
Texas Division of Emergency Management

Preparedness Update

Helping to prepare the Texas emergency management community

May 2017

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](#).

Storm-Surge Prediction Tools Sharpen Focus on Hurricane Preparedness

Newcomers to the Texas coast can easily underestimate the destructive force and deadly impact of hurricane storm surge. When people see images of wind-whipped coastlines, they may assume hazardous wind is the greatest threat. Storm surge, or water inundation, is almost always the most lethal hazard associated with tropical cyclones. Many of the 1,500 deaths from Hurricane Katrina were directly or indirectly a result of storm surge. Usually people can escape high winds by sheltering in a secure location. While encountering storm surge, however, people who have not evacuated can be trapped as the ocean—with its powerfully destructive wave action—engulfs their community and homes. Storm surge can also affect communities many miles inland as water rushes into existing waterways with surprising speed and destructive force. To help emergency managers and local officials



May 7-13 is [Hurricane Preparedness Week](#). Emergency managers and other stakeholders can use this time to help prepare communities likely to be affected.

prepare and respond, the National Weather Service will begin issuing [storm surge watches and warnings](#) this hurricane season. [John Honoré](#), TDEM's Hurricane Program Coordinator, advises coastal and regional emergency management coordinators (EMCs) to tap into this and other forecast and decision-making tools. Awareness and education are key, Honoré says, to preparing communities for the worst. Many emergency managers support hurricane-prone or nearby inland communities with little or no recent experience with this potentially lethal threat. In fact, almost one million newcomers have moved into the Houston-Galveston area since Hurricane Ike sent a 15 to 20-foot storm tide (storm surge plus high tide) charging ashore, killing 20 and causing catastrophic damage. TDEM Preparedness will continue to refresh and update the state's *Hurricane Annex* and related documentation. TDEM's Full-Scale Exercise in June, "Hurricane Charlie," will test the emergency operations plans of dozens of coastal and inland communities in the state's southeast region. Those who have lived through a major hurricane know it only takes one such storm to dramatically affect an entire community. More facts about storm surge and predictive models are available from the [National Hurricane Center](#). For more information or to comment, contact [Bill Wahlgren](#).

State of Texas Preparedness Exercise Program Updates

"Hurricane Charlie" 2017 State Exercise Series / Full-Scale Exercise, June 1- 9

The "Hurricane Charlie" Full-Scale Exercise is one month away. On May 17, at the 2017 Texas Emergency Management Conference (TEMC) in San Antonio, we will lead an information session for all interested conference attendees. Come see what a Texas full-scale exercise looks like from local, regional, and state perspectives. Refer to the TEMC conference program for the time and location. For information, contact [Lee Schnell](#).

Calling All Volunteer Role-Players

It is not too late to volunteer for a role playing an evacuee during the "Hurricane Charlie" state full-scale exercise. This is a great opportunity to help responder communities practice their evacuation and sheltering plans. Volunteer role-players gain insight into the evacuee experience while helping the state exercise population evacuation and repopulation. Role-players are needed to volunteer from a few hours to a few days between June 5 and 8. To find out more or to register as a volunteer, visit the [Preparing Texas](#) website.

Training and Exercise Planning Workshops (TEPW) Made Easy

At the 2017 Texas Emergency Management Conference, the Exercise Unit will present "TEPW's Made Easy." Session participants will learn a practical approach to developing a Multiyear Training and Exercise Plan (MYTEP). A question and answer period will follow, so bring us your questions. Refer to the TEMC conference program for the time and location.

Local and Regional Planning Spotlight

In April, the Local and Regional Plans Unit, in cooperation with TDEM field staff and local jurisdiction representatives, conducted three **Preparedness Workshops** in DPS Region 5. These four-hour workshops are designed to help emergency managers better prepare their communities by sharing best practices and engaging with local, regional, and state subject-matter experts. Workshops cover key topics, such as—

- Risk identification
- Capability assessment
- Short- and long-range planning
- Training needs identification
- Claiming exercise credit
- Conducting low-cost exercises
- Grant requirements

Participants have the opportunity to discuss/revise their emergency operations plans (EOPs) and complete a multi-year training and exercise plan (MYTEP). TDEM plans to schedule additional Preparedness Workshops around the state. For more information, contact [Dan Price](#).

