

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 william.wahlgren@dps.texas.gov.

Keeping Texas Prepared with an Infectious Diseases Strategy

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

The 2014 Texas Ebola crisis, in which the first case of this high consequence infectious disease (HCID) occurred in the U.S. outside of a federally designated facility, exposed the need to develop a preparedness plan to mitigate risks associated with HCIDS in Texas. An HCID is a disease that is highly transmissible *and* highly lethal. [The Texas Preparedness Strategy for High Consequence Infectious Diseases: Ebola and Other Pathogens](#) (the Strategy) was developed by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in order to provide Texas with a means of preparing for and responding to HCIDs and was the result of a series of after-action reports and meetings, including one at the State Operations Center (SOC). This meeting was attended by representatives from the Emergency Management



An Infectious Disease Response Unit transport team training in San Antonio. Photo: Jordan Ghawi

Council, DSHS, and SOC and TDEM leadership. Medical and waste management, infection control, personal protective equipment and public perception were among the challenges addressed. The Strategy has ten objectives, the second of which is to “Develop and maintain the workforce needed for an HCID.” This objective resulted in the creation of the Infectious Disease Response Unit (IDRU), a new component of the Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF), a program that provides response to large-scale incidents. The EMTF has eight full-time regional coordinators and one state program manager to ensure that emergency resources are immediately available across Texas. The IDRU provides transportation of patients with a confirmed HCID. This arrangement is aligned with and has the support of hospitals caring for these patients. But, a lot happens before the IDRU gets activated, such as investigation, testing and coordination with the local health department or the public health region. As Jordan Ghawi, Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC), states, “It’s not like you’re going to press an EASY button and it’s done.” Knowing the first place to go, which is your local health department or public health region, is key for local jurisdictions when faced with a potential HCID. The 2014 Ebola outbreak served to raise awareness in planning and preparing for HCs, and Texas healthcare workers, potential patients and the whole community are now safer as a result of putting lessons learned to good use. For more information, or to comment, contact [Chuck Phinney](#).

Exercise Program Spotlight

Exercises are conducted in jurisdictions throughout Texas on a daily basis. These exercises are vital in building our core capabilities to achieve or maintain a high level of preparedness. Whether your jurisdiction receives grant funding or not, please showcase your hard work by adding your exercises to the State Exercise Calendar. To include your seminar, tabletop, full-scale or other type of exercise, follow these steps:

- Log into, or create an account on, the [Preparing Texas](#) website.
- Click the **Exercise Notification** tab.
- Fill in the form fields as directed and then click **submit**.

We will add your exercise to the State Exercise Schedule. For more information, contact [Sabine Gumm](#).

Local and Regional Plans Spotlight

TDEM sponsored the Jeff Davis County All Hazards Planning Workshop at the Jeff Davis County Sheriff’s Office on October 4-5, 2018. The workshop provided local jurisdictions assistance with the revision and development of expired emergency management plan documents. This gave jurisdictions the opportunity to discuss agency responsibilities and focused on gaps within the plan documents. By reviewing, revising, and developing effective plan documents that are National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliant, jurisdictions are assured that federal funding requirements are met. For more information, contact [Mario Chapa](#).

Local and Regional Plans Review

In September, the unit reviewed **95** plan documents.

Hazards Unit Spotlight

On September 27, the Hazards Unit participated in the Panhandle Regional Preparedness Conference in Amarillo, hosted by the Panhandle Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee (PREMAC). With over 300 first responders and eight county judges, attendance was the highest it has been in 10 years. The conference focused on preparedness and response strategies for extended electrical outages as well as on identifying impacts due to the loss of basic necessities, such as food and utilities. Breakout sessions featured responders and decision-makers from utility companies, emergency managers, regional advisory councils, law enforcement, fire fighters, and dispatchers. Presenters shared their experiences and knowledge gained from previous disasters. Attendees then engaged in facilitated discussions on cascading effects of long-term power outages and possible solutions for their jurisdictions. For more information, contact [Dan Borgeson](#).

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 plans are updated, the State and Federal Plans Unit will replace the old version. For more information, contact [Josh Bryant](#).

State of Texas Emergency Management Plan and Annexes	Revised	Revising?
Basic Plan	2012	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 objectives described in *The Texas Preparedness Strategy for High Consequence Infectious Diseases*.

1. It is essential to develop and maintain the workforce needed for a high consequence infectious disease (HCID) incident.
2. Each state must work on its own to enhance national health response and recovery activities in an HCID incident.
3. Healthcare delivery systems are not scalable in an HCID incident.
4. Post-incident health recovery should be incorporated into HCID planning and response.

