
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](#).

TEMATs: Another Tool in Your Response and Recovery Toolbox

Watch the Video [here](#).

Local emergency response is usually the first line of defense against a major disaster. With fewer response resources, however, smaller jurisdictions can easily be overwhelmed by a large-scale disaster. To address the need for immediate, expert, onsite operational support, TDEM created the Texas Emergency Management Assistance Team (TEMAT) program. TEMATs support local emergency operations by offering emergency management expertise, recruited at the local level, across multiple disciplines. These range from logistical support, to debris management, to cost tracking to name just a few. TEMATs do not replace mutual aid practices and agreements. Instead, TEMATs supplement and support the overall response effort by coordinating with appropriate state agencies and non-governmental organizations to provide response and short-term recovery operational support. A jurisdiction's emergency operations center (EOC), or a disaster district committee (DDC), uses a State of Texas Assistance Request (STAR) in WebEOC to request a TEMAT from the state operations center (SOC).



Field photo of TEMAT crew as it boards a Black Hawk helicopter headed for Harvey-affected locations.

Hurricane Harvey was the first major test of the TEMAT concept. Before Harvey made landfall, TEMAT crews were in place, from Rockport to Corpus Christi, supporting local emergency management operations with several key capabilities. Long after the hurricane left Texas, TEMAT personnel continue to provide assistance to the counties Harvey hit hardest, reflecting the program's "first in, last out" philosophy. According to TEMAT Coordinator Russell (Russ) Marshall, "We will do whatever it takes to make your bad day better." To hear more about the TEMAT program and what a TEMAT team can do for your jurisdiction, contact [Russ Marshall](#). For general information, or to comment, contact [Chuck Phinney](#).

Exercise Program Spotlight

The Exercise Unit created the Texas Training and Exercise Planning (TxTEP) cooperative in order to coordinate exercises with other state agencies. Because many preparedness activities across the country are federally grant funded, state agencies must maintain a multi-year training and exercise plan, along with an annual Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW). The goal of TxTEP is to bring together agencies invested in exercises, providing a forum for collaboration and sharing multi-jurisdictional and cross-functional exercise information. Partner agencies can set priorities and work as a team to assist one another by identifying exercise needs, coordinating schedules and co-sponsoring exercises, therefore eliminating duplicative efforts. The next TxTEP meeting will be scheduled for early April. Questions, updates or changes should be directed to the Exercise Unit at tdem.exercises@dps.texas.gov.

Local and Regional Planning Update

TDEM's Local and Regional Plans, Training, and Exercise units teamed up to deliver the first Preparedness Seminar in Region 1. These seminars help local jurisdictions understand preparedness at the state level and how to leverage TDEM's preparedness resources and staff. Topics include emergency operations plan development tips, new training opportunities, and integrating exercise schedules and activities. EMPG exercise credit is available for those attending. Upcoming Preparedness Seminars will be conducted in Region 3 (March 26 through 29), and Region 2 (April 9 through 13). For more information about Preparedness Seminars, visit www.preparingtexas.org. For any questions or comments, contact us at tdem.plans@dps.texas.gov.

Local and Regional Plans Review

In January, the unit reviewed **269** plan documents.

Drought Update

Drought continues to worsen across much of the state, especially in the panhandle and into central Texas. Medium- to long-range forecasts indicate continued dry weather and worsening drought conditions. Consult the United States Drought Monitor for current drought conditions: <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?TX>. For information on financial and technical assistance in dealing with drought and water shortage issues: <http://www.twicc.org/index.asp>

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](#).

Preparedness Quiz

Determine whether each statement about the transfer of command is *True* or *False* according to incident command system (ICS) protocol.

1. The arrival of a more qualified person means that a change in incident command must occur.
2. The effective time and date of the transfer should be communicated to all personnel who need to know, both on the scene and elsewhere.

3. The transfer should take place face-to-face and include a complete briefing.
4. A formal transfer of command is unnecessary when the Deputy Incident Commander is relieving the Incident Commander for an extended rest period.

