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# Preparedness Update

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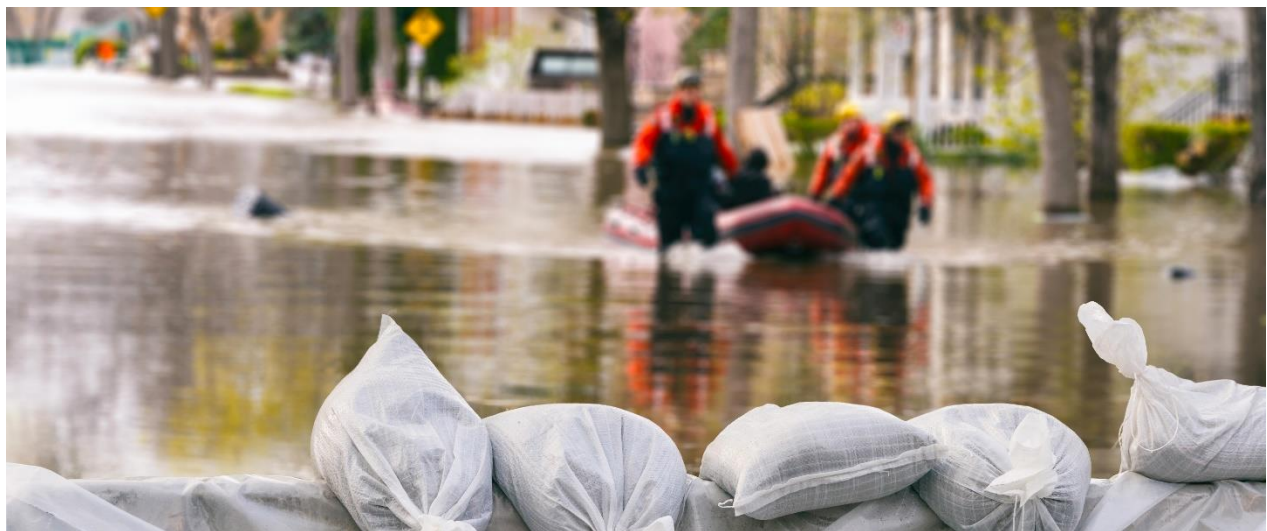
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The *Preparedness Update* alerts the Texas emergency management community to planning, training and exercise opportunities while providing updates on Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) preparedness initiatives and activities. For more information, or to receive the *Preparedness Update*, contact [TDEMPreparedness@dps.texas.gov](mailto:TDEMPreparedness@dps.texas.gov).

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## **Resource Requests: Understanding the STAR Process**

When disaster strikes, it seems that resources cannot arrive soon enough. Local resources are usually the most readily available. Depending on the scope and nature of the disaster, however, local resources may not be enough. In this case, a jurisdiction may initiate a State of Texas Assistance Request (STAR) to secure necessary emergency resources. The STAR system is both a process and a technology. Jurisdictions should understand the requirements, routing and fulfillment process of STARs in order to fulfill their needs quickly. Any city, county, Disaster District Coordinator (DDC), Emergency Management Council member, the State Medical Operations Center, and others as permitted, may open a STAR using the STAR board in WebEOC. A web-based crisis management system, WebEOC is available to emergency managers throughout the state. Some STARs are fulfilled locally. Some are routed to the DDC and fulfilled through them, while others are routed to the State Operations Center (SOC), which operates at increased activation levels during a disaster. Once received, the SOC routes the STAR to the position or agency that is responsible for



A local request for resources may require the coordination of multiple state agencies and organizations.

fulfilling that type of request. Requestors create effective resource requests by clearly communicating the five “w’s”—who, what, when, where and why. Additionally, the STAR should contain a clear and concise request title, a detailed description, an accurate quantity, a realistic delivery date and specific location, as well as any other relevant details. What is the need, objective or intended outcome? Can the request for a forklift be satisfied by a pallet jack? Is the request for a bullhorn really for a megaphone? Clarity and specificity are key. Once the STAR is routed to the responsible party, they create an action, which may require the assistance of one or more additional organizations. For example, a request for sandbags might require the actions of four or five organization to supply materials, labor and manage logistics. Once the responsible party creates the action, with specific, actionable details, the STAR’s status is updated. A requestor can log in to the STAR board to view the STAR’s status and relevant details, including routing. TDEM reviews after-action reports and considers suggestions to improve the STAR process and provide effective support to jurisdictions facing a disaster or emergency. For more information, follow up with your local WebEOC administrator or contact [Gisela.Ryan-Bunger](#), State Coordinator for Operations.

