
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 [Bill Wahlgren](#).

Fighting Wildfires with Local, State and Federal Resources

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

As a possible result of this year's La Niña weather pattern, Texas is already experiencing extremely hot and dry summer weather conditions. Not surprisingly, these conditions increase the likelihood of wildfires. Sometimes, despite the best efforts of local responders, a wildfire threatens to grow out of control. Then, it may be necessary to seek regional or state assistance. With the exception of the Piney Woods region in east Texas, where [Texas A&M Forest Service \(TFS\)](#) has been a first responder since 1915, Texas relies on a multilevel network that administers local, state and interagency resources. The [Texas Interagency Coordination Center \(TICC\)](#), located in Lufkin, is a cooperative effort of TFS and other state and federal agencies. It has served as the state's wildfire dispatch center since 1998. Wildfire management is a science, notes Jim Linardos, TFS Assistant Chief Liaison at TDEM's State Operations Center (SOC). TICC offers analytic and predictive data on weather, vegetative fuels such as grasses, brush, trees and other risk factors such as drought and rainfall. This



Hot, dry weather this summer will elevate the risk of wildfire. Photo: Texas A&M Forest Service

information is useful to emergency management planners and responders, helping jurisdictions and regions anticipate equipment and personnel needs during periods of elevated fire danger. The [Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System \(TIFMAS\)](#), a consortium managed in part by TFS, provides grants, training and mobilization systems that make statewide use of local firefighting resources in times of need. All Texas fire departments are TIFMAS members by legislative authority. Additionally, equipment and training reimbursement grants are available through TIFMAS to paid and combination paid/volunteer fire departments, which are not eligible for grant assistance under the [Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program](#). At the federal level, FEMA's [Fire Management Assistance Grant](#) program offers grant assistance, usually through the state, for equipment, supply and personnel costs to state, tribal and local governments for the mitigation, management and control of significant wildfires. The fire management assistance process begins when the state requests assistance at the "threat of a major disaster" from wildfire. Now may be the time to learn more about which wildfire-fighting resources are available to your jurisdiction. For more information or to comment, contact [Chuck Phinney](#).

Exercise Program Spotlight

TxTEP Calendar Highlights

The Exercise Unit created the Texas Training and Exercise Planning (TxTEP) group to coordinate exercises with other state agencies. Please submit questions or updates to the Exercise Unit at t-dem.exercises@dps.texas.gov.

Featured exercises for July

Date	Sponsor	Name/Type	Description	Location
July 10-13	Texas Department of State Health Services	Twister Two-Step/ Functional	Severe weather	Various Public Health Regions
July 17 - 19	AECOM, Army Cyber Institute, City of Houston	Jack Voltaic 2.0 Tabletop/ Functional	Cybersecurity training and exercises	Houston, Region 2
July 23	Texas Dept. of State Health Services	2018 Operation Lone Star/Full-Scale	Medical screenings, immunizations, health and wellness information	La Feria, Brownsville, Laredo, San Juan, Mission, Rio Grande Valley, Region 3

Local and Regional Plans Spotlight

On June 12 and 13, members of the Local and Regional Plans Unit conducted the G-364 Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools course for the San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD). The two-day course provides schools with the knowledge, skills and tools needed to refine or develop an all-hazards school emergency plan (EOP) and to identify whom to train and exercise to the school EOP. As a part of this particular course, instructors worked with SAISD on their current plan and assisted them in re-evaluating it for the coming school year. Jurisdictions may request that this course be conducted locally by coordinating with their TDEM district coordinator. For more information, contact [Mario Chapa](#).

Local and Regional Plans Review

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

Hazards Unit Spotlight

The Hazards Unit is conducting HazMat Refresher Training ([H-302](#)) on July 18 in Dallas. This course includes both classroom and field activities designed to provide the annual regulatory required refresher training to hazmat personnel per federal regulation ([29 CFR 1910.120](#)). The course fulfills OSHA refresher training requirements and will also be offered September 25 – 26 in Temple. 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 with the revision. 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	2017	Yes
Drought Annex	2014	
Wildland Fire Annex	2014	
Radiological Incident Annex	2013	
Terrorism Annex	2013	

Preparedness Quiz

Determine whether each statement is *True* or *False*.

1. Planning teams must compare available resources with those anticipated for emergencies and identify how to make up for any shortfalls.
2. It is important to develop an integrated voice and data communications system only after an incident has occurred.
3. The use of standby contracts is not meant to ensure that emergency supplies are available in the quantities needed and at a reasonable price.
4. A close working relationship between emergency planning and comprehensive planning strengthens both programs.

