

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 TDEMPreparedness@dps.texas.gov.

Controlling Nuisance Mosquitoes Following Severe Weather

Severe weather incidents, such as rainstorms and hurricanes, can result in flooding and standing water, providing a breeding ground for mosquitoes. While mosquitoes that transmit vector-borne diseases are a very real problem, they will not likely use the standing water after a storm for a breeding ground right away. The *Culex* mosquito, which transmits the West Nile virus, for example, prefers to lay eggs in stagnant, nutrient-rich water, which may not be available until two to four weeks after the flooding incident. Nuisance mosquitoes lay their eggs in moist soil *prior* to a rain event. The dormant eggs are then flushed out after the rain and adult mosquitoes may hatch four days to two weeks later. These nuisance floodwater mosquitoes can significantly hinder recovery workers who are working outdoors; removing debris or restoring utilities for the jurisdiction. Local jurisdictions should know the following:

- Jurisdictions may submit a State of Texas Assistance Request ([STAR](#)) to their Disaster District Committee (DDC) for assistance with local mosquito abatement if nuisance mosquitoes significantly hamper recovery efforts.
- Mosquito abatement activities should be focused in areas with higher human population densities in order to be the most effective.
- Those who apply ground-based pesticides should have proper training and be licensed by the Texas Department of Agriculture.



Psorophora Columbiae mosquitoes can significantly hinder recovery efforts after a flooding event.

For possible assistance from the state, jurisdictions should follow the procedures outlined in the Texas Department of State Health Services document *Technical Guidance: Mosquito Abatement Post Weather Incident* available online soon. Part of these procedures include having jurisdictions record detailed data on the following mosquito abatement activities:

- Mosquito surveillance conducted
- Larval inspections conducted
- Heavily-impacted areas
- Larvicide activities (including usage/burn rate)
- Adulticide activities (including usage/burn rate)
- Number of service requests or governmental customer complaints received and for which there was a response
- Manpower hours expended
- Floodwater habitats identified

Your Department of State Health Services Regional Preparedness Manager can assist with coordinating nuisance mosquito abatement activities. For the technical guidance document, please contact your DSHS Regional Manager or for more information, contact [Chris Medina](#) at the State Medical Operations Center.



2019 Texas Emergency Management Conference

The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) will once again host the Texas Emergency Management Conference (TEMC) in San Antonio, Texas, on April 15 – 18, 2019. Individuals will have the opportunity to interact with exhibitors and vendors, network with others in emergency management, and attend presentations focused on current issues, lessons learned, creative best practices, and participant interaction. Please visit the [TEMC](#) page for conference details.

Exercise Program Spotlight

Working Together for Texas Communities: Housing Seminar

In a joint venture, TDEM and the Texas General Land Office (GLO) will be filming a housing seminar this month. The goal of the seminar is to give local jurisdictions the opportunity to earn their Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG) housing exercise credit in 2019, while gaining insights into a very complex and multi-faceted recovery issue. The seminar will define the meaning of housing for federally- and non-declared disasters to include short-term, intermediate and long-term housing missions. Information for local officials about which assistance comes from FEMA, state and private sectors, the agencies that are involved and what programs are available to their jurisdictions will be addressed. The seminar will last approximately one hour and is scheduled for release in April. Stay tuned for more information on the [Preparing Texas](#) website. For more information, contact [Sabine Gumm](#).

Local and Regional Plans Spotlight

Please join us in welcoming Kendra Norris to LRPUs the Local and Regional Plans Unit as the new Region 5-Northwest Texas Planner. Kendra has a background with the healthcare industry and is a member of the Navy Reserves, currently holding a billet with Navy Region Southeast Regional Operations Center.

Local and Regional Plans Review

In January, the unit reviewed **96** plan documents.