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

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### **Exercise Program Spotlight**

Hurricane season officially begins June 1. During the last week in May, the State Operations Center (SOC) conducts its Annual Hurricane Preparedness Workshop. The workshop gives agencies that staff the SOC during an activation the opportunity to ensure that their plans and procedures are up-to-date and that staff is properly trained. It also helps prepare the SOC for the full-scale exercise, named HURREX 2019, scheduled for June 21. This year’s hurricane exercise focus is on the Coastal Bend area where local jurisdictions will set up and operate embarkation hubs, reception centers and shelters. Separately, the Texas Military Department’s Air National Guard has partnered with Corpus Christi and Galveston to conduct Air-X 2019 earlier in the month. This medical transport exercise will test and train personnel for aeromedical evacuation support. For more information, contact [Sabine Gumm](#).

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### **Local and Regional Plans Spotlight**

Local and Regional Plans Unit staff attended the 2019 Coastal Bend Conference May 1 - 2, 2019 in Robstown, Texas. The staff set up a TDEM booth that provided critical preparedness information and resources to support participants with the necessary tools to prepare for a hurricane, natural disaster or mass fatality incident. For more information on similar support for your conference or jurisdiction, contact [Rosemary McKnight](#).

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

In April, the unit reviewed **91** plan documents.

## Hazards Unit Spotlight

During May, the Hazards Unit visited four Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs), two of which are new. The unit has plans to visit three more LEPCs this summer. Under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), LEPCs must develop an emergency response plan, review the plan at least annually and provide information about chemicals in the community to citizens. For more information, contact [Bryan Becknel](#).

## 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 [Jeffrey Hendrix](#).

State of Texas Emergency Management Plan and Annexes	Revised	Revising?
<a href="#">Basic Plan</a>	2019	Yes
<a href="#">Transportation Annex (ESF 1)</a>	2016	
<a href="#">Communications Annex (ESF 2)</a>	2015	
<a href="#">Public Works and Engineering Annex (ESF 3)</a>	2012	Yes
<a href="#">Firefighting Annex (ESF 4)</a>	2014	
<a href="#">Emergency Management Annex (ESF 5)</a>	2012	Yes
<a href="#">Mass Care Annex (ESF 6)</a>	2014	
<a href="#">Logistics Mgmt. and Resource Support Annex (ESF 7)</a>	2016	
<a href="#">Public Health and Medical Annex (ESF 8)</a>	2015	
<a href="#">Search and Rescue Annex (ESF 9)</a>	2016	
<a href="#">Oil and Hazardous Materials Response Annex (ESF 10)</a>	2013	Yes
<a href="#">Agriculture and Natural Resources Annex (ESF 11)</a>	2012	Yes
<a href="#">Energy Annex (ESF 12)</a>	2017	
<a href="#">Public Safety and Security Annex (ESF 13)</a>	2013	Yes
<a href="#">Recovery Annex (ESF 14)</a>	2013	
<a href="#">Public Information Annex (ESF 15)</a>	2013	Yes
<a href="#">Hurricane Annex</a>	2018	Yes
<a href="#">Drought Annex</a>	2014	
<a href="#">Wildland Fire Annex</a>	2014	
<a href="#">Radiological Incident Annex</a>	2013	
<a href="#">Terrorism Annex</a>	2013	Yes

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## Preparedness Quiz

Determine whether each statement is *True* or *False* regarding State of Texas Assistance Requests (STARs).

1. The STAR board is part of the Texas WebEOC Interoperability Project.
2. Local municipalities must get permission from the Disaster District Chair prior to submitting a STAR.
3. A STAR needs to go through a multi-tiered approval process before it can be submitted.
4. The STAR was developed as a result of lessons learned and direct user feedback.

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## Hurricane Training Spotlight: L-311 and HV-X

The L-311 Hurricane Readiness for Coastal Communities course introduces participants to the National Hurricane Center's (NHC) forecast procedures and products. The one-day course also explains how these elements can be incorporated with National Hurricane Program tools for planning and response. Topics include hurricane hazards, how forecasters use model guidance, readiness checklists, decision aids and evacuation planning. In addition to hosting the L-311 course, each location will host a half-day training on the National Hurricane Program Technology Modernization HURREVAC-eXtended. The HV-X course provides state and local decision-makers with an understanding of tools and advanced report features of HV-X to help them make timely evacuation decisions and implement other protective measures. FEMA and USACE instructors will provide hands-on instruction through one-on-one interactions to ensure a full understanding of how HURREVAC can support the evacuation decision-making process.

