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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](#).

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## From Response to Recovery

When Hurricane Harvey made landfall in Texas on August 25<sup>th</sup>, no one expected it to hover over large areas of the Texas coast for 117 hours. Between August 26 and 30, Texas suffered what would have been three separate major federally declared disasters: the impact to Rockport, Texas, the flooding in Houston and the flooding in Beaumont. Residents of several other towns and cities throughout the region are working to pick up the pieces. Harvey's winds and rain devastated their homes and left many people without a job.



Aerial view of Houston flooding caused by hurricane Harvey

FEMA, other federal agencies, and state, local and tribal partners have initiated recovery operations that will continue for several years. Governor Greg Abbott estimated that the storm probably caused between \$150 and \$180 billion in damage to Houston and other areas. This was far more damage than Katrina caused in 2005, which cost \$120 billion. President Trump approved the governor's request for a major disaster declaration, making \$15.25 billion in federal assistance available to supplement state and local recovery efforts. FEMA also announced a temporary change to the National Flood Insurance Program. This change will allow policyholders to receive an advance payment of up to \$5,000 on a flood claim and provides up to \$20,000 to policyholders "who provide photos and/or videos depicting damage and receipts validating out-of-pocket expenses related to flood loss or a contractor's itemized estimate." Unfortunately only about 15 percent of homes in Harris County have flood insurance, according to the National Flood Insurance Program. Most repair costs will come out of homeowners' pockets. Interruption to business and industry has been historic as well.

The Houston area is home to approximately 30 percent of the nation's refining capacity. Harvey shut down about half of that production. Some experts suggest that the economic damage will be moderate, with disruptions to the nation's refinery and petrochemical industries already behind us with fuel prices falling somewhat a month or two later. Ship channels, ports and medical centers are reopening. Engineering and administrative jobs tied to the oil and gas industry are restarting as factories and refineries ramp up production to meet backlogs.

Through planning, training and exercise activities, Preparedness was key in making sure the valiant and praised response to the unprecedented impact of Harvey was a success.

For more information or to comment, contact [Chuck Phinney](#).

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## State of Texas Preparedness Exercise Program Updates

The Exercise Unit has been supporting the State Operations Center in its hurricane Harvey response. If your jurisdiction submitted an after-action report, a training and exercise plan, or an exercise notification form, and you have not heard from us, please be patient. We are working our way through hundreds of activation and exercise related emails and we won't forget about you.

We are still looking for additional HSEEP co-instructors. If you are familiar with HSEEP concepts, have experience in the planning, conducting and evaluating of exercises; we want you! Please check your schedule and see if you can assist in the Belton, Del Rio, El Paso, Bryan and Austin classes. If interested in taking a class, please check [www.preparingtexas.org](http://www.preparingtexas.org) for class offerings in your area. We look forward to seeing you! For more information, contact the TDEM Exercise Unit at [tdemexercise@dps.texas.gov](mailto:tdemexercise@dps.texas.gov).

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## Local and Regional Planning Spotlight

LRPU Planner Rosemary McKnight attended the Terror and Emergency Management Planning Workshop in Waco. LRPU contributed to the response to hurricane Harvey by manning the Plans, Logistics, and Health and Human Services assignments in the State Operations Center. All LRPU planners are currently assigned to the FEMA Joint Field Office

and are away from their normal TDEM planning activities. Please be advised if you are sending in plans that there will be a delayed response in approving them. For more information, contact acting supervisor [Dan Borgeson](#).

### **Local and Regional Plans Review**

In August, the unit reviewed **51** plan documents.

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## **State of Texas Emergency Management Plan and Annex Updates**

### **Oil and HAZMAT Response Annex (Q)**

The planning process has begun on the *Oil and HAZMAT Response Annex*. The planning team will be notified about upcoming meeting dates. For more information, contact [Jay Rimel](#).

### **Energy (L)**

The *Energy Annex* is in final review. For more information, contact [Jay Rimel](#).

### **Recovery Annex**

The *Recovery Annex* is in internal review. For more information, contact [Natalie Vega](#).

### **Search and Rescue (R)**

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

### **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 [Natalie Vega](#).

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## **Preparedness Quiz**

Test your knowledge of emergency management by answering the following questions.