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FEMA National Emergency Management Basic Academy Graduates

TDEM, in cooperation with FEMA, completed the first National Emergency Management Basic Academy (NEMBA) in Texas with 15 new graduates. The 152-hour academy provided training on the foundations of emergency management, science of disaster, emergency planning, the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) and public information and warning. TDEM plans to host another academy in 2019.



Graduates of Texas' first FEMA National Emergency Management Basic Academy.

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

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
AWR-118	Biological Incidents Awareness	Denton	11/28
AWR-136	Essentials of Community Cyber Security	Arlington	11/28
E/L-973	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Finance/Administration Section Chief (FSC) Course	Denton	12/04 – 12/06
G-191	ICS - EOC Interface	Dallas	11/08
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Cedar Hill	01/15 – 01/17
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Cedar Hill	01/17 – 01/18
H-100	HazMat Awareness	Denison	11/01
H-204	HazMat First Responder Awareness/Operations	Rankin	11/15 – 11/16
H-204	HazMat First Responder Awareness/Operations	Arlington	01/14 – 01/16
H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Longview	10/29 – 11/02
MGT-319	Medical Countermeasures: Points of Dispensing (POD), Planning and Response	Arlington	12/12 – 12/13
MGT-347	Incident Command System (ICS) Forms Review	Grapevine	01/29
MGT-347	Incident Command System (ICS) Forms Review	Grapevine	01/30
MGT-385	Community Cyber Security Exercise Planning	Arlington	11/28 – 11/29
PER-211	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE)	Dallas	01/16 – 01/17
PER-335	Critical Decision Making for Complex Coordinated Attacks	Benbrook	11/06 – 11/07
T-600.e	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Athens	11/06

Region 2

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
AWR-132	Understanding and Planning for School Bomb Incidents (UPSBI)	Galveston	11/29
AWR-167	Sport Event Risk Management	Beaumont	01/22 – 1/23

E/L-950	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Incident Commander (IC) Course	Cypress	11/12 – 11/16
E/L-958	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Operations Section Chief (OSC) Course	Richmond	11/13 – 11/16
E/L-960	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Division/Group Supervisor (DIVS) Course	Dickinson	10/31 – 11/02
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Webster	11/13 – 11/14
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Freeport	11/13 – 11/14
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Rosenberg	11/13 – 11/14
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Rosenberg	11/15 – 11/16
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Freeport	11/15 – 11/16
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Webster	12/06 – 12/07
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Dickinson	12/06 – 12/07
H-100	HazMat Awareness	Calvert	11/17
H-200	HazMat First Responder Operations	Calvert	12/18 – 12/19
H-301	HazMat Emergency Response Technician	Lufkin	11/05 – 11/09
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	College Station	01/08
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	College Station	01/09
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	College Station	01/10
H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	College Station	12/10 – 12/14
H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Pasadena	01/07 – 01/11
H-502	NFPA 472 Incident Command, Pro-Board Certification	College Station	01/22 – 01/23
H-509	NFPA 472 HazMat Transportation Specialist - (Pro-Board Certification)	College Station	11/26 – 11/30
H-509	NFPA 472 HazMat Transportation Specialist - (Pro-Board Certification)	College Station	12/03 – 12/07

H-510	NFPA 472 Air Monitoring and Sampling for Hazardous Materials, Pro-Board Certification	Houston	11/13 – 11/14
L-146	INDIRECT DELIVERY - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Basic Course	Dickinson	11/07 – 11/08
L-146	INDIRECT DELIVERY - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Basic Course	Heights	12/11 – 12/12
L-548	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Program Manager Train-the-Trainer Course	Houston	11/26 – 11/27
L-550	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Train-the-Trainer	Houston	11/28 – 11/30
MGT-319	Medical Countermeasures: Points of Dispensing (POD), Planning and Response	Pasadena	01/15 – 01/16
MGT-345	Disaster Management for Electric Power Systems	Pasadena	12/19 – 12/20
MGT-361	Managing Critical Incidents for Higher Education Institutions: A Multi-Disciplinary, Community	Houston	12/17 – 12/19
MGT-381	Business Continuity Planning	Jasper	11/13
MGT-439	Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness	Houston	11/14 – 11/15
PER-211	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	College Station	12/03 – 12/05
PER-222	Public Safety WMD Response - Sampling Techniques and Guidelines	Grand Prairie	01/30 – 02/01
T-600.d	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	Bryan	11/12
T-600.e	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Fulshear	11/07
T-600.e	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Bryan	11/27