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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

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
AWR-345	Unmanned Aircraft Systems in Disaster Management	Fort Worth	08/14
G-200	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Rockwall	07/09
G-202	Debris Management	Weatherford	08/06 - 08/09
G-235A	Advanced Emergency Planning	Dallas	08/08 - 08/09
G-288	Donations Management Course	Arlington	07/30 - 07/31
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)	Dallas	09/12 - 09/14
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Denton	07/01 - 07/18
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Fort Worth	07/23 - 07/25
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Flower Mound	08/20 - 08/22
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Fort Worth	07/07 - 07/28
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Fort Worth	07/31 - 08/23
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Fort Worth	09/01 - 09/22

G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Denton	07/18 - 07/19
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Fort Worth	07/25 - 07/26
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Flower Mound	08/22 - 08/23
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Dallas	07/18
H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Santo	08/20 - 08/24
H-505	NFPA 472 Product Control Specialist (Pro-Board Certification)	Mineral Wells	07/20 - 07/21
MGT-345	Disaster Management for Electric Power Systems	Texarkana	07/10 - 07/11
MGT-455	Radiological Operations Support Specialist (ROSS) Training	Arlington	07/23 - 07/26
PER-275	Law Enforcement Active Shooter Emergency Response (LASER)	Mesquite	07/16 - 07/18
PER-275	Law Enforcement Active Shooter Emergency Response (LASER)	Mesquite	07/19/ - 07/21
PER-275	Law Enforcement Active Shooter Emergency Response (LASER)	Mesquite	07/23 - 07/25
PER-275	Law Enforcement Active Shooter Emergency Response (LASER)	Texarkana	08/06 - 08/08
PER-275-1	Law Enforcement Active Shooter Emergency Response (LASER), Train-the-Trainer	Dallas	07/09 - 07/12
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Winnsboro	07/11
T-600.d	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	Athens	07/30
T-600.e	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Athens	08/06

Region 2

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
AWR-147	Rail Car Incident Response	Jasper	09/08
AWR-213	Critical Infrastructure Key Resources Awareness Course	Conroe	07/10
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)	Spring	08/14 - 08/16
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Humble	09/17 - 09/19
G-417.b	CERT Training for Teachers	College Station	07/21 - 07/23
G-557	Rapid Needs Assessment	Dickinson	07/17
H-100	HazMat Awareness	Orange	08/28
H-200	HazMat First Responder Operations	Houston	07/24 - 07/25

H-504	NFPA 1006 2008 Edition Trench Rescue Levels I and II Pro-Board Certification	Willis	09/04 - 09/07
L-548	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Program Manager Train-the-Trainer Course	Dickinson	08/27 - 08/28
L-550	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Train-the-Trainer	Dickinson	08/29 - 08/31
MGT-315	Critical Asset Risk Management	Conroe	08/21 - 08/22
MGT-319	Medical Countermeasures: Points of Dispensing (POD), Planning and Response	Bryan	07/17 - 07/18
MGT-342	Strategic Overview of Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater	Houston	09/12
MGT-348	Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents	Houston	07/25 - 07/26
MGT-383	Emergency Operations Plans for Rural Communities	La Porte	08/15
MGT-414	Advanced Critical Infrastructure Protection	Conroe	08/23
MGT-457	On-Scene Crisis Leadership and Decision Making Course	Orange	08/24
MGT-458	Building Whole Community Engagement Course	Orange	08/23
PER-211	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	College Station	08/06 - 08/08
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Kemah	07/11
T-600.b	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Kemah	07/12
T-600.b	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Bryan	07/27

Region 3

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
AWR-213	Critical Infrastructure Key Resources Awareness Course	Laredo	08/01
AWR-302	Pipeline Security in Rural Communities	Woodsboro	07/12
G-191	ICS - EOC Interface	Laredo	07/14
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Laredo	07/31 - 08/02
G-317 (Spanish)	Curso de Equipo Comunitario de Respuesta a Emergencias (CERT)	Laredo	08/04 - 08/18
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Laredo	08/02 - 08/03
H-301	HazMat Emergency Response Technician	Laredo	08/06 - 08/10

H-405	Air Monitoring for Hazardous Materials	Laredo	08/16 - 08/17
L-146	INDIRECT DELIVERY - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Basic Course	Harlingen	08/23 - 08/24
L-548	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Program Manager Train-the-Trainer Course	Zapata	07/30 - 07/31
L-550	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Train-the-Trainer	Zapata	08/01 - 08/03
MGT-319	Medical Countermeasures: Points of Dispensing (POD), Planning and Response	Mcallen	09/06 - 09/07
MGT-414	Advanced Critical Infrastructure Protection	Laredo	08/02
MGT-439	Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness	Corpus Christi	07/10 - 07/11
PER-211	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	Brownsville	08/20 - 08/21
PER-371	Cybersecurity Incident Response for IT Personnel	Mcallen	08/22 - 08/24
TX-001-RMS	Preliminary Damage Assessment	San Benito	07/12

