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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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## **Anticipating La Niña's Drought Effect**

In spite of the massive amount of precipitation that Hurricane Harvey produced this past summer, Texas is likely headed for a drier than normal winter thanks to La Niña. The La Niña phenomenon is characterized by cooler than normal waters in the Eastern and Central Pacific Ocean near the equator. This affects weather patterns all over the globe. One impact to Texas will very likely be a warmer and drier than normal winter. This in turn could contribute to drought conditions later in the year. The 2010/2011 La Niña event produced the driest 12 months in Texas recorded history, and 2011 saw our hottest summer on record. Drought conditions usually lead to decreased water supplies. This then leads to crop failure as well as to livestock loss due to lack of forage growth. Dry conditions can also lead to wind erosion, which can wear away top soil and increase the risk of wildfires. Efficient use of water can



Wilting soybeans near Navasota, Texas, reflect the effects of drought. (photo: USDA)

reduce the risk of crop failure and help prevent municipalities from running out of water. In bracing for a drought, many municipalities restrict or make recommendations about commercial and residential water use. Municipalities can also prepare for drought by determining minimum water amounts needed for health and sanitation. Further, municipalities can determine the maximum amounts of water that they can source elsewhere and treat reliably. They can develop contingency plans to activate in an emergency in order to transport water by tanker from another source. Water provision contracts with other jurisdictions should be executed well in advance of a drought in order to avoid water shortages. Although this year's La Niña does not guarantee a drought, it is always best to be prepared. Be sure to check out our [brief video on drought](#) and drought information resources. For more information, or to comment, contact [Chuck Phinney](#).

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### **Exercise Program Spotlight**

As we approach winter, large-scale exercises may not be on everyone's calendars, but smaller-scale exercises can be. The progressive approach, a component of the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) program, is based on starting with smaller, discussion-based exercises that share common objectives and priorities. Several smaller exercises can then lead to larger, more complex operations-based exercises. This progressive approach to exercises should involve the whole community in identifying knowledge and skillsets. Smaller-scale exercises in winter can set priorities and objectives for full-scale exercises that usually happen in the spring and summer or for real-world incidents. For example, the "Hurricane Charlie" exercise series helped prepare Texas emergency management personnel for Hurricane Harvey. For more information, contact [tdem.exercises@dps.texas.gov](mailto:tdem.exercises@dps.texas.gov).

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### **Local and Regional Planning Update**

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 (SOC) as directed on the form. During a response, it is important that this information is current, per section 418.01 of the Texas Government Code. You can find the form following this link: <https://www.dps.texas.gov/InternetForms/Forms/TDEM-147.pdf>

The Local and Regional Plans Unit also reminds emergency managers to contact its unit planners for emergency planning advice or for help developing or reviewing plans. In the field, the unit can also help coordinate planning partners within and across communities. Send us an email or call us to talk more about your planning needs. Contact us at [TDEM.PLANS@dps.texas.gov](mailto:TDEM.PLANS@dps.texas.gov).

### **Local and Regional Plans Review**

In November, the unit reviewed **162** plan documents.

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## 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 [Josh Bryant](#).

### 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

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

### Public Safety and Security

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

### Recovery Annex

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

### 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](#).

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## Preparedness Quiz

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

1. When defining training needs, which of the following documents should you review prior to requesting all-hazards training?
  - a. Your local Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA)
  - b. Your emergency operations plan (EOP) and annexes
  - c. One or more recent incident After Action Reports (AAR)
  - d. All of the above
2. Which of the following websites would you access to find a state-sponsored emergency management course in Texas?
  - a. [www.txpds.state.tx.us](http://www.txpds.state.tx.us)
  - b. [www.preparingtexas.gov](http://www.preparingtexas.gov)
  - c. [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)
  - d. [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)
3. Which of the following is true about the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)?
  - a. It explains the ways in which exercises must comply with regulations.
  - b. It consists of fundamental principles that frame a common approach to exercises.
  - c. It applies only to a federal exercise program.
  - d. It is only one of many federally endorsed exercise programs designed for use by local jurisdictions.

