
Texas Division of Emergency Management

Preparedness Update

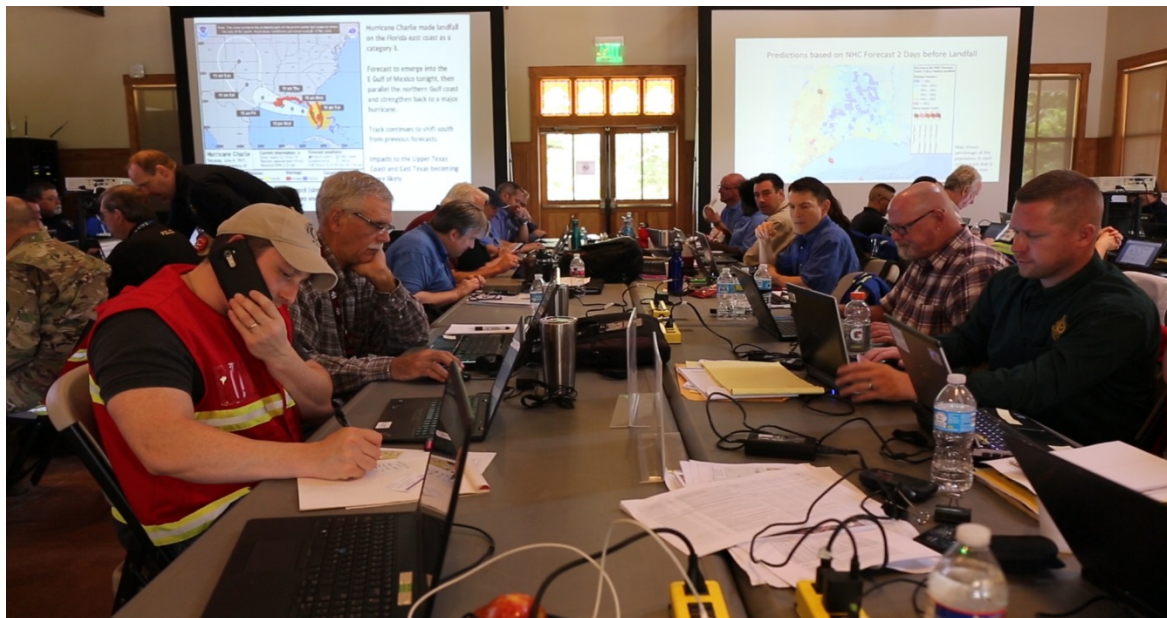
Helping to prepare the Texas emergency management community

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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](#).

2017 State Exercise Tests Houston, Galveston, Sabine Lake Region

Every year, millions of people living in Texas coastal communities face the threat of a major hurricane. In 2008 Hurricane Ike caused an estimated \$29 billion in damage in our state alone. That was nine years' ago, however, and in Texas nine years is a long time between major storms. To help prepare for the next one, TDEM has developed and sponsored a series of exercises that test key elements of the states' hurricane preparedness program. In 2016 we staged "[Hurricane Tejas](#)," a full-scale air and ground evacuation exercise in the Rio Grande Valley. This year's full-scale exercise, "Hurricane Charlie," focused on ground transportation along Texas' interstate highways, mainly in DPS Region 2, from Beaumont to



Emergency managers at the alternate state operations center (SOC) at a remote location in central Texas.

Galveston. The goal of the exercise was to test the state's ability to support local jurisdictions in evacuating its citizens from coastal areas in the path of a major hurricane. The scope of the exercise was to emphasize the role of local responders and state agencies in preparation for a major land-falling hurricane, and examine the processes and decision-making involved therein. After-action reviews have turned up successes as well as important lessons learned. For more information or to comment, contact [Bill Wahlgren](#).