Hazards Unit Spotlight

Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) are required as part of the federal- and state-level Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). EPCRA was passed in 1986 after the Bhopal, India, incident in which a chemical release incident killed and injured thousands. LEPCs serve as an information clearinghouse for the types and quantities of hazardous materials that may be found in a jurisdiction, as well as the safety data that accompanies them. For more information, contact [William Paiz-Tabash](#).

Please welcome our new Planner, William Paiz-Tabash, who is tasked with assisting LEPCs with their planning efforts. William will be reaching out to assist each LEPC in Texas in the near future.

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?
Basic Plan	2019	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	2018	Yes
Drought Annex	2014	
Wildland Fire Annex	2014	
Radiological Incident Annex	2013	
Terrorism Annex	2013	Yes

Preparedness Quiz

Determine whether each statement is *True* or *False* regarding mosquito control.

1. An increase in standing water caused by hurricanes and other heavy rain can cause dormant mosquito eggs to hatch.
2. Jurisdictions requesting mosquito abatement assistance do not need to provide evidence of ongoing response and recovery efforts.
3. Mosquito abatement activities should focus on areas with a lower population density to be the most effective.
4. To qualify for state assistance, local jurisdictions are responsible for monitoring the levels and types of vector mosquito populations and associated viral infections in animals and humans.

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Training Spotlight: Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service

The Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service/National Emergency Response and Recovery Training Center (TEEX/NERRTC) helps prepare state and local officials for the management challenge posed by weapons of mass destruction (WMD). Preparedness training includes hands-on, scenario-driven training and computer-based simulations. The Emergency Operations Training Center uses state-of-the-art simulation and computer-based technologies to train first responders and city officials to manage a crisis through a unified command approach with realistic, real-time simulation and training analysis at a command-post level not provided by any other organization. This month's featured course is [MGT-343 - Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities](#). The course is designed to provide training to water and wastewater professionals on issues concerning preparing for, responding to, and recovering from incidents affecting water and/or wastewater facilities. For more information, contact [Scott Sutherland](#).

Related Training Available in March

MGT-343 - Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities	Meeting and Training Facility (MTF) 1601 Graham Road College Station, TX 77845	03/05/2019 - 03/06/2019	35 Seats Available
MGT-343 - Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities	Pasadena Convention Center 7902 Fairmont Pkwy, Rm. 102 Pasadena, TX 77506	03/26/2019 - 03/27/2019	27 Seats Available

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 – North Texas

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
AWR-167	Sport Event Risk Management	Arlington	03/18 – 03/19
E/L-449	Incident Command System Curricula Train-the-Trainer	Dallas	05/28 – 05/31
E-388	Advanced Public Information Officers Course	Fort Worth	02/25 – 03/01
G-141	Instructional Presentation and Evaluation Skills	Southlake	05/21 – 05/24
G-200	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Waxahachie	03/05
G-200	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Mount Vernon	03/18
G-205	Recovery From Disaster: The Local Government Role	Dallas	04/25 – 04/26
G-235A	Advanced Emergency Planning	Dallas	03/12 – 03/13
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Fort Worth	03/06 – 03/08
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Grapevine	05/01 – 05/03
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Fort Worth	03/23 – 04/06
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Fort Worth	05/07 – 05/23
G-557	Rapid Needs Assessment	Dallas	05/08
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Lancaster	05/07
H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Corsicana	03/25 – 03/29
H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Lake Worth	04/08 – 04/12
L-146	INDIRECT DELIVERY - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Basic Course	Tyler	04/25 – 04/26
MGT-412	Sport and Special Event Evacuation Training and Exercise	Arlington	03/20 – 03/21
PER-230	Performance Level Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings (IRTB)	Fort Worth	05/09
PER-348	Operations Level to Response Radiological/Nuclear Course	Plano	03/01

T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Plano	03/05
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Region 2 – Southeast Texas

