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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](#).

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## **Your Jurisdiction's Emergency Contact Card**

In recent *Updates* we have stressed how important it is for newly elected public officials to understand their emergency management authority and responsibilities. As required by state law the "presiding officer of the governing body of an incorporated city or a county or the chief administrative officer of a joint board is designated as the emergency management director for the officer's political subdivision" (Section 418.1015 of the Texas Government Code). Additionally, the presiding officer must tell TDEM how the jurisdiction handles its emergency management program and identify the person(s) responsible for its administration (Sec. 418.101). Texas public officials should use the Texas "[Emergency Management Director/Coordinator Notification](#)" form (TDEM-147) to identify the emergency management director (EMD) and emergency management coordinator (EMC) as required. The form is also used to identify jurisdictions that share EMCs. EMCs can help their communities stay prepared by ensuring key information, such as the TDEM-147, is up-to-date and on file with the State Operations Center as directed on the form. Completing and



The TDEM-147 can play a vital role in keeping the emergency management community informed.

updating the TDEM-147 is not just a matter of complying with the law, it is a key communication link between local jurisdictions, the emergency management community and the state. Like an emergency contact card for your jurisdiction, the TDEM-147 provides information that could prove vital during a disaster. For more information, or to comment, contact [Bill Wahlgren](#).

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## State of Texas Preparedness Exercise Program Updates

The Exercise Unit continues to deliver the **Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program** (HSEEP) throughout the state. Stakeholders across the whole community can use HSEEP to develop and evaluate exercises in all emergency management phases and mission areas. Upcoming HSEEP classes are scheduled for February 8-9 in Sherman; February 22-23 in Austin; and March 1-2 in Houston. To enroll, visit our course catalog on [preparingtexas.org](http://preparingtexas.org). For more information, contact [Esther Corwin](#).

### State-Level Exercises for 2017

As the Exercise Unit and Region 2 Field Staff continue planning for the 2017 Houston-Galveston-Sabine Lake Hurricane Full-Scale Exercise (nicknamed "Hurricane Charlie"), exercise planners are looking for volunteers from the coastal region to play the role of evacuees. Beginning June 5<sup>th</sup> volunteer evacuees will meet at one of several embarkation points near the coast, be bused to an inland shelter for the night, and returned to their embarkation point the following day. For more information, contact [Sabine Gumm](#).

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## Local and Regional Planning Spotlight

The Local and Regional Plans Unit reviewed over 3,800 plan documents in calendar year 2016. This is more than a 100 per cent increase in the number of plan documents the unit typically reviews each year. The increased volume reflects the high number of expiring local and regional emergency operations plans. Unit planners advise jurisdictions to stagger their plan document revision cycle so that jurisdiction planners and planning partners are not overwhelmed with trying to revise multiple plan documents at once. Nevertheless, it is important for local planners to review plan documents annually for outdated information, such as names and contact information. This helps keep plan documents current and useful. For assistance, contact [Dan Price](#).

### Local and Regional Plans Review

In **December**, the unit reviewed **136** plan documents.

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## State of Texas Emergency Management Plan and Annex Updates

### Recovery Annex

TDEM planners are developing the initial draft of the *Recovery Annex* Revision. Invitations to the first planning meeting will be sent to stakeholders in the coming weeks. For more information, contact [Natalie Vega](#).

## **Energy (L)**

The annex is in final revision. For more information, contact [Michael Shoe](#).

## **Search and Rescue (R)**

The *Search and Rescue Annex* is in final review. For more information, contact [Will Patton](#).

## **Biological Hazards Annex**

Stakeholder planning meetings will resume in February. Planning meeting invites will be sent to stakeholders in the coming weeks. For more information, contact [Michael Shoe](#).

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## **Preparedness Quiz**

Test your knowledge of wildland fire preparedness and response by deciding whether the following statements are true or false.

- 1) Most human-caused wildland fires are caused by careless debris burning.
- 2) Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) is the first responder to wildland fires in Texas.
- 3) Prescribed burning is often referred to as "good fire."
- 4) Burn bans are initiated by TFS.