State of Texas Preparedness Exercise Program Updates

The 2017 Hurricane Charlie State Exercise was conducted June 1-9, 2017 in multiple locations statewide. Evacuees were processed through Embarkation hubs in Angleton, Beaumont, Galveston, Houston, Pasadena, Pearland, Silsbee, Texas City, and Vidor. Several evacuee role players were then bussed to shelters in Huntsville, Harker Heights, and Temple for an overnight stay. The state also exercised its medical and access and functional needs (AFN) population transportation capability. Additionally, first responders and their support agencies noted many successes and were able to identify areas where improvements are needed. Approximately 1,000 community responders, local, regional and state agency representatives took part in this year's state exercise. An after action review (AAR) meeting was held on June 28th in Conroe and the findings will be incorporated into the exercise after action report, to be published later this year.

Local and Regional Planning Spotlight

In May 2017, LRPUs planners assisted with the "Hurricane Charlie" state exercise series. Planners served as lead controller in the control cell, evaluator, and safety officer in multiple locations throughout the region.

As always, TDEM's Local and Regional Plans Unit planners stand ready to assist jurisdictions with their planning efforts. For assistance, contact [Dan Borgeson](#).

Local and Regional Plans Review

In May, the unit reviewed **175** plan documents.

State of Texas Emergency Management Plan and Annex Updates

Recovery Annex

Planning team feedback is currently being incorporated into the latest draft of the annex. Stakeholders will be notified as future planning meetings are scheduled. For more information, contact [Natalie Vega](#).

Energy (L)

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

Search and Rescue (R)

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Biological Hazards Annex

Planning team feedback is currently being incorporated into the latest draft of the annex. Stakeholders will be notified as future planning meetings are scheduled. For more information, contact [Will Patton](#).

Preparedness Quiz

Test your knowledge of emergency management by deciding whether each statement is true or false.

1. The hurricane season in the Atlantic, Caribbean, and Gulf of Mexico runs from July 1 to November 30.
2. Hurricane warnings are issued 36 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.
3. The Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale is a 1 to 7 categorization based on the hurricane's intensity at the indicated time.
4. A *Storm Surge* is an abnormal rise in sea level accompanying a hurricane or other intense storm.

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Other News and Events

A Warm Welcome

Preparedness welcomes Ty Sauls who joins our team as a planner and project manager for the Publications Management Unit. Prior to joining TDEM, Ty was a consultant for an international crisis and emergency management firm where he developed emergency management plans and procedures for pandemic, communication, and terrorism annexes in addition to developing and executing training on business continuity programs for primary care centers nationally.

We also welcome Claudia Giliberti, who is the new publication management specialist for the Publications Management Unit. Claudia comes to us with a wide range of experience in corporate relations, program administration, and training. She will support our section through information reporting, communication and documentation management, and other administrative functions.

A Fond Farewell

Last month we bid farewell to Section Administrator Ben Patterson. Most recently Ben managed aspects of our grants, contracts, and other administrative functions. Ben is now managing the state's Amber Alert Program. We wish him the best in his new role.

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
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Bonham	05/25 - 07/13
PER-212	Operational Level Response to HazMat/WMD Incidents	Lancaster	07/10 - 07/12
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Haltom City	07/11 - 07/12
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Emory	07/12 - 07/12
G-235A	Advanced Emergency Planning	Dallas	07/12 - 07/13
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Haltom City	07/13 - 07/14
MGT-317	Disaster Management for Public Services	Plano	07/13 - 07/14
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Arlington	07/18 - 07/18
AWR-219	Site Protection through Observational Techniques (SPOT)	Rockwall	07/24 - 07/24
AWR-219	Site Protection through Observational Techniques (SPOT)	Rockwall	07/25 - 07/25
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Dallas	07/25 - 07/25
AWR-140	Introduction to Radiological/Nuclear WMD Operations Course	Fort Worth	07/31 - 07/31
AWR-140	Introduction to Radiological/Nuclear WMD Operations Course	Fort Worth	07/31 - 07/31
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Arlington	07/31 - 08/01
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Arlington	08/02 - 08/03
MGT-361	Managing Critical Incidents for Higher Education Institutions: A Multi-Disciplinary, Community	Fort Worth	08/02 - 08/04
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Fort Worth	08/07 - 08/09
H-304	Confined Space Rescue	Dallas	08/07 - 08/10
AWR-122	Law Enforcement Prevention and Deterrence of Terrorist Acts	Terrell	08/09 - 08/09
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command	Fort Worth	08/09 - 08/10