### Selection Criteria

Local emergency staff from coastal state/communities that are involved in the hurricane decision-making process

### Current offerings available in the state:

<a href="#">L-311 Hurricane Readiness for Coastal Communities</a>	06/17/2019	Orange County EOC	Maximum Enrollment - 75
<a href="#">HV-X National Hurricane Program Technology Modernization HURREVAC-eXtended</a>	06/18/2019	Orange County EOC	Maximum Enrollment - 75
<a href="#">L-311 Hurricane Readiness for Coastal Communities</a>	06/19/2019	DPS Southeast Texas HQ	Maximum Enrollment - 75
<a href="#">HV-X National Hurricane Program Technology Modernization HURREVAC-eXtended</a>	06/20/2019	DPS Southeast Texas HQ	Maximum Enrollment - 75

## Training Calendar

Note: the dates of the classes listed below are subject to change. Check our website, [www.preparingtexas.org](http://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
<a href="#">H-304</a>	Confined Space Rescue	Dallas	06/04 – 06/07
<a href="#">L-550</a>	Continuity of Operations Planning	Dallas	06/05 – 06/07
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	Streetman	06/06
<a href="#">PER-213</a>	Wide Area Search	Trenton	06/07 – 06/09
<a href="#">H-301</a>	HazMat Emergency Response Technician	Dallas	06/10 – 06/14
<a href="#">E/L-449</a>	Incident Command System Curricula Train-the-Trainer	Dallas	06/18 – 06/21
<a href="#">H-301</a>	HazMat Emergency Response Technician	Lewisville	06/24 – 06/28
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	Prosper	06/24
<a href="#">PER-229-1</a>	Introduction to the Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) Suite [ICAMEO] (Train-the-Trainer)	Fort Worth	07/15 – 07/18
<a href="#">G-290</a>	Basic Public Information Officer	Tyler	07/16 – 07/17
<a href="#">MGT-361</a>	Managing Critical Incidents for Higher Education Institutions: A Multi-Disciplinary, Community	Kilgore	07/16 – 07/18
<a href="#">MGT-404</a>	Sports / Special Events Incident Management	Arlington	07/16 – 07/17
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Dallas	07/17 – 07-19
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Grapevine	07/25 – 07/26
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Waxahachie	08/06 – 08/08
<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)	Dallas	08/20 – 08/22

## Region 2 – Southeast Texas

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Lake Jackson	06/03 – 06/05
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Lake Jackson	06/05 – 06/06
<a href="#">MGT-317</a>	Disaster Management for Public Services	Pasadena	06/10 – 06/11
<a href="#">H-200</a>	HazMat First Responder Operations	Jasper	06/15 – 06/16
<a href="#">L-311</a>	Hurricane Readiness for Coastal Communities	Orange	06/17
<a href="#">MGT-319</a>	Medical Countermeasures: Points of Dispensing (POD), Planning and Response	Texas City	06/17 – 06/18
<a href="#">HV-X</a>	National Hurricane Program Technology Modernization HURREVAC-eXtended	Orange	06/18
<a href="#">L-311</a>	Hurricane Readiness for Coastal Communities	Jersey Village	06/19
<a href="#">HV-X</a>	National Hurricane Program Technology Modernization HURREVAC-eXtended	Jersey Village	06/20
<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)	Bryan	06/24 – 06/26
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Conroe	06/24 – 06/26
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Webster	06/24 – 06/26
<a href="#">E/L-969</a>	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Type III Communications Unit Leader (COML)	Bryan	06/25 – 06/27
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Conroe	06/26 – 06/27
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Webster	06/27 – 06/28
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Humble	07/15 – 07/17
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Dickinson	07/15 – 07/17
<a href="#">AWR-362</a>	Flooding Hazards: Science & Preparedness	Houston	07/17
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Dickinson	07/18 – 07/19

<a href="#">L-550</a>	Continuity of Operations Planning	Houston	07/31 – 08/02
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Houston	08/01 – 08/03
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Houston	08/06 – 08/07
<a href="#">PER-348</a>	Operations Level to Response Radiological/Nuclear Course	Texas City	08/21
<a href="#">PER-348</a>	Operations Level to Response Radiological/Nuclear Course	Texas City	08/22
<a href="#">PER-348</a>	Operations Level to Response Radiological/Nuclear Course	Texas City	08/23
<a href="#">MGT-343</a>	Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities	Seabrook	08/27 – 08/28

### Region 3 – South Texas

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	Brownsville	06/04
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	Weslaco	06/05
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	Weslaco	06/06
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	Weslaco	06/07
<a href="#">G-364</a>	Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools	Harlingen	06/11 – 06/12
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	La Joya	06/17 – 06/19
<a href="#">T-600.a</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Weslaco	06/17
<a href="#">G-608</a>	Disaster Recovery Workshop	Edinburg	06/18
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	La Joya	06/19 – 06/20
<a href="#">MGT-343</a>	Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities	Corpus Christi	06/19 – 06/20
<a href="#">PER-213</a>	Wide Area Search	Laredo	06/20 – 06/22
<a href="#">G-317</a>	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Weslaco	06/23 – 06/26

