
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.

Making Sense of Disaster Procurement

In a state with a history of history-making disasters, disaster procurement is a critical competence for Texas jurisdictions. Every year millions of dollars of federal Public Assistance (PA) grant funds provided to local jurisdictions are disallowed by FEMA or are recommended for deobligation by Department of Homeland Security auditors because expenditures were determined to be ineligible or non-compliant with procurement and contracting requirements. Knowing the applicable procurement rules is critical to ensuring that your jurisdiction receives *and keeps* disaster funds. Understanding the rules that govern disaster procurement, however, is a challenge. To begin with, PA subrecipients (and all federal grant recipients) are responsible for understanding the complex federal, state and local laws, rules and policies that apply to their jurisdiction. Furthermore, these authorities may contain inconsistent or conflicting guidance. Rules not only vary from one jurisdiction to another, says Quenya Evans, TDEM's State Coordinator for Disaster Finance, they also vary among local, state and federal authorities. While these requirements may vary, keep in mind that



Each year federal auditors question millions of dollars in disaster reimbursement requests.

subrecipients must follow the most restrictive rules that apply. [Federal Procurement Standards](#) for local jurisdictions appear in Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 200.318 through 200.326. Texas laws governing local procurement—Texas Local Government Code, Title 8, Subtitle A, [Chapter 252](#), “Purchasing and Contracting Authority of Municipalities,” and [Chapter 262](#), “Purchasing and Contracting Authority of Counties,” —are the primary, though not the only, state rules that apply to local jurisdictions. Of course, local jurisdictions may set procurement policies themselves. Knowing the procurement standards—federal, state and local—that are applicable to them should motivate jurisdictions to establish disaster contracts *before* a disaster occurs rather than in the midst of a crisis. FEMA’s [Procurement Disaster Assistance Team](#) webpage offers additional useful information and resources, including its “[Top 10 Procurement-Under-Grant Mistakes](#) Leading to Audits and Potential Loss of FEMA Public Assistance Funding” and its “[Procurement Guidance](#) for Recipients and Subrecipients Under 2 C.F.R Part 200 (Uniform Rules).” TDEM’s Regional Disaster Finance Unit can help you with any of your procurement questions and provide training for your jurisdiction. For more information, contact [Kyle Jones](#).

Exercise Program Spotlight

The 2019 Hurricane Exercise will be conducted on June 21 with participation from Regions 3, 6 and the State Operations Center. The goal of the exercise is to test the state’s ability to support local jurisdictions in evacuating citizens in coastal areas from an approaching major hurricane. Participants will be given an opportunity to evaluate current response concepts, plans and capabilities while identifying the decision-making processes and models involved at the local, regional, state and federal levels. For more information, contact [Sabine Gumm](#).

Hazards Unit Spotlight

The Hazards Unit, in collaboration with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, has released its 2019 Local Emergency Planning Committee Handbook, which consists of the Executive Primer, Planning Committee Guide, and Projects for LEPCs. The Handbook supports the Hazards Unit’s efforts to revitalize all 250-plus LEPCs across Texas, with a staff member visiting every LEPC to assist with formation, reformation or development. Preliminary visits have been positive, with LEPCs adopting new projects and determining new ways to collaborate and communicate with their communities. Download all three elements of the Handbook at the following link: [LEPC Handbook](#). For more information, contact [Bryan Becknel](#).

Local and Regional Plans Spotlight

Local and Regional Plans Unit (LRPU) planners provided a breakout session presentation titled “Emergency Planning - Past, Present, and Future” at the 2019 Southwest Texas All-Hazards Conference March 26 –27 in McAllen. The presentation addressed emergency management tools, including the new emergency management plans system, which is currently in development. The new system will give tribal and local jurisdictional partners the option to develop emergency operations plans using an online portal. The LRPU team also staffed a Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) booth that provided emergency

preparedness information and resources to help participants prepare for a natural disaster or mass fatality incident. For more information on resources available to you, contact [Rosemary McKnight](#).

Local and Regional Plans Review

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

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 disaster procurement.