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	and General Staff		
MGT-348	Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents	Grapevine	08/17 - 08/18
STRCOM	Street Command Series	Grand Prairie	08/22 - 08/22
MGT-343	Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities	Everman	08/22 - 08/23
G-202	Debris Management	Grapevine	08/22 - 08/25
STRCOM	Street Command Series	Grand Prairie	08/23 - 08/23
AWR-136	Essentials of Community Cyber Security	Dallas	08/24 - 08/24
STRCOM	Street Command Series	Grand Prairie	08/24 - 08/24
E/L/G-428	Community Emergency Response Team Train the Trainer	Arlington	08/28 - 08/30
PER-320	Personal Protective Measures for Biological Events	Longview	08/29 - 08/29
PER-320	Personal Protective Measures for Biological Events	Longview	08/30 - 08/30
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Mesquite	08/30 - 08/30
PER-320	Personal Protective Measures for Biological Events	Longview	08/31 - 08/31
H-301	HazMat Emergency Response Technician	Plano	09/11 - 09/15
HZMTIQ	HZMTIQ-Above the Line/Below the Line Training	Grand Prairie	09/18 - 09/18

Region 2

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
H-500	HazMat Technician - Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) Certification	Cypress	06/05 - 06/16
T-600.e	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Manvel	06/13
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Beaumont	06/13 - 06/15
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Beaumont	06/15 - 06/16
AWR-118	Biological Incidents Awareness	Jasper	06/19
L-548	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Program Manager Train-the-Trainer Course	Beaumont	06/19 - 06/20
L-550	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Train-the-Trainer	Beaumont	06/21 - 06/23
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Houston	06/26 - 06/27
G-200	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Orange	06/27
G-318	Local Mitigation Planning Workshop	Houston	06/27 - 06/28
MGT-345	Disaster Management for Electric Power Systems	Dickinson	06/27 - 06/28
T-600.e	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Alvin	06/29
AWR-144	Port and Vessel Security for Public Safety and Maritime Personnel	Freeport	07/10

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
MGT-335	Event Security Planning for Public Safety Professionals	Jasper	07/18 - 07/19
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Houston	07/20 - 07/21
AWR-347	Climate Adaptation Strategies for Emergency Management	Houston	07/26
AWR-228	Coastal Community Resilience	Houston	07/27
G-318	Local Mitigation Planning Workshop	Orange	07/27 - 07/28
E/L-969	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Type III Communications Unit Leader (COML)	Houston	08/01 - 08/03
MGT-456	Integration of Cybersecurity Personnel into the Emergency Operations Center for Cyber Incidents	College Station	08/01 - 08/03
AUXCOM M	Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOMM) Training	Houston	08/04 - 08/05
G-202	Debris Management	Houston	08/08 - 08/11
H-100	HazMat Awareness	Orange	08/28

Region 3

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
H-504	NFPA 1006 2008 Edition Trench Rescue Levels I and II Pro-Board Certification	Weslaco	06/05 - 06/09
PER-229	Introduction to the Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) Suite	Laredo	06/06 - 06/08
G-202	Debris Management	Weslaco	06/06 - 06/09
PER-335	Critical Decision Making for Complex Coordinated Attacks	Weslaco	06/07 - 06/08
T-600.d	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	Weslaco	06/13
T-600.e	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Weslaco	06/14
AWR-144	Port and Vessel Security for Public Safety and Maritime Personnel	Aransas Pass	06/15
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Harlingen	06/15
AWR-144	Port and Vessel Security for Public Safety and Maritime Personnel	Robstown	06/16
T-600.d	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	La Joya	06/16
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	La Joya	06/19 - 06/21
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Weslaco	06/19 - 06/23
MGT-405	Mobilizing Faith-Based Community Organizations in Preparing for Disaster	Laredo	06/20
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	La Joya	06/21 - 06/22