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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="#">MGT-418</a>	Readiness: Training Identification Preparedness Planning	Fort Worth	01/03 - 01/04
<a href="#">G-191</a>	ICS - EOC Interface	Arlington	01/08 - 01/08
<a href="#">G-191</a>	ICS - EOC Interface	Texarkana	01/09 - 01/09

<b>Code</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<a href="#">MGT-341</a>	Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Within the Community Infrastructure	Arlington	01/09 - 01/10
<a href="#">MGT-341</a>	Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Within the Community Infrastructure	Texarkana	01/09 - 01/10
<a href="#">AWR-346</a>	Radiological/Nuclear WMD Operations for Law Enforcement	Fort Worth	01/10 - 01/10
<a href="#">G-366</a>	Planning for the Needs of Children in Disasters	Greenville	01/10 - 01/10
<a href="#">T-600.a</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Palo Pinto	01/10 - 01/10
<a href="#">T-600.b</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Emory	01/10 - 01/10
<a href="#">ALERT</a>	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Kilgore	01/12 - 01/12
<a href="#">E/L-950</a>	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Incident Commander (IC) Course	Coppell	01/15 - 01/19
<a href="#">T-600.a</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Athens	01/17 - 01/17
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Garland	01/22 - 01/24
<a href="#">G-449</a>	Incident Command System (ICS) Curricula (Train-the-Trainer)	Grapevine	01/22 - 01/26
<a href="#">ALERT</a>	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Arlington	01/23 - 01/23
<a href="#">ALERT</a>	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Arlington	01/23 - 01/23
<a href="#">ALERT</a>	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Arlington	01/24 - 01/24
<a href="#">ALERT</a>	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Arlington	01/24 - 01/24
<a href="#">E/L-967</a>	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Logistics Section Chief (LSC) Course	Coppell	01/29 - 02/02
<a href="#">AWR-219-1</a>	Site Protection through Observational Techniques (SPOT), Train-the-Trainer	Denton	02/01 - 02/01
<a href="#">T-611</a>	TDEM Regional Roadshow	Fort Worth	02/05 - 02/05
<a href="#">H-501</a>	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Irving	02/05 - 02/09
<a href="#">L-146</a>	INDIRECT DELIVERY - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Basic Course	Tyler	02/06 - 02/07
<a href="#">T-611</a>	TDEM Regional Roadshow	Kilgore	02/08 - 02/08
<a href="#">H-100</a>	HazMat Awareness	Dallas	02/09 - 02/09
<a href="#">T-611</a>	TDEM Regional Roadshow	Mount Pleasant	02/09 - 02/09
<a href="#">PER-212</a>	Operational Level Response to HazMat/WMD Incidents	Tyler	02/09 - 02/11

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">G-205</a>	Recovery From Disaster: The Local Government Role	Dallas	02/21 - 02/22
<a href="#">L-146</a>	INDIRECT DELIVERY - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Basic Course	Arlington	02/27 - 02/28
<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)	Wylie	02/27 - 03/01
<a href="#">G-775</a>	EOC Management and Operations	Dallas	03/01 - 03/02
<a href="#">PER-211</a>	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	Fort Worth	03/01 - 03/02
<a href="#">H-500</a>	HazMat Technician - Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) Certification	Paris	03/12 - 03/23
<a href="#">MGT-409</a>	Community Healthcare Planning and Response to Disasters	Denton	03/14 - 03/15

## Region 2

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Galveston	01/04 - 01/05
<a href="#">T-600.a</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Sugar Land	01/11 - 01/11
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Brenham	01/13 - 01/14
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Webster	01/22 - 01/24
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Webster	01/24 - 01/26
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Houston	01/29 - 01/31
<a href="#">O-305</a>	All-Hazards Incident Management Team	Houston	01/29 - 02/02
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Houston	02/01 - 02/02
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Houston	02/06 - 02/08
<a href="#">T-600.b</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Sugar Land	02/08 - 02/08
<a href="#">E/L-960</a>	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Division/Group Supervisor (DIVS) Course	Houston	02/12 - 02/14
<a href="#">MGT-432</a>	Isolation and Quarantine for Rural Public Safety Personnel	Needville	02/24 - 02/24
<a href="#">MGT-433</a>	Isolation and Quarantine for Rural Communities	Needville	02/24 - 02/24



Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Houston	03/19 - 03/21
<a href="#">G-202</a>	Debris Management	Bryan	03/20 - 03/23
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Houston	03/22 - 03/23