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Calendar of Preparedness Meetings and Events

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

March 26-30

Region 3, Preparedness Seminars, multiple locations.

Other News and Events

A Warm Welcome

Preparedness welcomes Jason Oyer who joins the team as a new Local and Regional Planner for DPS Region 2. Prior to joining Preparedness, Jason was a Technical Operations Officer in the Texas State Operations Center. In this role, Jason supported and monitored ongoing response operations in both daily operations and during disasters. Jason began his career in emergency management as a disaster program manager with the American Red Cross. Here he was responsible for disaster preparedness, response, and community outreach. Jason developed, maintained and provided technical assistance regarding comprehensive emergency operations plans at the county and regional level.

Upcoming Preparedness Training Opportunities

TDEM Brings the First FEMA Basic Academy to Texas

From July 9 through 20, TDEM and FEMA will conduct the first National Emergency Management Basic Academy in the state. The Academy provides an educational entry point for individuals pursuing a career in emergency management, similar to basic academies offered by fire and law enforcement organizations. The academy is aimed at relatively new emergency managers or those crossing over to the field from other disciplines. Classes will be held at TDEM's Austin training facility and class size will be limited to 20 participants. Applicants must sign a letter of commitment stating they have completed the course prerequisites and will attend all four week-long classes. For more information on the FEMA curriculum, refer to FEMA's [National Emergency Management Basic Academy webpage](#).

Training Calendar

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
E/L-986	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Position Specific Air Operations Group Supervisor	Coppell	02/28 - 03/02
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Palo Pinto	03/01
G-775	EOC Management and Operations	Dallas	03/01 - 03/02
H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Paris	03/12 - 03/16
MGT-317	Disaster Management for Public Services	Texarkana	03/13 - 03/14
MGT-409	Community Healthcare Planning and Response to Disasters	Denton	03/14 - 03/15
MGT-343	Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities	Duncanville	03/19 - 03/20
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Athens	03/21
T-600.d	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	Mesquite	03/21
G-318	Local Mitigation Planning Workshop	Fort Worth	03/21 - 03/22
L-146	INDIRECT DELIVERY - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Basic Course	Tyler	03/21 - 03/22
T-600.e	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Mesquite	03/28
AWR-319	Leveraging Tools for Conducting Damage Assessments	Fort Worth	03/29 - 03/30
MGT-319	Medical Countermeasures: Points of Dispensing (POD), Planning and Response	Fort Worth	03/29 - 03/30
AWR-313	Homemade Explosives: Awareness, Recognition, and Response	Rowlett	04/11
MGT-452	Physical and Cybersecurity for Critical Infrastructure	Dallas	04/16
AWR-122-1	Law Enforcement Prevention and Deterrence of Terrorist Acts (Train the Trainer)	Fort Worth	04/17 - 04/19
PER-229	Introduction to the Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) Suite	Granbury	04/18 - 04/20
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Mount Pleasant	04/23 - 04/25
PER-335	Critical Decision Making for Complex Coordinated Attacks	Fort Worth	04/24 - 04/25
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Mount Pleasant	04/25 - 04/26
AWR-136	Essentials of Community Cyber Security	Dallas	04/26
G-191	ICS - EOC Interface	Dallas	05/03
ALERT	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Terrell	05/08

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ALERT	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Sherman	05/09
ALERT	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Mount Pleasant	05/10