Region 4

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-141	Instructional Presentation and Evaluation Skills	El Paso	08/07 - 08/09
G-205	Recovery From Disaster: The Local Government Role	El Paso	09/11 - 09/12
G-318	Local Mitigation Planning Workshop	El Paso	07/18 - 07/19
H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Midland	08/20 - 08/24
H-511	NFPA 472 HazMat Awareness Pro-Board Certification	El Paso	07/14
H-512	NFPA 472 HazMat First Responder Operations, Pro-Board Certification	El Paso	08/11 - 08/12
MGT-317	Disaster Management for Public Services	Odessa	09/27 - 09/28
MGT-348	Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents	El Paso	09/18 - 09/19
MGT-439	Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness	Fort Stockton	07/25 - 7/26
MGT-439	Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness	Odessa	09/04 - 09/05

Region 5

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
E/L-969	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Type III Communications Unit Leader (COML)	Amarillo	09/18 - 09/20
G-205	Recovery From Disaster: The Local Government Role	Wichita Falls	09/25 - 09/26
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)	Wichita Falls	08/14 - 08/16
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Lubbock	07/24 - 07/26
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Lubbock	07/31 - 08/01
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Amarillo	08/14 - 08/16
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Lubbock	07/26 - 07/27
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Amarillo	08/16 - 08/17
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Lubbock	08/20 - 08/21
H-503	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Lefors	09/11 - 09/14
MGT-319	Medical Countermeasures: Points of Dispensing (POD), Planning and Response	Lake Brownwood	09/19 - 09/20
MGT-341	Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Within the Community Infrastructure	Wichita Falls	07/10 - 07/11
MGT-345	Disaster Management for Electric Power Systems	Wichita Falls	08/07 - 08/08
MGT-348	Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents	Pampa	07/09 - 07/10
PER-320	Personal Protective Measures for Biological Events	Brownwood	08/21
PER-320	Personal Protective Measures for Biological Events	Lake Brownwood	08/23

Region 6

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
E/L-141	Instructional Presentation and Evaluation Skills	San Antonio	07/24 - 07/26
E/L-962	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Position Specific Plans Section Chief (PSC) Course	Georgetown	08/13 - 08/17

G-200	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Georgetown	08/03
G-235A	Advanced Emergency Planning	Georgetown	09/18 - 09/19
G-288	Donations Management Course	Schertz	08/13 - 08/14
G-288	Donations Management Course	Victoria	09/26 - 09/27
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Austin	07/23 - 07/25
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Waco	07/23 - 07/25
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Kyle	07/30 - 08/01
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Yoakum	06/04 - 07/09
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Dripping Springs	07/10 - 07/28
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Austin	07/16 - 07/23
G-364	Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools	Georgetown	08/01 - 08/02
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	New Braunfels	07/23 - 07/24
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Austin	07/25 - 07/27
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Waco	07/26 - 07/27
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Kyle	08/02 - 08/03
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	San Antonio	08/15 - 08/16
G-489	Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in Disasters	Victoria	08/01
H-100	HazMat Awareness	Austin	09/11
H-200	HazMat First Responder Operations	Austin	09/12 - 09/13
H-204	HazMat First Responder Awareness/Operations	Cuero	06/30 - 07/01
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Temple	09/25
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Temple	09/26
H-502	NFPA 472 Incident Command, Pro-Board Certification	Austin	07/24 - 07/25
MGT-343	Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities	New Braunfels	08/28 - 08/29
MGT-345	Disaster Management for Electric Power Systems	Canyon Lake	09/19 - 09/20

MGT-348	Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents	Belton	08/06 - 08/07
MGT-404	Sports / Special Events Incident Management	Waco	07/24 - 07/25
MGT-404	Sports / Special Events Incident Management	San Antonio	09/04 - 09/05
MGT-457	On-Scene Crisis Leadership and Decision Making Course	Victoria	08/21
MGT-458	Building Whole Community Engagement Course	Victoria	08/20
PER-211	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	Belton	07/12 - 07/13
SOC-101	Texas State Operations Center (SOC) Workshop	Austin	08/08
SOC-101	Texas State Operations Center (SOC) Workshop	Austin	08/09
T-610	Texas Emergency Management Workshop	Austin	08/01 - 08/02

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