ESF 7)	2016	
Public Health and Medical Annex (ESF 8)	2015	
Search and Rescue Annex (ESF 9)	2016	
Oil and Hazardous Materials Response Annex (ESF 10)	2013	Yes
Agriculture and Natural Resources Annex (ESF 11)	2012	Yes

Energy Annex (ESF 12)	2017	
Public Safety and Security Annex (ESF 13)	2013	Yes
Recovery Annex (ESF 14)	2013	
Public Information Annex (ESF 15)	2013	Yes
Hurricane Annex	2018	Yes
Drought Annex	2014	
Wildland Fire Annex	2014	
Radiological Incident Annex	2013	
Terrorism Annex	2013	Yes

Preparedness Quiz

Determine whether each statement is *True* or *False* regarding situational awareness.

1. Situational awareness comes only from your first-hand knowledge of the incident.
2. A well-designed information collection plan is an important tool for incident management.
3. Effective situational awareness is supported by situational reports, spot reports and briefings.
4. There are few products and reports that can provide situational awareness to incident personnel.

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Training Spotlight: Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium

The Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium (RDPC), a training affiliate of the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium (NDPC) and led by The Center for Rural Development, is a Department of Homeland Security-funded program providing training and resources to rural first responders. RDPC courses are offered both in-person and online, and are provided at no cost. Each month, we will spotlight one course provided by the NDPC. This month's RDPC course is [AWR-302 - Pipeline Security in Rural Communities](#). Disciplines from fire service, government administration, law enforcement, private industry, public works, and emergency management from neighboring jurisdictions are all encouraged to attend. For more information, contact [Scott Sutherland](#).

February Training

AWR-302 - Pipeline Security in Rural Communities	Jasper County Emergency Operations Center 271 East Lamar St. Suite 200 Jasper, TX 75951	2/23/2019	34 seats available
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Training Calendar

Note: the dates of the classes listed below are subject to change. Check our website, 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
AWR-167	Sport Event Risk Management	Arlington	03/18 – 03/19
E-388	Advanced Public Information Officers Course	Arlington	02/25 – 03/01
G-200	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Arlington	02/01
G-235A	Advanced Emergency Planning	Dallas	03/12 – 03/13
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Fort Worth	03/06 – 03/08
G-402	ICS Overview for Executive/Senior Officials	Frisco	02/07
G-489	Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in Disasters	Greenville	02/05
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Paris	02/19
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Paris	02/20
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Paris	02/21
H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Corsicana	03/25 – 03/29
H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Lake Worth	04/08 – 04/12
H-503	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Longview	04/30 – 05/03
HME-IQ	Homemade Explosive	Fort Worth	02/13
HZMTIQ	HZMTIQ-Above the Line/Below the Line Training	Plano	02/12
HZMTIQ	HZMTIQ-Above the Line/Below the Line Training	Plano	02/13 – 02/13
MGT-346	Emergency Operation Center (EOC) Operations for All-Hazards Events	Garland	02/26 – 02/28
MGT-348	Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents	Plano	02/06 – 02/07
MGT-412	Sport and Special Event Evacuation Training and Exercise	Arlington	03/20 – 03/21
PER-232	Initial Law Enforcement Response to Suicide Bombing Attacks (ILERSBA)	Fort Worth	02/12
PER-348	Operations Level to Response Radiological/Nuclear Course	Plano	02/21
PER-348	Operations Level to Response Radiological/Nuclear Course	Plano	02/28
PER-348	Operations Level to Response Radiological/Nuclear Course	Plano	03/01
PER-355	Radiation Instruments - Employment	Plano	02/18
PER-355	Radiation Instruments - Employment	Plano	02/18

PER-355	Radiation Instruments - Employment	Plano	02/19
PER-355	Radiation Instruments - Employment	Plano	02/19
PER-355	Radiation Instruments - Employment	Plano	02/20
PER-355	Radiation Instruments - Employment	Plano	02/20
PER-355	Radiation Instruments - Employment	Plano	02/25
PER-355	Radiation Instruments - Employment	Plano	02/25
PER-355	Radiation Instruments - Employment	Plano	02/26
PER-355	Radiation Instruments - Employment	Plano	02/26
PER-355	Radiation Instruments - Employment	Plano	02/27
PER-355	Radiation Instruments - Employment	Plano	02/27