Region 2

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Bryan	02/28 - 03/07
G-608	Disaster Recovery Workshop	Orange	03/01
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Richmond	03/06 - 03/07
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Richmond	03/08 - 03/09
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Humble	03/12 - 03/14
ALERT	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Houston	03/13
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Houston	03/19 - 03/21
L-550	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Train-the-Trainer	Beaumont	03/20 - 03/22
G-202	Debris Management	Bryan	03/20 - 03/23
T-600.b	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Orange	03/26
E/L-969	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Type III Communications Unit Leader (COML)	Jasper	03/27 - 03/29
T-600.d	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	Pasadena	03/28
T-600.e	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Pasadena	03/29
H-502	NFPA 472 Incident Command, Pro-Board Certification	Richmond	04/04 - 04/05
MGT-405	Mobilizing Faith-Based Community Organizations in Preparing for Disaster	La Porte	04/05 - 04/05
T-600.d	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	Sugar Land	04/05
E/L-965	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Resources Unit Leader (RESL) Course	Angleton	04/09 - 04/12
T-600.d	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	Baytown	04/10
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Houston	04/10 - 04/11
T-600.e	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Baytown	04/11
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Texas City	04/23 - 04/25
PER-211	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	College Station	04/23 - 04/25

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E/L-967	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Logistics Section Chief (LSC) Course	Houston	04/23 - 04/26
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Texas City	04/25 - 04/26
MGT-343	Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities	Webster	04/25 - 04/26
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Humble	04/30 - 05/01
T-600.e	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Sugar Land	05/03
T-600.d	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	Orange	05/07
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Houston	05/07 - 05/09
T-600.e	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Orange	05/08
ALERT	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Lufkin	05/11
MGT-341	Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Within the Community Infrastructure	Houston	05/22 - 05/23
MGT-317	Disaster Management for Public Services	Dickinson	05/30 - 05/31

Region 3

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Corpus Christi	02/28 - 03/02
G-775	EOC Management and Operations	Edinburg	03/06 - 03/07
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Brownsville	03/07
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Corpus Christi	03/07 - 03/08
G-191	ICS - EOC Interface	Edinburg	03/08
PER-320	Personal Protective Measures for Biological Events	Laredo	03/09
PER-320	Personal Protective Measures for Biological Events	Laredo	03/10
G-200	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Sinton	03/20
G-557	Rapid Needs Assessment	Weslaco	03/23
AWR-160	Standardized Awareness Training	Carrizo Springs	03/24
AWR-160-SAT	Standardized Awareness Training	Carrizo Springs	03/24
H-504	NFPA 1006 2008 Edition Trench Rescue Levels I and II Pro-Board Certification	Weslaco	03/27 - 03/30
G-235A	Advanced Emergency Planning	South Padre Island	04/03 - 04/04
MGT-319	Medical Countermeasures: Points of Dispensing (POD), Planning and Response	Roma	04/03 - 04/04
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Weslaco	04/04

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Laredo	04/07 - 04/14
G-775	EOC Management and Operations	Brownsville	04/16 - 04/17
ALERT	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Laredo	04/18
G-191	ICS - EOC Interface	Brownsville	04/18
ALERT	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Del Rio	04/19
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Ingleside	04/20 - 04/22
AWR-213	Critical Infrastructure Key Resources Awareness Course	Weslaco	04/23
MGT-414	Advanced Critical Infrastructure Protection	Weslaco	04/24
MGT-319	Medical Countermeasures: Points of Dispensing (POD), Planning and Response	Edinburg	04/25 - 04/26
MGT-341	Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Within the Community Infrastructure	Harlingen	05/03 - 05/04
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Ingleside	05/19 - 05/20
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Edinburg	05/22 - 05/24
PER-221	WMD Tactical Operations	San Juan	05/23 - 05/25
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Edinburg	05/24 - 05/25
AWR-160	Standardized Awareness Training	Laredo	05/26
AWR-160-SAT	Standardized Awareness Training	Rio Bravo	05/26

Region 4

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	El Paso	03/05 - 03/09
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Angelo	03/07 - 03/09
H-502	NFPA 472 Incident Command, Pro-Board Certification	Odessa	03/19 - 03/20
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	San Angelo	03/21 - 03/22
ALERT	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Midland	03/22
ALERT	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Midland	03/22
G-386	Mass Fatalities Incident Response	San Angelo	04/04 - 04/06
PER-211	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	Fort Stockton	04/05 - 04/06