1. FEMA estimates that approximately 90% of all Public Assistance grant funds are expended through recipient and subrecipient procurements.
2. The Stafford Act does not authorize the president to declare an emergency or major disaster in Texas, if requested by the governor.
3. Jurisdictions should follow their own competitive procurement procedures when acquiring any emergency contract.
4. Non-competitive procurement is used if items needed are available from multiple sources.

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The Center for Domestic Preparedness Provides All-Hazards Training

The Center for Domestic Preparedness provides advanced, all-hazards training to approximately 50,000 emergency responders annually from state, local, tribal and territorial governments, as well as the federal government, foreign governments and private entities, as available. The scope of training includes preparedness, protection and response. The training of state, local, tribal and territorial responders is fully funded by the Department of Homeland Security.

Spotlight: PER-335 Critical Decision Making for Complex Coordinated Attacks

This course addresses the vulnerability of any community to a public safety situation, such as an active shooter at a shopping mall; a train derailment with hazardous chemicals; a bombing incident at a commercial district; a plane crash; or chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or explosive attack. These attacks, known as complex coordinated attacks, involve multiple threats that often exceed conventional response tactics. These attacks require a joint response involving members from varying disciplines and jurisdictions. The [course](#) will enhance the response capabilities of participants by providing them with the knowledge and tools to enable effective response. Click [here](#) to apply for training. For more information on the Center for Domestic Preparedness or our six other nationally acclaimed training partners, contact [Scott Sutherland](#).

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-219 | Site Protection through Observational Techniques (SPOT) | Fort Worth | 05/22 |
| AWR-315 | Fundamentals of Criminal Intelligence | Fort Worth | 05/07 – 05/09 |
| AWR-325 | Site Protection and Document Screening Techniques | Fort Worth | 05/21 |
| E/L-449 | Incident Command System Curricula Train-the-Trainer | Dallas | 06/18 – 06/21 |
| G-141 | Instructional Presentation and Evaluation Skills | Southlake | 05/21 – 05/24 |
| G-200 | Texas Public Officials Workshop | Sherman | 05/23 |
| G-200 | Texas Public Officials Workshop | Stephenville | 05/29 |
| G-290 | Basic Public Information Officer | Tyler | 07/16 – 07/17 |
| G-300 | Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents | Dallas | 07/17 – 07/19 |
| G-317 | Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course | Fort Worth | 05/07 – 05/23 |
| G-400 | Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff | Grapevine | 07/25 – 07/26 |
| G-557 | Rapid Needs Assessment | Dallas | 05/08 |
| H-200 | HazMat First Responder Operations | Bells | 05/11 – 05/12 |
| H-301 | HazMat Emergency Response Technician | Dallas | 06/10 – 06/14 |
| H-301 | HazMat Emergency Response Technician | Lewisville | 06/24 – 06/28 |
| H-302 | HazMat Refresher Training | Lancaster | 05/07 |
| H-302 | HazMat Refresher Training | Streetman | 06/06 |
| H-302 | HazMat Refresher Training | Prosper | 06/24 |
| H-304 | Confined Space Rescue | Dallas | 06/04 – 06/07 |
| H-503 | NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates) | Longview | 04/30 – 05/03 |
| MGT-361 | Managing Critical Incidents for Higher Education Institutions: A Multi-Disciplinary, Community | Kilgore | 07/16 – 07/18 |
| MGT-404 | Sports / Special Events Incident Management | Arlington | 07/16 – 07/17 |
| PER-213 | Wide Area Search | Trenton | 06/07 – 06/09 |
| PER-230 | Performance Level Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings (IRTB) | Fort Worth | 05/09 |
| SOC-101 | Texas State Operations Center (SOC) Workshop | Fort Worth | 05/20 |
| T-600.d | Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4) | Plano | 05/09 |
| T-600.e | Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5) | Allen | 05/15 |