### Region 3

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Hidalgo	01/09 - 01/11
<a href="#">PER-213</a>	Wide Area Search	Corpus Christi	01/09 - 01/11
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Hidalgo	01/11 - 01/12
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Laredo	01/13 - 01/14
<a href="#">MGT-341</a>	Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Within the Community Infrastructure	Weslaco	01/16 - 01/17
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	South Padre Island	01/16 - 01/18
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	South Padre Island	01/18 - 01/19
<a href="#">MGT-345</a>	Disaster Management for Electric Power Systems	Weslaco	01/18 - 01/19
<a href="#">G-317</a>	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Rio Grande City	01/20 - 01/27
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Hidalgo	01/23 - 01/25
<a href="#">H-504</a>	NFPA 1006 2008 Edition Trench Rescue Levels I and II Pro-Board Certification	Corpus Christi	01/23 - 01/26
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Weslaco	01/25 - 01/26
<a href="#">AWR-213</a>	Critical Infrastructure Key Resources Awareness Course	Brownsville	01/31 - 01/31
<a href="#">MGT-414</a>	Advanced Critical Infrastructure Protection	Brownsville	02/01 - 02/01
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Laredo	02/10 - 02/11
<a href="#">E/L-967</a>	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Logistics Section Chief (LSC) Course	Harlingen	02/12 - 02/16
<a href="#">MGT-310</a>	Jurisdictional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment	Weslaco	02/20 - 02/21
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	Brownsville	03/07 - 03/07

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">H-504</a>	NFPA 1006 2008 Edition Trench Rescue Levels I and II Pro-Board Certification	Weslaco	03/27 - 03/30

## Region 4

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Angelo	01/10 - 01/12
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	Midland	01/23 - 01/23
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	Midland	01/24 - 01/24
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	San Angelo	01/24 - 01/25
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	Midland	01/25 - 01/25
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	Midland	02/13 - 02/13
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	Midland	02/14 - 02/14
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	Midland	02/15 - 02/15
<a href="#">G-318</a>	Local Mitigation Planning Workshop	San Angelo	02/21 - 02/22
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	El Paso	02/26 - 02/28
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	El Paso	03/01 - 03/02
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Angelo	03/07 - 03/09
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	San Angelo	03/21 - 03/22

## Region 5

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Wichita Falls	01/10 - 01/12
<a href="#">T-600.a</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Vega	01/23 - 01/23
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Amarillo	01/23 - 01/25
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Amarillo	01/25 - 01/26
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Boys Ranch	01/29 - 01/31
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Boys Ranch	01/31 - 02/01
<a href="#">H-500</a>	HazMat Technician - Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) Certification	Abilene	02/05 - 02/16



Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">H-503</a>	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Lubbock	03/06 - 03/09
<a href="#">T-600.b</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Vega	03/27 - 03/27

## Region 6

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Austin	01/08 - 01/10
<a href="#">G-317</a>	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Yorktown	01/11 - 03/29
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Marble Falls	01/16 - 01/18
<a href="#">E/L-948</a>	Situational Awareness and Common Operating Picture	Waco	01/16 - 01/19
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	San Antonio	01/19 - 01/19
<a href="#">AWR-213</a>	Critical Infrastructure Key Resources Awareness Course	Austin	01/22 - 01/22
<a href="#">E/L-950</a>	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Incident Commander (IC) Course	Austin	01/22 - 01/26
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Antonio	01/23 - 01/25
<a href="#">MGT-341</a>	Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Within the Community Infrastructure	Temple	02/01 - 02/02
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Antonio	02/05 - 02/07
<a href="#">T-600.a</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Kerrville	02/06 - 02/06
<a href="#">PER-340</a>	Active Threat Integrated Response Course	San Antonio	02/06 - 02/08
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	San Antonio	02/08 - 02/09
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Lockhart	02/09 - 02/11
<a href="#">G-141</a>	Instructional Presentation and Evaluation Skills	Austin	02/13 - 02/15
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Austin	02/15 - 02/16
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Cedar Park	02/19 - 02/20
<a href="#">AWR-328</a>	All Hazards Preparedness for Animals in Disasters	La Grange	02/20 - 02/20

<b>Code</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Cedar Park	02/21 - 02/22
<a href="#">L-146</a>	INDIRECT DELIVERY - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Basic Course	Austin	02/21 - 02/22
<a href="#">PER-213</a>	Wide Area Search	Temple	03/02 - 03/04
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Round Rock	03/05 - 03/06
<a href="#">E/L-964</a>	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Situation Unit Leader (SITL) Course	Austin	03/05 - 03/09
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Round Rock	03/07 - 03/08
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Georgetown	03/10 - 03/11
<a href="#">MGT-335</a>	Event Security Planning for Public Safety Professionals	Burnet	03/13 - 03/14
<a href="#">E/L-956</a>	NIMS ICS All Hazards Liaison Officer (LOFR) Course	Austin	03/21 - 03/22
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	San Antonio	03/21 - 03/22
<a href="#">E/L-958</a>	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Operations Section Chief (OSC) Course	Austin	03/26 - 03/29
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Antonio	03/27 - 03/29

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