Region 2 – Southeast Texas

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
AWR-302	Pipeline Security in Rural Communities	Jasper	02/23
G-200	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Dickinson	02/04
G-200	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Dickinson	02/05
G-202	Debris Management	Dickinson	02/12 – 02/15
G-205	Recovery From Disaster: The Local Government Role	Beaumont	03/05 – 03/06
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)	Cypress	02/19 – 02/21
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)	Dickinson	03/19 – 03/21
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Bryan	01/31 – 02/14
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Houston	02/04 – 02/05
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Houston	02/12 – 02/14
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Baytown	02/25 – 02/27
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Houston	03/05 – 03/07
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Humble	03/25 – 03/27

G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Houston	02/06 – 02/07
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Bryan	02/14 – 02/21
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Houston	04/02 – 04/03
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Humble	04/23 – 04/24
G-449	Incident Command System (ICS) Curricula (Train-the-Trainer)	Beaumont	03/04 – 03/08
G-557	Rapid Needs Assessment	Beaumont	03/07
H-200	HazMat First Responder Operations	Beaumont	02/05 – 02/06
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Beaumont	02/13
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Beaumont	03/20
H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Conroe	04/15 – 04/19
MGT-310	Jurisdictional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment	Grand Prairie	02/11 – 02/12
MGT-341	Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Within the Community Infrastructure	Pasadena	02/20 – 02/21
MGT-343	Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities	College Station	03/05 – 03/06
MGT-343	Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities	Pasadena	03/26 – 03/27
MGT-346	Emergency Operation Center (EOC) Operations for All-Hazards Events	Lufkin	03/26 – 03/28
MGT-412	Sport and Special Event Evacuation Training and Exercise	Beaumont	02/12 – 02/13
MGT-459	Coalition-Building for Countering Violent Extremism and Community Resilience	Houston	02/12 – 02/13
PER-211	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	Pasadena	04/23 – 04/24
PER-211	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	College Station	04/30 – 05/02
PER-212	Operational Level Response to HazMat/WMD Incidents	Pasadena	02/26 – 02/28
PER-222	Public Safety WMD Response - Sampling Techniques and Guidelines	Conroe	03/19 – 03/21
SkyWarn	SkyWarn Storm Spotter Training	Baytown	03/19
T-197	Emergency Planning for People with Access and Functional Needs	Bunker Hill Village	03/12 – 03/13

Region 3 – South Texas

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
E/L/G-428	Community Emergency Response Team Train the Trainer	Harlingen	03/18 – 03/20
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Weslaco	02/04 – 02/06
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Corpus Christi	02/13 – 02/15
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Laredo	04/08 – 04/10
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Rio Grande City	04/16 – 04/18
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Roma	03/09 – 03/23
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Weslaco	02/06 – 02/07
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Corpus Christi	02/20 – 02/21
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Corpus Christi	02/27 – 02/28
H-100	HazMat Awareness	Laredo	02/27
H-200	HazMat First Responder Operations	Roma	02/02 – 02/03
H-202	Pipeline Emergencies - Awareness / Operations	Weslaco	04/03 – 04/05
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Brownsville	03/20
H-401	HazMat Incident Command System	Cotulla	02/25 – 02/26
H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Cotulla	02/04 – 02/08
H-503	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Edinburg	03/12 – 03/15
H-504	NFPA 1006 2008 Edition Trench Rescue Levels I and II Pro-Board Certification	Portland	04/09 – 04/12
MGT-315	Critical Asset Risk Management	Brownsville	02/26 – 02/27
MGT-319	Medical Countermeasures: Points of Dispensing (POD), Planning and Response	Harlingen	02/19 – 02/20
MGT-345	Disaster Management for Electric Power Systems	Corpus Christi	03/27 – 03/28
MGT-405	Mobilizing Faith-Based Community Organizations in Preparing for Disaster	Laredo	04/20
MGT-414	Advanced Critical Infrastructure Protection	Brownsville	02/28
PER-211	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	Laredo	02/09 – 02/10