Region 2 – Southeast Texas

| Code | Course Name | Location | Dates |
|--------------------------------------|--|-------------|---------------|
| E/L/G-428 | Community Emergency Response Team Train the Trainer | Bryan | 05/17 – 5/19 |
| E/L-969 | NIMS ICS All-Hazards Type III Communications Unit Leader (COML) | Bryan | 06/25 – 06/27 |
| G-200 | Texas Public Officials Workshop | Beaumont | 05/22 |
| G-205 | Recovery From Disaster: The Local Government Role | Baytown | 05/13 – 05/14 |
| 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) | Bryan | 06/24 – 06/26 |
| G-300 | Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents | Manvel | 04/29 – 05/01 |
| G-300 | Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents | Houston | 05/16 – 05/18 |
| G-300 | Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents | Katy | 05/21 – 05/23 |
| G-300 | Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents | Houston | 06/11 – 06/13 |
| G-300 | Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents | Conroe | 06/24 – 06/26 |
| G-300 | Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents | Dickinson | 07/15 – 07/17 |
| G-300 | Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents | Humble | 07/15 – 07/17 |
| G-400 | Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff | Manvel | 05/01 – 05/02 |
| 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-400 | Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff | Conroe | 06/26 – 06/27 |
| G-400 | Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff | Dickinson | 07/18 – 07/19 |
| H-100 | HazMat Awareness | Needville | 05/04 |

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| H-200 | HazMat First Responder Operations | Jasper | 06/15 – 06/16 |
| H-500 | HazMat Technician - Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) Certification | College Station | 05/13 – 05/24 |
| H-501 | NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification | La Porte | 04/29 – 05/03 |
| 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) | Richmond | 06/25 – 06/28 |
| H-509 | NFPA 472 HazMat Transportation Specialist - (Pro-Board Certification) | College Station | 05/13 – 05/17 |
| L-146 | INDIRECT DELIVERY - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Basic Course | Dickinson | 05/09 – 05/10 |
| L-548 | Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Program Manager | Houston | 07/29 – 07/30 |
| L-550 | Continuity of Operations Planning | Houston | 07/31 – 08/02 |
| MGT-317 | Disaster Management for Public Services | Pasadena | 06/10 – 06/11 |
| MGT-319 | Medical Countermeasures: Points of Dispensing (POD), Planning and Response | Texas City | 06/17 – 06/18 |
| PER-211 | Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events | College Station | 04/30 – 05/02 |
| T-600.a | Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1) | League City | 05/02 |

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 |
| G-300 | Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents | Harlingen | 05/06 – 05/08 |
| G-300 | Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents | La Joya | 06/17 – 06/19 |
| G-317 | Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course | Weslaco | 06/23 – 06/26 |
| G-364 | Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools | Harlingen | 06/11 – 06/12 |

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| G-400 | Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff | Harlingen | 05/08 – 05/09 |
| G-400 | Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff | Corpus Christi | 05/22 – 05/23 |
| G-400 | Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff | La Joya | 06/19 – 06/20 |
| H-302 | HazMat Refresher Training | Brownsville | 06/04 |
| H-302 | HazMat Refresher Training | Weslaco | 06/05 |
| H-302 | HazMat Refresher Training | Weslaco | 06/06 |
| H-302 | HazMat Refresher Training | Weslaco | 06/07 |
| MGT-319 | Medical Countermeasures: Points of Dispensing (POD), Planning and Response | Laredo | 07/13 – 07/14 |
| MGT-343 | Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities | Corpus Christi | 06/19 – 06/20 |
| MGT-439 | Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness | Harlingen | 06/04 – 06/05 |
| MGT-439 | Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness | Pharr | 07/25 – 07/26 |
| PER-213 | Wide Area Search | Laredo | 06/20 – 06/22 |
| PER-229 | Introduction to the Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) Suite | Cotulla | 06/25 – 06/27 |

Region 4 – West Texas

| Code | Course Name | Location | Dates |
|-------------------------|---|----------|---------------|
| E/L-212 | Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance: Developing Quality Application Elements | El Paso | 07/09 – 07/12 |
| G-288 | Donations Management Course | El Paso | 06/25 – 06/26 |
| G-300 | Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents | El Paso | 06/17 – 06/19 |
| G-400 | Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff | El Paso | 05/13 – 05/14 |
| G-400 | Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff | El Paso | 05/16 – 05/17 |
| G-400 | Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff | El Paso | 06/20 – 06/21 |

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| G-489 | Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in Disasters | El Paso | 06/27 |
| H-302 | HazMat Refresher Training | Midland | 06/11 |
| H-302 | HazMat Refresher Training | Midland | 06/12 |
| H-302 | HazMat Refresher Training | Midland | 06/13 |
| H-512 | NFPA 472 HazMat First Responder Operations, Pro-Board Certification | San Angelo | 05/01 – 05/02 |