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## **February Calendar of Preparedness Meetings and Events**

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

### **February 6**

Pantex State and Local Meeting, Austin

### **February 7**

Biological Hazards Annex Planning Meeting, Austin

### **February 7**

Pantex Quarterly Meeting, Austin

### **February 8**

Pantex Exercise Meeting, Austin

### **February 8-9**

HSEEP Course, Sherman

### **February 14**

Disability Task Force Planning Subcommittee Meeting, Austin

## February 21

Cemetery Disruption Working Group Meeting, Austin

## February 22-23

HSEEP Course, Austin

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## Other News and Events

### A Warm Welcome

Preparedness welcomes Alika Valdez who joins our team as an intern to help the Publications Management Unit with communication and product development. Alika recently completed a degree in public administration—emphasis on emergency management and disaster preparedness—from the University of Hawaii.

### A Fond Farewell

Last month we bid farewell to long-time Training Unit Supervisor Vera Hughes. Vera is now Section Administrator in TDEM's Response, Mitigation and Standards Section. She will be missed. We wish her the best in her new role.

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## 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](http://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
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	McKinney	02/01 - 02/02
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	Van Alstyne	02/02
<a href="#">PER-334</a>	Search and Rescue in Community Disasters	Trenton	02/03 - 02/04
<a href="#">H-100</a>	HazMat Awareness	Wylie	02/06
<a href="#">MGT-341</a>	Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Within the Community Infrastructure	Plano	02/06 - 02/07
<a href="#">G-386</a>	Mass Fatalities Incident Response	Quitman	02/06 - 02/08
<a href="#">H-500</a>	HazMat Technician - Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) Certification	Lancaster	02/06 - 02/17
<a href="#">L-146</a>	INDIRECT DELIVERY - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Basic Course	Sherman	02/08 - 02/09
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Fort Worth	02/13 - 02/15

<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	McKinney	02/13 - 02/15
<a href="#">PER-212</a>	Operational Level Response to HazMat/WMD Incidents	Lancaster	02/13 - 02/15
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	McKinney	02/15 - 02/16
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	Paris	02/21
<a href="#">PER-220</a>	Emergency Response to Domestic Biological Incidents	Dallas	02/21 - 02/22
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	Paris	02/22
<a href="#">MGT-412</a>	Sport and Special Event Evacuation Training and Exercise	Denton	02/22 - 02/23
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Irving	02/22 - 02/24
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	Paris	02/23
<a href="#">G-288</a>	Donations Management Course	Mount Pleasant	02/27 - 02/28
<a href="#">MGT-310</a>	Jurisdictional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment	Garland	02/27 - 02/28
<a href="#">MGT-346</a>	Emergency Operation Center (EOC) Operations for All-Hazards Events	Fort Worth	02/28 - 03/02
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	Sherman	03/08
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Irving	03/08 - 03/10
<a href="#">G-191</a>	ICS - EOC Interface	Dallas	03/09
<a href="#">H-301</a>	HazMat Emergency Response Technician	Dallas	03/13 - 03/17
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Paris	03/16 - 03/17
<a href="#">MGT-319</a>	Medical Countermeasures: Points of Dispensing (POD), Planning and Response	Dallas	03/16 - 03/17
<a href="#">G-205</a>	Recovery From Disaster: The Local Government Role	Weatherford	03/21 - 03/22
<a href="#">G-290/G289/G291</a>	Basic Public Information Officer Course(G290)/Public Information Officer Awareness Course(G289)/JIS/JIC Planning for Tribal, State, and Local PIOs(G291)	Mesquite	03/28 - 03/30
<a href="#">MGT-346</a>	Emergency Operation Center (EOC) Operations for All-Hazards Events	Rockwall	03/28 - 03/30
<a href="#">H-100</a>	HazMat Awareness	Fort Worth	04/08 - 04/08
<a href="#">G-489</a>	Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in Disasters	Tyler	04/11 - 04/12
<a href="#">G-205</a>	Recovery From Disaster: The Local Government Role	Texarkana	04/18 - 04/19