Local and Regional Plans Review

In **March**, the unit reviewed **125** plan documents.

State of Texas Emergency Management Plan and Annex Updates

Recovery Annex

Planners are completing a revised draft with added input from stakeholders. The next planning meeting should be scheduled for early May. 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)

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

Biological Hazards Annex

The *Biological Hazards Annex* is in stakeholder review. Stakeholders will be notified as future planning meetings are scheduled. For more information, contact [Will Patton](#).

Preparedness Quiz

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

1. Storm surge can be the greatest threat to life and property from a hurricane.
2. The lower the central pressure of a hurricane, the weaker the storm.
3. Storm surge is an abnormal rise of water generated by a storm, over and above the predicted astronomical tides.
4. The Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale estimates property damage.

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May Calendar of Preparedness Meetings and Events

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

May 7–13

Hurricane Preparedness Week

May 15

Drought Preparedness Meeting, Texas Emergency Management Conference (TEMC), San Antonio

May 16-19

The 2017 Texas Emergency Management Conference (TEMC), San Antonio

May 17

“Hurricane Charlie” 2017 State Exercise / Full-Scale Exercise Public Overview, TEMC, San Antonio

May 18

WIPP Program Meeting, TEMC, San Antonio

May 18

Pantex Program Meeting, TEMC, San Antonio

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-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Texarkana	05/01 - 05/03
MGT-346	Emergency Operation Center (EOC) Operations for All-Hazards Events	Arlington	05/03 - 05/05
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Texarkana	05/04 - 05/05
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Bonham	05/04 - 06/24
PER-222	Public Safety WMD Response - Sampling Techniques and Guidelines	Dallas	05/09 - 05/11
G-318	Local Mitigation Planning Workshop	Dallas	05/10 - 05/11
H-500	HazMat Technician - Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) Certification	Allen	05/15 - 05/26
MGT-335	Event Security Planning for Public Safety Professionals	Weatherford	05/16 - 05/17
PER-320	Personal Protective Measures for Biological Events	Tyler	05/19
PER-212	Operational Level Response to HazMat/WMD Incidents	Tyler	05/19 - 05/21
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Bonham	05/24
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Paris	06/07 - 06/08
G-557	Rapid Needs Assessment	Dallas	06/09
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Paris	06/09 - 06/10
H-511	NFPA 472 HazMat Awareness Pro-Board Certification	Tyler	06/10
G-417.b	Teen CERT Train the Trainer (For Teachers)	Arlington	06/12 - 06/14
MGT-347	Incident Command System (ICS) Forms Review	Cedar Hill	06/13
MGT-347	Incident Command System (ICS) Forms Review	Desoto	06/14
MGT-347	Incident Command System (ICS) Forms Review	Duncanville	06/15
MGT-347	Incident Command System (ICS) Forms Review	Lancaster	06/16

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
H-500	HazMat Technician - Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) Certification	Arlington	06/19 - 06/30
AWR-167	Sport Event Risk Management	Fort Worth	06/20 - 06/21
H-204	HazMat First Responder Awareness/Operations	Waskom	06/24 - 06/25
MGT-348	Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents	Longview	06/26 - 06/27
MGT-412	Sport and Special Event Evacuation Training and Exercise	Fort Worth	06/27 - 06/28
E/L-969	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Type III Communications Unit Leader (COML)	Mount Pleasant	06/27 - 06/29
PER-212	Operational Level Response to HazMat/WMD Incidents	Lancaster	07/10 - 07/12
G-235A	Advanced Emergency Planning	Dallas	07/12 - 07/13
MGT-317	Disaster Management for Public Services	Plano	07/13 - 07/14
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Arlington	07/19
AWR-219	Site Protection through Observational Techniques (SPOT)	Rockwall	07/24
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Arlington	07/31 - 08/01