Region 3

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
AWR-213	Critical Infrastructure Key Resources Awareness Course	Brownsville	01/29
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	South Padre Island	12/03 – 12/05
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Del Rio	12/18 – 12/20
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	South Padre Island	12/05 – 12/06

G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Del Rio	12/20 – 12/21
H-100	HazMat Awareness	Rio Grande City	12/01
H-405	Air Monitoring for Hazardous Materials	Weslaco	01/08 – 01/19
H-500	HazMat Technician - Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) Certification	Weslaco	12/03 – 12/14
H-503	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Corpus Christi	01/15 – 01/18
MGT-310	Jurisdictional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment	Brownsville	01/30 – 01/31
MGT-317	Disaster Management for Public Services	Corpus Christi	01/29 – 01/30
MGT-341	Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Within the Community Infrastructure	Harlingen	11/01 – 11/02
MGT-346	Emergency Operation Center (EOC) Operations for All-Hazards Events	Roma	10/30 – 11/01
PER-211	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	McAllen	11/13 – 11/14
PER-211	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	McAllen	11/15 – 11/16
PER-212	Operational Level Response to HazMat/WMD Incidents	Weslaco	12/04 – 12/06
PER-228	Advanced Forensic Investigations for Hazardous Environments	Corpus Christi	01/15 – 01/18

Region 4

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-191	ICS - EOC Interface	El Paso	12/18
G-235A	Advanced Emergency Planning	El Paso	11/13 – 11/14
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	El Paso	12/10 – 12/12
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	El Paso	12/13 – 12/14
G-449	Incident Command System (ICS) Curricula (Train-the-Trainer)	El Paso	01/14 – 01/18

H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Odessa	11/05 – 11/09
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Region 5

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
ALERT	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Abilene	11/07
ALERT	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Abilene	11/08
E/L-969	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Type III Communications Unit Leader (COML)	Abilene	12/04 – 12/06
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Lubbock	11/13 – 11/15
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Wichita Falls	12/17 – 12/19
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Lubbock	11/15 – 11/16
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Wichita Falls	12/20 – 12/21
H-204	HazMat First Responder Awareness/Operations	Dalhart	01/12 – 01/13

Region 6

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
AWR-140	Introduction to Radiological/Nuclear WMD Operations Course	Georgetown	11/27
AWR-350	Introduction to Radiological/Nuclear WMD Operations for Emergency Medical Services/Healthcare	Georgetown	11/27
G-200	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Kerrville	11/08
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Antonio	11/17 – 11/18
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Del Valle	10/16 – 11/01
G-361	Flood Fight Operations	Belton	12/12 – 12/14
G-386	Mass Fatalities Incident Response	San Antonio	01/29 – 01/31

G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	San Antonio	01/17 – 01/18
G-628	Infrastructure Damage Assessment	Victoria	11/01
H-301	HazMat Emergency Response Technician	Round Rock	12/17 – 12/21
H-502	NFPA 472 Incident Command, Pro-Board Certification	Canyon Lake	11/15 – 11/16
H-504	NFPA 1006 2008 Edition Trench Rescue Levels I and II Pro-Board Certification	San Antonio	12/04
L-548	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Program Manager Train-the-Trainer Course	Austin	11/05 – 11/06
L-550	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Train-the-Trainer	Austin	11/07 – 11/09
MGT-315	Critical Asset Risk Management	Austin	11/07 – 11/08
MGT-318	Public Information in an All-Hazards Incident	Austin	12/12 – 12/13
MGT-319	Medical Countermeasures: Points of Dispensing (POD), Planning and Response	Round Rock	11/13 – 11/14
MGT-348	Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents	Kyle	01/14 – 01/15
MGT-348	Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents	Marble Falls	01/17 – 01/18
MGT-361	Managing Critical Incidents for Higher Education Institutions: A Multi-Disciplinary, Community	San Marcos	01/29 – 01/31
MGT-414	Advanced Critical Infrastructure Protection	Austin	11/09
MGT-433	Isolation and Quarantine for Rural Communities	Waco	11/06
MGT-433	Isolation and Quarantine for Rural Communities	Taylor	11/15
MGT-439	Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness	San Antonio	12/04 – 12/05
MGT-440	Enhanced Sports and Special Events Incident Mgt.	Waco	11/27 – 11/29
PER-243	Primary Screener/Personal Radiation Detector (PRD)	Georgetown	11/28
PER-308	Rural Isolation and Quarantine for Public Health and Healthcare Professionals	Waco	11/06
PER-308	Rural Isolation and Quarantine for Public Health and Healthcare Professionals	Taylor	11/15
PER-320	Personal Protective Measures for Biological Events	Belton	01/23

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