1. The National Planning System provides a \_\_\_\_ approach and common terminology to plan for all-threats and hazards, and across all mission areas of Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery.
2. The three tiers of planning are: strategic planning, operational planning, and \_\_\_\_ planning.
3. The ability to adapt to changing conditions, and to withstand and rapidly recover from disruption due to emergency is called \_\_\_\_ .
4. The core capabilities are elements that are essential for the execution of each mission area (Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery), and the achievement of the National Preparedness \_\_\_\_ .

1. unified    2. tactical    3. resilience    4. Goal

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## Other News and Events

### A Warm Welcome

Preparedness welcomes Danielle Hesse who joins the team as the ESF-8 Planner in the State and Federal Plans Unit. Prior to joining Preparedness, Danielle worked as a planner for 5 years in the Response and Recovery Unit at the Department of State Health Services.

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## 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](http://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
<a href="#">G-200</a>	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Farmers Branch	10/10
<a href="#">T-600.b</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Arlington	10/11
<a href="#">PER-213</a>	Wide Area Search	Weatherford	10/13 - 10/15
<a href="#">AWR-148</a>	Crisis Mgmt for School-Based Incidents - Partnering Rural Law Enforcement, First Responders, and Local School Systems	Eustace	10/14
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Weatherford	10/16 - 10/17
<a href="#">G-191</a>	ICS - EOC Interface	Weatherford	10/17
<a href="#">PER-243</a>	Primary Screener/Personal Radiation Detector (PRD)	Fort Worth	10/17
<a href="#">MGT-317</a>	Disaster Management for Public Services	Texarkana	10/17 - 10/18
<a href="#">G-386</a>	Mass Fatalities Incident Response	Dallas	10/17 - 10/19
<a href="#">T-600.a</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Palo Pinto	10/18
<a href="#">PER-245</a>	Secondary Screener Radiation Isotope Identifier Device (SS/RIID)	Fort Worth	10/18 - 10/19
<a href="#">ALERT</a>	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Arlington	10/19
<a href="#">ALERT</a>	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Arlington	10/19
<a href="#">ALERT</a>	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Arlington	10/20
<a href="#">ALERT</a>	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Arlington	10/20
<a href="#">PER-246</a>	Primary Screener Backpack Basic Course (PSBB)	Fort Worth	10/20
<a href="#">COMT</a>	OEC All-Hazards Communications Technician (COMT)	Denton	10/23 - 10/27
<a href="#">T-600.b</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Emory	10/25

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<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Garland	10/30 - 10/31
<a href="#">AWR-313</a>	Homemade Explosives: Awareness, Recognition, and Response	Paris	11/01
<a href="#">T-600.d</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	Denton	11/02
<a href="#">MGT-348</a>	Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents	Paris	11/02 - 11/03
<a href="#">PER-335</a>	Critical Decision Making for Complex Coordinated Attacks	Dallas	11/02 - 11/03
<a href="#">T-600.e</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Denton	11/03
<a href="#">O-305</a>	All-Hazards Incident Management Team	Dallas	11/06 - 11/10
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Colleyville	11/13 - 11/15
<a href="#">H-301</a>	HazMat Emergency Response Technician	Sherman	11/13 - 11/17
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	Lewisville	11/29
<a href="#">H-302</a>	HazMat Refresher Training	Lewisville	11/30
<a href="#">T-600.a</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Mesquite	11/30
<a href="#">T-600.b</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Bonham	11/30
<a href="#">MGT-315</a>	Critical Asset Risk Management	Denton	12/04 - 12/05
<a href="#">H-500</a>	HazMat Technician - Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) Certification	Tyler	12/04 - 12/15
<a href="#">T-600.b</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Palo Pinto	12/06
<a href="#">G-141</a>	Instructional Presentation and Evaluation Skills	Dallas	12/12 - 12/14
<a href="#">E/L-954</a>	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Safety Officer Course (SOFR)	Hurst	12/19 - 12/22