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-200	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Madisonville	03/21
G-205	Recovery From Disaster: The Local Government Role	Beaumont	03/05 – 03/06
G-205	Recovery From Disaster: The Local Government Role	Baytown	05/13 – 05/14
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Houston	03/05 – 03/07
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Humble	03/25 – 03/27
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Montgomery	03/25/ - 03/27
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Houston	03/26 – 03/28
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Texas City	04/23 – 04/25
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	League City	04/27 – 04/29
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Orange	02/28 – 03/01
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Montgomery	03/27 – 03/28
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Houston	04/02 – 04/03
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Humble	04/23 – 04/24
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Texas City	05/02 – 05/03
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	League City	05/04 – 05/05
G-449	Incident Command System (ICS) Curricula (Train-the-Trainer)	Beaumont	03/04 – 03/08
G-557	Rapid Needs Assessment	Beaumont	03/07
H-100	HazMat Awareness	Needville	03/23
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Beaumont	03/20
H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Conroe	04/15 – 04/19

H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	La Porte	04/29 – 05/03
H-502	NFPA 472 Incident Command, Pro-Board Certification	Conroe	05/06 – 05/07
H-502	NFPA 472 Incident Command, Pro-Board Certification	Pasadena	05/08 – 05/09
H-503	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Conroe	03/26 – 03/29
MGT-343	Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities	College Station	03/05 – 03/06
MGT-343	Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities	Pasadena	03/26 – 03/27
MGT-346	Emergency Operation Center (EOC) Operations for All-Hazards Events	Lufkin	03/26 – 03/28
PER-211	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	Pasadena	04/23 – 04/24
PER-211	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	College Station	04/30 – 05/02
PER-222	Public Safety WMD Response - Sampling Techniques and Guidelines	Conroe	03/19 – 03/21
SkyWarn-W	Online SkyWarn Storm Spotter Training	Baytown	03/19
T-197	Emergency Planning for People with Access and Functional Needs	Houston	03/12 – 03/13

Region 3 – South Texas

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
DMP-480	Introduction to Disaster Recovery Public Assistance Programs	Harlingen	05/01 – 05/02
DMP-580	Disaster Recovery for Senior Officials	Harlingen	05/02
DMP-910	Hurricane Preparedness TTX	Harlingen	05/03
E/L/G-428	Community Emergency Response Team Train the Trainer	Harlingen	03/18 – 03/20
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Laredo	04/08 – 04/10
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Rio Grande City	04/23 – 04/25
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Roma	03/09 – 03/23
H-202	Pipeline Emergencies - Awareness / Operations	Weslaco	04/03 – 04/05
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Brownsville	03/20

H-503	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Edinburg	03/12 – 03/15
H-504	NFPA 1006 2008 Edition Trench Rescue Levels I and II Pro-Board Certification	Laredo	03/05 – 03/08
H-504	NFPA 1006 2008 Edition Trench Rescue Levels I and II Pro-Board Certification	Portland	04/09 – 04/12
H-504	NFPA 1006 2008 Edition Trench Rescue Levels I and II Pro-Board Certification	Weslaco	05/23 – 05/26
MGT-345	Disaster Management for Electric Power Systems	Corpus Christi	03/27 – 03/28
MGT-345	Disaster Management for Electric Power Systems	Harlingen	04/29 – 04/30
MGT-405	Mobilizing Faith-Based Community Organizations in Preparing for Disaster	Laredo	04/20
PER-213	Wide Area Search	Escobares	03/19 – 03/21

Region 4 – West Texas

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
AWR-232	Mass Fatalities Planning & Response for Rural Communities	San Angelo	05/15
G-202	Debris Management	El Paso	03/25 – 03/28
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)	El Paso	05/07 – 05/09
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	El Paso	03/04 – 03/06
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	El Paso	03/07 – 03/08
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Midland	04/09
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Midland	04/10
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Midland	04/11
H-511	NFPA 472 HazMat Awareness Pro-Board Certification	San Angelo	04/30