## Region 2

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Bryan	02/02 - 02/16
<a href="#">T-600.b</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Orange	02/07
<a href="#">E/L-969</a>	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Type III Communications Unit Leader (COML)	Beaumont	02/07 - 02/09
<a href="#">AWR-213</a>	Critical Infrastructure Key Resources Awareness Course	Jasper	02/08
<a href="#">H-200</a>	HazMat First Responder Operations	Beaumont	02/08 - 02/09
<a href="#">T-600.a</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Orange	02/09
<a href="#">MGT-346</a>	Emergency Operation Center (EOC) Operations for All-Hazards Events	Tomball	02/14 - 02/16
<a href="#">E/L-958</a>	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Operations Section Chief (OSC) Course	Dickinson	02/14 - 02/17
<a href="#">G-141</a>	Instructional Presentation and Evaluation Skills	Houston	02/14 - 02/17
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	Beaumont	02/15
<a href="#">T-600.e</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	West Columbia	02/15
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Bryan	02/16 - 02/23
<a href="#">H-100</a>	HazMat Awareness	Orange	02/18
<a href="#">H-502</a>	NFPA 472 Incident Command, Pro-Board Certification	Cypress	02/18 - 02/19
<a href="#">MGT-317</a>	Disaster Management for Public Services	Houston	02/21 - 02/22
<a href="#">H-100</a>	HazMat Awareness	La Porte	02/22
<a href="#">T-600.e</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Alvin	02/22
<a href="#">T-600.d</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	Lake Jackson	02/23
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Beaumont	02/28 - 03/02
<a href="#">T-600.b</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Orange	03/01
<a href="#">L-146</a>	INDIRECT DELIVERY - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Basic Course	Bunker Hill Village	03/01 - 03/02
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Beaumont	03/02 - 03/03
<a href="#">H-200</a>	HazMat First Responder Operations	Nederland	03/04 - 03/05
<a href="#">T-600.d</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	Orange	03/06
<a href="#">H-503</a>	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Highlands	03/06 - 03/10
<a href="#">E/L-962</a>	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Position Specific Plans Section Chief (PSC) Course	Dickinson	03/07 - 03/10
<a href="#">MGT-414</a>	Advanced Critical Infrastructure Protection	Beaumont	03/09
<a href="#">T-600.e</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Lake Jackson	03/09

<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Houston	03/09 - 03/10
<a href="#">T-600.d</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	Orange	03/15
<a href="#">H-502</a>	NFPA 472 Incident Command, Pro-Board Certification	Rosenberg	03/21 - 03/22
<a href="#">H-100</a>	HazMat Awareness	Bay City	03/22
<a href="#">MGT-346</a>	Emergency Operation Center (EOC) Operations for All-Hazards Events	Houston	03/22 - 03/24
<a href="#">H-100</a>	HazMat Awareness	Bay City	03/23
<a href="#">G-272</a>	Warning Coordination	Dickinson	03/27 - 03/28
<a href="#">E/L-950</a>	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Incident Commander (IC) Course	Richmond	03/27 - 03/31
<a href="#">H-509</a>	NFPA 472 HazMat Transportation Specialist - (Pro-Board Certification)	College Station	03/27 - 03/31
<a href="#">AWR-213</a>	Critical Infrastructure Key Resources Awareness Course	Bunker Hill Village	03/28
<a href="#">MGT-310</a>	Jurisdictional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment	Bunker Hill Village	03/29 - 03/30
<a href="#">O-305</a>	All-Hazards Incident Management Team	Deer Park	04/03 - 04/07
<a href="#">MGT-341</a>	Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Within the Community Infrastructure	Houston	04/04 - 04/05
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Houston	04/11 - 04/13
<a href="#">G-235A</a>	Advanced Emergency Planning	Beaumont	04/12 - 04/13
<a href="#">T-600.e</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Orange	04/26 - 04/26

### Region 3

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">T-600.a</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Rio Grande City	02/08
<a href="#">G-318</a>	Local Mitigation Planning Workshop	Corpus Christi	02/14 - 02/15
<a href="#">MGT-310</a>	Jurisdictional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment	Weslaco	02/15 - 02/16
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	Brownsville	03/14
<a href="#">PER-334</a>	Search and Rescue in Community Disasters	Weslaco	03/15 - 03/16
<a href="#">PER-334</a>	Search and Rescue in Community Disasters	Laredo	03/18 - 03/19
<a href="#">H-503</a>	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Corpus Christi	03/20 - 03/24
<a href="#">MGT-319</a>	Medical Countermeasures: Points of Dispensing (POD), Planning and Response	Sinton	03/22 - 03/23

<a href="#">H-503</a>	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Weslaco	03/27 - 03/31
<a href="#">G-608</a>	Disaster Recovery Workshop	Weslaco	04/04
<a href="#">H-405</a>	Air Monitoring for Hazardous Materials	Laredo	04/18 - 04/19
<a href="#">H-500</a>	HazMat Technician - Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) Certification	Mission	04/24 - 05/05