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	El Paso	04/09 - 04/11
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	El Paso	04/12 - 04/13
GTRI - BWCE	Building Whole Community Engagement Course	El Paso	04/24
GTRI - CLC	On-Scene Crisis Leadership and Decision Making Course	El Paso	04/25
GTRI - BWCE	Building Whole Community Engagement Course	El Paso	04/26
PER-211	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	Odessa	04/26 - 04/27
GTRI - CLC	On-Scene Crisis Leadership and Decision Making Course	El Paso	04/27
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Angelo	05/21 - 05/25

Region 5

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
ALERT	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Hereford	03/05
ALERT	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Dumas	03/06
H-503	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Lubbock	03/06 - 03/09
ALERT	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Canadian	03/07
ALERT	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Memphis	03/08
ALERT	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Amarillo	03/09
ALERT	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Lubbock	03/20
ALERT	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Lubbock	03/20
ALERT	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Lubbock	03/20
T-600.b	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Vega	03/27
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Wichita Falls	04/18 - 04/19
H-504	NFPA 1006 2008 Edition Trench Rescue Levels I and II Pro-Board Certification	Lubbock	05/15 - 05/18

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
MGT-439	Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness	Lubbock	05/21 - 05/22

Region 6

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Yorktown	01/11 - 03/29
PER-213	Wide Area Search	Temple	03/02 - 03/04
G-191	ICS - EOC Interface	San Marcos	03/04
G-557	Rapid Needs Assessment	San Marcos	03/04
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Georgetown	03/05 - 03/06
H-510	NFPA 472 Air Monitoring and Sampling for Hazardous Materials, Pro-Board Certification	Killeen	03/05 - 03/06
E/L-964	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Situation Unit Leader (SITL) Course	Austin	03/05 - 03/09
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Georgetown	03/07 - 03/08
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Killeen	03/09 - 03/17
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Georgetown	03/10 - 03/11
MGT-335	Event Security Planning for Public Safety Professionals	Burnet	03/13 - 03/14
G-557	Rapid Needs Assessment	Austin	03/19
G-191	ICS - EOC Interface	Austin	03/20
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Kyle	03/20 - 04/21
G-366	Planning for the Needs of Children in Disasters	Austin	03/21
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	San Antonio	03/21 - 03/22
H-305	Oil Spill Containment, Protection, and Recovery Tactics (Inland Water)	San Antonio	03/26 - 03/28
E/L-958	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Operations Section Chief (OSC) Course	Austin	03/26 - 03/29
G-205	Recovery From Disaster: The Local Government Role	Austin	03/27 - 03/28
MGT-315	Critical Asset Risk Management	Austin	03/27 - 03/28
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Antonio	03/27 - 03/29
ALERT	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	San Antonio	03/29
T-600.b	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Kerrville	03/29
H-306	NFPA 1006 Trench Rescue (Non-Certification)	Temple	04/03 - 04/06
G-191	ICS - EOC Interface	San Antonio	04/05
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Georgetown	04/07 - 04/08

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
E/L/G-428	Community Emergency Response Team Train the Trainer	San Antonio	04/14 - 04/15
PER-211	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	San Antonio	04/20 - 04/21
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Waco	04/24
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Waco	04/25
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Waco	04/26
H-510	NFPA 472 Air Monitoring and Sampling for Hazardous Materials, Pro-Board Certification	Temple	05/01 - 05/02
PER-211	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	Victoria	05/03 - 05/04
H-100	HazMat Awareness	Lockhart	05/05
H-505	NFPA 472 Product Control Specialist (Pro-Board Certification)	Killeen	05/07 - 05/08
H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	San Antonio	05/07 - 05/11
E/L-950	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Incident Commander (IC) Course	Austin	05/21 - 05/25
AWR-167	Sport Event Risk Management	Waco	05/22 - 05/23
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	San Antonio	05/22 - 05/23
H-502	NFPA 472 Incident Command, Pro-Board Certification	Waco	05/22 - 05/23
MGT-401	Planning and Intervention for Gangs, Hate and Terrorist Groups in Rural Jails and Prisons	San Marcos	05/30

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