## Region 2

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">TX-TTX</a>	Addicks-Barker Tabletop Exercise	Sugar Land	10/02
<a href="#">H-510</a>	NFPA 472 Air Monitoring and Sampling for Hazardous Materials, Pro-Board Certification	Conroe	10/03 - 10/04
<a href="#">E/L-956</a>	NIMS ICS All Hazards Liaison Officer (LOFR) Course	Houston	10/10 - 10/11
<a href="#">G-290/G289/G291</a>	Basic P.I. Officer Course(G290)/Public Information Officer Awareness Course(G289)/JIS/JIC Planning for Tribal, State, and Local PIOs(G291)	Bryan	10/10 - 10/12
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Houston	10/10 - 10/12
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Dickinson	10/16 - 10/17
<a href="#">H-509</a>	NFPA 472 HazMat Transportation Specialist - (Pro-Board Certification)	College Station	10/16 - 10/20
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Dickinson	10/18 - 10/19
<a href="#">T-600.b</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Galveston	10/19
<a href="#">T-600.e</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Baytown	10/19
<a href="#">H-500</a>	HazMat Technician - Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) Certification	Rosenberg	10/23 - 11/03

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<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Humble	10/30 - 11/01
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	League City	11/04 - 11/05
<a href="#">E/L-973</a>	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Finance/Administration Section Chief (FSC) Course	Conroe	11/06 - 11/08
<a href="#">AWR-144</a>	Port and Vessel Security for Public Safety and Maritime Personnel	La Porte	11/08
<a href="#">H-501</a>	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Conroe	11/13 - 11/17
<a href="#">L-146</a>	INDIRECT DELIVERY - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Basic Course	Bryan	11/14 - 11/15
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	League City	11/17 - 11/18
<a href="#">T-600.d</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	Galveston	11/29
<a href="#">H-502</a>	NFPA 472 Incident Command, Pro-Board Certification	San Leon	12/02 - 12/03
<a href="#">PER-211</a>	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	College Station	12/04 - 12/06
<a href="#">MGT-341</a>	Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Within the Community Infrastructure	Dickinson	12/05 - 12/06
<a href="#">MGT-343</a>	Disaster Mgmt. for Water and Wastewater Utilities	League City	12/05 - 12/06
<a href="#">T-600.e</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Galveston	12/06
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Houston	12/07 - 12/08

### Region 3

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">MGT-310</a>	Jurisdictional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment	Brownsville	10/03 - 10/04
<a href="#">PER-213</a>	Wide Area Search	Corpus Christi	10/03 - 10/05
<a href="#">L-146</a>	INDIRECT DELIVERY - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Basic Course	Del Rio	10/10 - 10/11
<a href="#">H-202</a>	Pipeline Emergencies - Awareness / Operations	Laredo	10/10 - 10/12
<a href="#">ALERT</a>	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Corpus Christi	10/13
<a href="#">G-317</a>	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Roma	10/14 - 10/21
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Cotulla	10/17 - 10/19
<a href="#">T-600.a</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Penitas	10/18
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Cotulla	10/19 - 10/20
<a href="#">T-600.a</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Sinton	10/24
<a href="#">T-600.a</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Odem	10/25
<a href="#">T-600.b</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Aransas Pass	10/26
<a href="#">G-290/G289/</a>	Basic Public Information Officer Course(G290)/Public Information Officer Awareness Course(G289)/JIS/JIC	Beeville	11/07 - 11/09

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">G291</a>	Planning for Tribal, State, and Local PIOs(G291)		
<a href="#">PER-211</a>	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	Robstown	11/15 - 11/16
<a href="#">MGT-317</a>	Disaster Management for Public Services	Progreso Lakes	11/27 - 11/28
<a href="#">MGT-343</a>	Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities	Progreso Lakes	11/29 - 11/30
<a href="#">MGT-342</a>	Strategic Overview of Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater	Progreso Lakes	12/01
<a href="#">H-503</a>	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Corpus Christi	12/05 - 12/08
<a href="#">PER-213</a>	Wide Area Search	Alice	12/12 - 12/14

## Region 4

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">T-600.d</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	El Paso	10/05
<a href="#">T-600.e</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	El Paso	10/06
<a href="#">T-600.a</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Junction	10/09
<a href="#">L-146</a>	INDIRECT DELIVERY - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Basic Course	El Paso	10/24 - 10/25
<a href="#">H-100</a>	HazMat Awareness	Fort Davis	10/28
<a href="#">H-501</a>	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Odessa	11/06 - 11/10
<a href="#">T-600.b</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Junction	11/07
<a href="#">PER-211</a>	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	Fort Stockton	11/07 - 11/08
<a href="#">G-318</a>	Local Mitigation Planning Workshop	San Angelo	11/08 - 11/09
<a href="#">ALERT</a>	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	San Angelo	11/09
<a href="#">E/L-969</a>	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Type III Communications Unit Leader (COML)	El Paso	12/05 - 12/07