Region 5 – Northwest Texas

| Code | Course Name | Location | Dates |
|-------------------------|--|------------|---------------|
| E/L-964 | NIMS ICS All-Hazards Situation Unit Leader (SITL) Course | Amarillo | 05/20 – 05/24 |
| E/L-965 | NIMS ICS All-Hazards Resources Unit Leader (RESL) Course | Amarillo | 07/22 – 07/25 |
| G-300 | Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents | Vernon | 05/08 – 05/10 |
| G-400 | Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff | Vernon | 06/11 – 06/12 |
| G-489 | Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in Disasters | Amarillo | 05/16 |
| G-557 | Rapid Needs Assessment | Amarillo | 05/17 |
| H-503 | NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates) | Abilene | 05/07 – 05/10 |
| H-503 | NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates) | Lubbock | 06/25 – 06/28 |
| H-504 | NFPA 1006 2008 Edition Trench Rescue Levels I and II Pro-Board Certification | Abilene | 05/21 – 05/24 |
| MGT-319 | Medical Countermeasures: Points of Dispensing (POD), Planning and Response | Sweetwater | 05/08 – 05/09 |

Region 6 – Central Texas

| Code | Course Name | Location | Dates |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------|---------------|
| G-191 | ICS - EOC Interface | Austin | 05/28 |
| G-202 | Debris Management | Belton | 06/18 – 06/21 |

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| 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 | San Antonio | 04/29 – 05/03 |
| G-300 | Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents | Fredericksburg | 04/30 – 05/02 |
| G-300 | Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents | Austin | 07/15 – 07/17 |
| G-300 | Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents | Waco | 07/16 – 07/08 |
| G-300 | Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents | San Antonio | 07/22 – 07/24 |
| G-300 | Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents | Georgetown | 07/31 – 08/01 |
| G-317 | Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course | Austin | 03/06 – 05/01 |
| G-317 | Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course | New Braunfels | 06/21 – 06/23 |
| G-358 | Evacuation and Re-Entry Planning | San Antonio | 07/25 – 07/26 |
| G-364 | Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools | Victoria | 05/15 – 05/16 |
| G-366 | Planning for the Needs of Children in Disasters | Austin | 05/01 |
| 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-400 | Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff | Austin | 05/09 – 05/10 |
| G-400 | Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff | Waco | 07/23 – 07/24 |
| G-402 | ICS Overview for Executive/Senior Officials | Kerrville | 05/01 |
| G-449 | Incident Command System (ICS) Curricula (Train-the-Trainer) | Austin | 07/22 – 07/26 |
| G-489 | Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in Disasters | Kerrville | 06/26 |
| G-557 | Rapid Needs Assessment | Belton | 07/19 |

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| H-302 | HazMat Refresher Training | San Marcos | 05/09 |
| H-302 | HazMat Refresher Training | San Marcos | 05/15 |
| H-502 | NFPA 472 Incident Command, Pro-Board Certification | San Antonio | 05/06 – 05/07 |
| H-502 | NFPA 472 Incident Command, Pro-Board Certification | Jonestown | 07/15 – 07/17 |
| H-504 | NFPA 1006 2008 Edition Trench Rescue Levels I and II Pro-Board Certification | San Antonio | 05/14 – 05/17 |
| L-548 | Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Program Manager | San Antonio | 06/17 – 06/18 |
| L-550 | Continuity of Operations Planning | San Antonio | 06/19 – 06/20 |
| MGT-317 | Disaster Management for Public Services | San Antonio | 06/04 – 06/05 |
| MGT-343 | Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities | Belton | 05/01 – 05/02 |
| MGT-439 | Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness | Belton | 07/11 – 07/12 |
| PER-334 | Search and Rescue in Community Disasters | Lincoln | 05/30 – 05/31 |
| PER-340 | Active Threat Integrated Response Course | Georgetown | 05/01 – 05/03 |
| T-600.a | Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1) | Fredericksburg | 05/07 |
| T-600.a | Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1) | Edna | 05/13 |
| T-600.a | Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1) | Austin | 06/13 |
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