Region 5 – Northwest Texas

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
E/L-954	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Safety Officer Course (SOFR)	Amarillo	03/11 – 03/14

E/L-964	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Situation Unit Leader (SITL) Course	Amarillo	05/20 – 05/24
G-200	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Lubbock	03/04
G-200	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Amarillo	03/06
G-200	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Vernon	03/06
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	03/20 – 03/22
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)	Lubbock	04/02 – 04/04
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Lubbock	03/14 – 03/15
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Lubbock	04/09 – 04/10
G-489	Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in Disasters	Amarillo	05/16
G-557	Rapid Needs Assessment	Amarillo	05/17
H-204	HazMat First Responder Awareness/Operations	Ralls	04/06 – 04/07
H-503	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Abilene	04/16 – 04/19
H-503	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Abilene	04/23 – 04/26
H-504	NFPA 1006 2008 Edition Trench Rescue Levels I and II Pro-Board Certification	Abilene	05/07 - 05/10
L-146	INDIRECT DELIVERY - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Basic Course	Lubbock	03/26 – 03/27

Region 6 – Central Texas

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
Advanced SkyWarn	Advanced SkyWarn Storm Spotter Class	Georgetown	03/30
AWR-122	Law Enforcement Prevention and Deterrence of Terrorist Acts	Georgetown	03/14 – 03/15
AWR-219	Site Protection through Observational Techniques (SPOT)	San Antonio	03/21
AWR-315	Fundamentals of Criminal Intelligence	Hutto	03/11 – 03/13
AWR-325	Site Protection and Document Screening Techniques	Georgetown	04/29
Basic SkyWarn	Basic SkyWarn Storm Spotter Class	Georgetown	03/30

COMT	OEC All-Hazards Communications Technician (COMT)	Austin	02/25 – 03/01
E/L/G-428	Community Emergency Response Team Train the Trainer	Cedar Park	04/26 – 04/28
E-388	Advanced Public Information Officers Course	Austin	02/25 – 03/01
G-200	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Edna	03/07
G-202	Debris Management	Fredericksburg	04/02 – 04/05
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)	Victoria	05/28 – 05/30
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Austin	02/27 – 03/01
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Selma	03/04 – 03/06
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Waco	03/19 – 03/21
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Kyle	03/25 – 03/27
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Antonio	04/02 – 04/04
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Austin	04/08 – 04/10
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Fredericksburg	04/30 – 05/02
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Antonio	05/22 – 05/24
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Austin	03/06 – 05/01
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Killeen	03/22 – 03/30
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Waco	03/27 – 03/28
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Kyle	03/28 – 03/29
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Fredericksburg	05/02 – 05/03
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Austin	05/09 – 05/10
G-402	ICS Overview for Executive/Senior Officials	Kerrville	05/01
G-775	EOC Management and Operations	San Antonio	03/14 – 03/15
H-100	HazMat Awareness	Lockhart	03/02
H-200	HazMat First Responder Operations	Lockhart	04/06 – 04/07

H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Canyon Lake	03/18 – 03/22
H-502	NFPA 472 Incident Command, Pro-Board Certification	San Antonio	05/06 – 05/07
H-503	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Jonestown	02/26 – 03/01
H-503	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Victoria	04/09 – 04/12
H-504	NFPA 1006 2008 Edition Trench Rescue Levels I and II Pro-Board Certification	San Antonio	05/14 – 05/17
MGT-324-C	Campus Emergencies Prevention, Response, and Recovery - Customized	Georgetown	04/30
MGT-343	Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities	Belton	05/01 – 05/02
PER-211	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	New Braunfels	03/28 – 03/29
PER-340	Active Threat Integrated Response Course	Georgetown	05/01 – 05/03
SOC-101	Texas State Operations Center (SOC) Workshop	Austin	03/06
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Cuero	03/19
T-600.d	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	San Marcos	04/23
TX-005-RMS	Procurement	Belton	03/26

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