PER-213	Wide Area Search	Escobares	03/19 – 03/21
PER-334	Search and Rescue in Community Disasters	Harlingen	02/05 – 02/06

Region 4 – West Texas

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-200	Texas Public Officials Workshop	El Paso	02/26
G-200	Texas Public Officials Workshop	El Paso	02/26
G-202	Debris Management	El Paso	03/25 – 03/28
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	El Paso	03/11 – 03/13
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	El Paso	03/14 - 03/15

Region 5 – Northwest Texas

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
E/L-969	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Type III Communications Unit Leader (COML)	Amarillo	02/05 – 02/07
G-191	ICS - EOC Interface	Amarillo	02/15
G-200	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Henrietta	02/06
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)	Abilene	03/20 – 03/22
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)	Lubbock	04/02 – 04/04
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Abilene	02/09 – 02/10
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Lubbock	03/14 – 03/15
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Amarillo	01/31 – 02/01
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Lubbock	04/09 – 04/10
H-503	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Abilene	04/16 – 04/19

H-503	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Abilene	04/23 – 04/26
L-146	INDIRECT DELIVERY - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Basic Course	Lubbock	03/26 – 03/27

Region 6 – Central Texas

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
AWR-122	Law Enforcement Prevention and Deterrence of Terrorist Acts	Georgetown	03/14 – 03/15
AWR-160-SAT	Standardized Awareness Training	San Marcos	02/17
AWR-219	Site Protection through Observational Techniques (SPOT)	San Antonio	03/21
AWR-315	Fundamentals of Criminal Intelligence	Georgetown	03/11 – 03/13
AWR-325	Site Protection and Document Screening Techniques	Georgetown	04/29
E/L-705	Fundamentals of Grants Management	Austin	02/12 – 02/14
E-388	Advanced Public Information Officers Course	Austin	02/25 – 03/01
G-202	Debris Management	Fredericksburg	04/02 – 04/05
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Austin	02/04 – 02/06
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Temple	02/12 – 02/14
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Austin	02/19 – 02/21
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Austin	02/27 – 03/01
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Kyle	03/25 – 03/27
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Leander	01/15 - 02/16
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	New Braunfels	02/22 – 02/24
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Killeen	03/22 – 03/30
G-318	Local Mitigation Planning Workshop	San Marcos	04/24 – 04/25
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Austin	01/31 – 02/01
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Austin	02/07 – 02/08

G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Temple	02/26 – 02/27
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Kyle	03/28 – 03/29
G-775	EOC Management and Operations	San Antonio	03/14 – 03/15
H-100	HazMat Awareness	Lockhart	03/02
H-200	HazMat First Responder Operations	Lockhart	04/06 – 04/07
H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	San Antonio	02/11 – 02/15
H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Live Oak	02/18 – 02/22
H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Canyon Lake	03/18 – 03/22
H-502	NFPA 472 Incident Command, Pro-Board Certification	Victoria	02/26 – 02/27
H-503	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Jonestown	02/26 – 03/01
H-503	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Victoria	04/09 – 04/12
MGT-324-C	Campus Emergencies Prevention, Response, and Recovery - Customized	Georgetown	04/30
MGT-341	Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Within the Community Infrastructure	Belton	02/05 – 02/06
PER-211	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	New Braunfels	03/28 – 03/29
PER-220	Emergency Response to Domestic Biological Incidents	Georgetown	02/11 – 02/12
PER-222	Public Safety WMD Response - Sampling Techniques and Guidelines	Georgetown	02/13 – 02/15
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Cuero	03/19
TX-001-RMS	Preliminary Damage Assessment	Belton	02/21
TX-005-RMS	Procurement	Belton	03/26

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