#### Region 4

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">T-600.b</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Vinton	02/01
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Fort Hancock	02/07 - 02/09
<a href="#">T-600.b</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Alpine	02/08
<a href="#">T-600.b</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Fort Stockton	02/15
<a href="#">G-608</a>	Disaster Recovery Workshop	San Angelo	02/22
<a href="#">PER-320</a>	Personal Protective Measures for Biological Events	El Paso	02/22
<a href="#">T-600.b</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Mason	02/22
<a href="#">G-557</a>	Rapid Needs Assessment	San Angelo	02/23
<a href="#">PER-320</a>	Personal Protective Measures for Biological Events	El Paso	02/23
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Angelo	03/15 - 03/17
<a href="#">PER-211</a>	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	Midland	03/27 - 03/28
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	San Angelo	03/29 - 03/30

#### Region 5

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">E/L-954</a>	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Safety Officer Course (SOFR)	Wichita Falls	02/02 - 02/05
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Wichita Falls	02/15 - 02/17
<a href="#">MGT-433</a>	Isolation and Quarantine for Rural Communities	Abilene	03/15
<a href="#">PER-308</a>	Rural Isolation and Quarantine for Public Health and Healthcare Professionals	Abilene	03/15
<a href="#">L-548</a>	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Program Manager Train-the-Trainer Course	Lubbock	03/27 - 03/28
<a href="#">L-550</a>	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Train-the-Trainer	Lubbock	03/29 - 03/31



## Region 6

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">G-205</a>	Recovery From Disaster: The Local Government Role	Kerrville	02/02 - 02/03
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Georgetown	02/07 - 02/08
<a href="#">MGT-348</a>	Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents	Georgetown	02/08 - 02/09
<a href="#">STAM</a>	Staging Area Manager	Kerrville	02/09
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Georgetown	02/09 - 02/10
<a href="#">MGT-310</a>	Jurisdictional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment	Austin	02/14 - 02/15
<a href="#">AWR-148</a>	Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents - Partnering Rural Law Enforcement, First Responders, and Local School Systems	Austin	02/17
<a href="#">L-146</a>	INDIRECT DELIVERY - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Basic Course	Austin	02/22 - 02/23
<a href="#">H-500</a>	HazMat Technician - Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) Certification	San Antonio	02/27 - 03/10
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	San Antonio	03/01 - 03/02
<a href="#">G-205</a>	Recovery From Disaster: The Local Government Role	San Marcos	03/05
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Austin	03/06 - 03/08
<a href="#">H-501</a>	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Canyon Lake	03/06 - 03/10
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Antonio	03/07 - 03/09
<a href="#">E/L-958</a>	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Operations Section Chief (OSC) Course	Jonestown	03/07 - 03/10
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Austin	03/09 - 03/10
<a href="#">SARIA</a>	Search and Rescue Initial Actions (SARIA)	San Antonio	03/13 - 03/14
<a href="#">MLPI</a>	Managing the Lost Person Incident (MLPI)	San Antonio	03/14 - 03/17
<a href="#">PER-211</a>	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	San Antonio	03/17 - 03/18
<a href="#">G-288</a>	Donations Management Course	Austin	03/20 - 03/21
<a href="#">H-305</a>	Oil Spill Containment, Protection, and Recovery Tactics (Inland Water)	New Braunfels	03/21 - 03/23
<a href="#">E/L-954</a>	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Safety Officer Course (SOFR)	Jonestown	03/21 - 03/24

<a href="#">G-141</a>	Instructional Presentation and Evaluation Skills	Austin	03/21 - 03/24
<a href="#">G-200</a>	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Kerrville	03/28
<a href="#">E/L-110</a>	Foundations of Emergency Management Train-the-Trainer	Austin	04/03 - 04/07
<a href="#">G-449</a>	Incident Command System (ICS) Curricula (Train-the-Trainer)	Austin	04/03 - 04/07
<a href="#">H-505</a>	NFPA 472 Product Control Specialist (Pro-Board Certification)	Schertz	04/04 - 04/05
<a href="#">MGT-439</a>	Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness	Temple	04/06 - 04/07
<a href="#">G-358</a>	Evacuation and Re-Entry Planning	San Antonio	04/11 - 04/12
<a href="#">MGT-315</a>	Critical Asset Risk Management	Austin	04/18 - 04/19
<a href="#">E/L-967</a>	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Logistics Section Chief (LSC) Course	Jonestown	04/24 - 04/28
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	San Marcos	04/27

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