## Region 5

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">MGT-348</a>	Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents	Lubbock	10/03 - 10/04
<a href="#">T-600.d</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	Pampa	10/10
<a href="#">MGT-414</a>	Advanced Critical Infrastructure Protection	Wichita Falls	10/11
<a href="#">T-600.e</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Pampa	10/11
<a href="#">T-600.d</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	Wheeler	10/12
<a href="#">G-290/G289/G291</a>	Basic Public Information Officer Course(G290)/Public Information Officer Awareness Course(G289)/JIS/JIC Planning for Tribal, State, and Local PIOs(G291)	Amarillo	10/17 - 10/19
<a href="#">T-600.b</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Wichita Falls	10/19
<a href="#">H-502</a>	NFPA 472 Incident Command, Pro-Board Certification	Wichita Falls	10/19 - 10/20
<a href="#">G-318</a>	Local Mitigation Planning Workshop	Wichita Falls	10/24 - 10/25

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">MGT-315</a>	Critical Asset Risk Management	Wichita Falls	11/07 - 11/08
<a href="#">T-600.b</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Brownwood	11/15
<a href="#">MGT-348</a>	Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents	Abilene	11/29 - 11/30
<a href="#">H-100</a>	HazMat Awareness	Brownwood	12/09

## Region 6

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
<a href="#">AWR-136</a>	Essentials of Community Cyber Security	San Antonio	10/05
<a href="#">PER-335</a>	Critical Decision Making for Complex Coordinated Attacks	San Antonio	10/10 - 10/11
<a href="#">T-600.a</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Kerrville	10/11
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Victoria	10/11 - 10/13
<a href="#">G-200</a>	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Austin	10/13
<a href="#">G-300</a>	Interm. Incident Command System for Exp. Incidents	Georgetown	10/16 - 10/17
<a href="#">L-548</a>	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Program Manager Train-the-Trainer Course	Austin	10/16 - 10/17
<a href="#">H-100</a>	HazMat Awareness	Caldwell	10/17 - 10/18
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Georgetown	10/18 - 10/19
<a href="#">L-550</a>	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Train-the-Trainer	Austin	10/18 - 10/20
<a href="#">T-600.a</a>	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Horseshoe Bay	10/20
<a href="#">E/L-963</a>	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Planning Section Chief Train-the-Trainer	Austin	10/23 - 10/26
<a href="#">AWR-213</a>	Critical Infrastructure Key Resources Awareness Course	Austin	10/31
<a href="#">MGT-310</a>	Jurisdictional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment	Austin	11/01 - 11/02
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Victoria	11/02 - 11/03
<a href="#">G-200</a>	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Austin	11/03
<a href="#">ALERT</a>	AMBER, Blue, Silver and Endangered Missing Persons Alert Course	Austin	11/07
<a href="#">G-608</a>	Disaster Recovery Workshop	Austin	11/07
<a href="#">G-400</a>	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	San Antonio	11/07 - 11/08
<a href="#">G-557</a>	Rapid Needs Assessment	Victoria	11/08
<a href="#">G-205</a>	Recovery From Disaster: The Local Government Role	Austin	11/08 - 11/09
<a href="#">MGT-315</a>	Critical Asset Risk Management	Austin	11/14 - 11/15
<a href="#">MGT-414</a>	Advanced Critical Infrastructure Protection	Austin	11/16
<a href="#">AWR-326</a>	Tornado Awareness	San Antonio	11/28
<a href="#">G-290/G289/G291</a>	Basic Public Information Officer Course(G290)/Public Information Officer Awareness Course(G289)/JIS/JIC Planning for Tribal, State, and Local PIOs(G291)	Georgetown	11/29 - 12/01



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<a href="#">L-146</a>	INDIRECT DELIVERY - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Basic Course	Austin	12/05 - 12/06
<a href="#">G-318</a>	Local Mitigation Planning Workshop	Austin	12/07 - 12/08
<a href="#">G-200</a>	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Austin	12/08

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