<a href="#">PER-229</a>	Introduction to the Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) Suite	Cotulla	06/25 – 06/27
<a href="#">MGT-319</a>	Medical Countermeasures: Points of Dispensing (POD), Planning and Response	Laredo	07/13 – 07/14
<a href="#">MGT-439</a>	Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness	Pharr	07/25 – 07/26
<a href="#">MGT-341</a>	Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Within the Community Infrastructure	Corpus Christi	08/21 – 08/22
<a href="#">MGT-439</a>	Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness	Laredo	08/24 – 08/25

#### Region 4 – West Texas

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	Midland	06/11
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	Midland	06/12
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	Midland	06/13
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	El Paso	06/17 – 06/19
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	El Paso	06/20 – 06/21
<a href="#">G-288</a>	Donations Management Course	El Paso	06/25 – 06/26
<a href="#">G-489</a>	Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in Disasters	El Paso	06/27
<a href="#">E/L-212</a>	Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance: Developing Quality Application Elements	El Paso	07/09 – 07/12
<a href="#">MGT-310</a>	Jurisdictional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment	El Paso	08/06 – 08/07



## Region 5 – Northwest Texas

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Pampa	06/03 – 06/05
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Pampa	06/05 – 06/06
<a href="#">E/L-965</a>	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Resources Unit Leader (RESL) Course	Amarillo	07/22 – 07/25
<a href="#">AWR-136</a>	Essentials of Community Cyber Security	Lubbock	08/12
<a href="#">MGT-384</a>	Community Preparedness for Cyber Incidents	Lubbock	08/12 – 08/13

## Region 6 – Central Texas

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">G-317</a>	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Kyle	06/01 – 06/22
<a href="#">MGT-317</a>	Disaster Management for Public Services	San Antonio	06/04 – 06/05
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Austin	06/07 – 06/09
<a href="#">T-600.a</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Austin	06/13
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Edna	06/17 – 06/19
<a href="#">L-548</a>	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Program Manager	San Antonio	06/17 – 06/18
<a href="#">PER-335</a>	Critical Decision Making for Complex Coordinated Attacks	Brooks Afb	06/17 – 06/18
<a href="#">G-202</a>	Debris Management	Belton	06/18 – 06/21
<a href="#">L-550</a>	Continuity of Operations Planning	San Antonio	06/19 – 06/20
<a href="#">G-317</a>	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	New Braunfels	06/21 – 06/23
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Kyle	06/24 – 06/26
<a href="#">G-489</a>	Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in Disasters	Kerrville	06/26

<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Kyle	06/27 – 06/28
<a href="#">PER-340</a>	Active Threat Integrated Response Course	San Antonio	07/08 – 07/10
<a href="#">MGT-439</a>	Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness	Belton	07/11 – 07/12
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Austin	07/15 – 07/17
<a href="#">H-502</a>	NFPA 472 Incident Command, Pro-Board Certification	Jonestown	07/15 – 07/17
<a href="#">PER-335</a>	Critical Decision Making for Complex Coordinated Attacks	Brooks Afb	07/15 – 07/16
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Waco	07/16 – 07/18
<a href="#">G-557</a>	Rapid Needs Assessment	Belton	07/19
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Antonio	07/22 – 07/24
<a href="#">G-449</a>	Incident Command System (ICS) Curricula (Train-the-Trainer)	Austin	07/22 – 07/26
<a href="#">G-288</a>	Donations Management Course	Belton	07/23 – 07/24
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Waco	07/23 – 07/24
<a href="#">PER-335</a>	Critical Decision Making for Complex Coordinated Attacks	Temple	07/29 – 07/30
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Georgetown	07/31 – 08/01
<a href="#">MGT-343</a>	Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities	San Antonio	08/05 – 08/06
<a href="#">MGT-317</a>	Disaster Management for Public Services	Belton	08/06 – 08/07
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Georgetown	08/07 – 08/08
<a href="#">H-510</a>	NFPA 472 Air Monitoring and Sampling for Hazardous Materials, Pro-Board Certification	Jonestown	08/12 – 08/14
<a href="#">PER-335</a>	Critical Decision Making for Complex Coordinated Attacks	Georgetown	08/12 – 08/13
<a href="#">E/L-969</a>	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Type III Communications Unit Leader (COML)	Georgetown	08/13 – 08/15
<a href="#">MGT-412</a>	Sport and Special Event Evacuation Training and Exercise	Austin	08/13 – 08/14

<a href="#">PER-340</a>	Active Threat Integrated Response Course	Temple	08/13 – 08/16
<a href="#">PER-335</a>	Critical Decision Making for Complex Coordinated Attacks	Brooks Afb	08/19 – 08/20
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Antonio	08/21 – 08/23
<a href="#">MGT-343</a>	Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities	Round Rock	08/22 – 08/23

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