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
H-505	NFPA 472 Product Control Specialist (Pro-Board Certification)	Weslaco	06/27 - 06/28
T-600.b	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Rio Grande City	06/28
AWR-160	Standardized Awareness Training	Hebbronville	07/06
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Weslaco	07/10 - 07/12
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Corpus Christi	07/11 - 07/13
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Weslaco	07/12 - 07/13
MGT-439	Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness	Laredo	07/12 - 07/13
E/L-969	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Type III Communications Unit Leader (COML)	McAllen	07/18 - 07/20
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Aransas Pass	07/25
PER-212	Operational Level Response to HazMat/WMD Incidents	Hebbronville	07/25 - 07/27
G-288	Donations Management Course	Weslaco	08/08 - 08/09
H-500	HazMat Technician - Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) Certification	Weslaco	08/14 - 08/25
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Del Rio	08/15 - 08/17
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Corpus Christi	08/16 - 08/18
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Del Rio	08/17 - 08/18

Region 4

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
MGT-348	Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents	Midland	06/08 - 06/09
MGT-348	Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents	Fort Stockton	06/12 - 06/13
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	El Paso	06/12 - 06/14
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Midland	06/13
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Midland	06/14
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Midland	06/15
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Odessa	06/15
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	El Paso	06/15 - 06/16
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Andrews	06/27
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Angelo	06/28 - 06/30
G-489	Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in	San Angelo	07/12

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
	Disasters		
T-600.b	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Odessa	07/13
L-548	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Program Manager Train-the-Trainer Course	El Paso	07/24 - 07/25
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	San Angelo	07/26 - 07/27
L-550	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Train-the-Trainer	El Paso	07/26 - 07/28
T-600.b	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Andrews	08/02
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	El Paso	08/07 - 08/09
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	El Paso	08/10 - 08/11
G-288	Donations Management Course	San Angelo	08/16 - 08/17

Region 5

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Pampa	06/06
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Wheeler	06/08
G-386	Mass Fatalities Incident Response	Wichita Falls	06/13 - 06/15
T-600.b	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Brownwood	06/14
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	06/27 - 06/29
G-449	Incident Command System (ICS) Curricula (Train-the-Trainer)	Lubbock	07/17 - 07/21
MGT-346	Emergency Operation Center (EOC) Operations for All-Hazards Events	Lubbock	07/18 - 07/20

Region 6

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Horseshoe Bay	05/31 - 06/01
G-288	Donations Management Course	Hillsboro	06/08 - 06/09
H-504	NFPA 1006 2008 Edition Trench Rescue Levels I and II Pro-Board Certification	Waco	06/13 - 06/16
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Antonio	06/14 - 06/16
PER-334	Search and Rescue in Community Disasters	Temple	06/17 - 06/18
G-608	Disaster Recovery Workshop	Kerrville	06/20

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-202	Debris Management	Hillsboro	06/20 - 06/23
H-504	NFPA 1006 2008 Edition Trench Rescue Levels I and II Pro-Board Certification	Belton	06/20 - 06/23
G-386	Mass Fatalities Incident Response	San Antonio	06/21 - 06/23
H-503	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Copperas Cove	06/27 - 06/30
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Austin	07/24 - 07/26
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	San Antonio	07/25 - 07/26
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Austin	07/26 - 07/28
H-402	NFA Chemistry for Emergency Response	Austin	08/14 - 08/25
H-503	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Schertz	08/15 - 08/18
G-205	Recovery From Disaster: The Local Government Role	Victoria	08/16 - 08/17
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Antonio	08/22 - 08/24
G-290	Basic Public Information Officer	San Antonio	08/28 - 08/29
G-191	ICS - EOC Interface	San Antonio	08/31

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