Region 2

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
AWR-330	Incorporating Whole Community Inclusive Planning into the Emergency Management Process	Houston	05/02
PER-211	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	College Station	05/02 - 05/04
AWR-330	Incorporating Whole Community Inclusive Planning into the Emergency Management Process	Houston	05/03
T-600.d	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	Nacogdoches	05/03
T-600.e	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Nacogdoches	05/04
H-100	HazMat Awareness	Bedias	05/06
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Baytown	05/08 - 05/09
MGT-315	Critical Asset Risk Management	Houston	05/08 - 05/09
MGT-414	Advanced Critical Infrastructure Protection	Bunker Hill Village	05/10
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Baytown	05/10 - 05/11
PER-211	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	College Station	05/11 - 05/12

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Houston	05/15 - 05/17
H-200	HazMat First Responder Operations	Bedias	05/20 - 05/21
O-305	All-Hazards Incident Management Team	Orange	05/22 - 05/26
MGT-343	Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities	Houston	05/23 - 05/24
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Kountze	05/24
T-600.b	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Kountze	05/24
T-600.e	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Alvin	05/24
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
AWR-144	Port and Vessel Security for Public Safety and Maritime Personnel	Freeport	07/10
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

Region 3

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
H-503	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Portland	05/01 - 05/05
H-504	NFPA 1006 2008 Edition Trench Rescue Levels I and II Pro-Board Certification	Weslaco	05/01 - 05/05
MGT-345	Disaster Management for Electric Power Systems	Harlingen	05/03 - 05/04

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Hebbronville	05/06 - 05/27
H-504	NFPA 1006 2008 Edition Trench Rescue Levels I and II Pro-Board Certification	Portland	05/15 - 05/19
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Weslaco	05/16
T-600.b	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Harlingen	05/25
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
AWR-144	Port and Vessel Security for Public Safety and Maritime Personnel	Robstown	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
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
PER-212	Operational Level Response to HazMat/WMD Incidents	Hebbronville	07/25 - 07/27

Region 4

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
T-600.d	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	Marfa	05/02
T-600.e	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Marfa	05/03
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Midland	05/23
T-600.d	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	Fort Davis	05/23
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Midland	05/24
T-600.e	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Fort Davis	05/24
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Midland	05/25
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
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	El Paso	06/15 - 06/16
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Angelo	06/28 - 06/30
G-489	Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in Disasters	San Angelo	07/12
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	San Angelo	07/26 - 07/27

Region 5

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
O-305	All-Hazards Incident Management Team	Pampa	05/01 - 05/05
H-500	HazMat Technician - Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) Certification	Wolfforth	05/01 - 05/12
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Wheeler	06/08
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
L-548	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Program Manager Train-the-Trainer Course	New Braunfels	05/01 - 05/02
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Marble Falls	05/02 - 05/04

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
L-550	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Train-the-Trainer	New Braunfels	05/03 - 05/05
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	San Marcos	05/04
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	New Braunfels	05/08 - 05/10
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Austin	05/08 - 05/10
H-301	HazMat Emergency Response Technician	San Marcos	05/08 - 05/12
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Antonio	05/09 - 05/11
G-608	Disaster Recovery Workshop	San Antonio	05/10
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Austin	05/10 - 05/11
AMBER	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Basic Course	San Antonio	05/15
G-489	Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in Disasters	San Antonio	05/15
MGT-347	Incident Command System (ICS) Forms Review	San Antonio	05/15
MGT-347	Incident Command System (ICS) Forms Review	San Antonio	05/15
E-705	Fundamentals of Grants Management	Austin	05/22 - 05/24
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Antonio	05/23 - 05/25
MGT-361	Managing Critical Incidents for Higher Education Institutions: A Multi-Disciplinary, Community	San Marcos	05/23 - 05/25
G-557	Rapid Needs Assessment	Randolph AFB	05/24
G-557	Rapid Needs Assessment	Randolph AFB	05/25
G-363	Hurricane Readiness for Coastal Communities	Victoria	05/25 - 05/26
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Horseshoe Bay	05/31 - 06/01
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	New Braunfels	06/05 - 06/06
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
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

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
H-503	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Copperas Cove	06/27 - 06/30
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	San Antonio	07/25 - 07/26

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