
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.

Active Shooter: Dealing with the Aftermath

Although no one wants to think the unthinkable, active shooter incidents unfortunately do happen, and not just in “other places.” This type of tragedy can have a lasting effect on a community. It is important that the crisis is handled properly so that the survivors’ physical and emotional recovery, and that of the community, can begin as quickly as possible. After an incident occurs, first responders include local law enforcement, fire and EMS, DPS, the Emergency Medical Task Force, FBI, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and possibly others. Only those personnel who are absolutely necessary should be allowed at the scene. Tragic news travels quickly, so the next to arrive include local news outlets, as well as regional metropolitan, national and international media—all of whom are looking for a compelling photo or sound bite. Tony Gross, TDEM District Coordinator for DDC 18B ARCC/Bexar, notes that the media’s goal, however, must be weighed against the right to



How an active shooter incident is handled can have a lasting effect on how survivors and the community recover.

privacy and dignity of the victims, survivors and their families. This means discouraging the recording of sensitive images and events. Others arriving on the scene may include victims' assistance groups. DC Gross recalls that after the Sutherland Springs incident "we put all the assistance providers in one location" to make it easier for the survivors, their families and the community to access the services they needed. Other logistical considerations include contingency planning for morgue and funeral services and using donations and volunteers for adapting injured survivors' homes for accessibility. Donations may be best managed through an experienced outside agency, such as a Texas voluntary organization active in disaster (VOAD), so that the distribution of resources is handled professionally and transparently. With the recent increase in active shooter incidents, the emergency management community has mobilized to prevent, protect against and respond effectively. By considering the immediate aftermath of such an incident, emergency managers can positively affect the outcome for survivors and for the entire community. For more information, or to comment, contact [Chuck Phinney](#).

Exercise Program Spotlight

If you are a recipient of the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), please be aware that the grant requirements for fiscal year 2019 have changed. The Exercise Unit is working with the Grants Unit to update the guidelines, which will be emailed to you soon. In the meantime, please contact the [Grants Unit](#) with any questions.

The Exercise Unit welcomes Rory Halpin, Exercise Coordinator for DPS Regions 1 and 5. Rory is retired from the U.S. Air Force, with 20 years in Special Operations Forces and more than a decade of experience building exercises.

Local and Regional Plans Spotlight

The Local and Regional Plans Unit assisted the City of Fort Worth in evaluating their recent continuity of operations (COOP) exercise. Planners were asked to evaluate a tabletop exercise scenario that involved a tornado destroying multiple city facilities and eliminating telecommunications access. All city departments participated in this exercise and were referred to the Preparedness Training Unit for training on disaster finance planning. For more information, contact [Mario Chapa](#).

Local and Regional Plans Review

In August, the unit reviewed **75** plan documents.

Hazards Unit Spotlight

The updated Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) handbook is scheduled for distribution in October 2018. This handbook has been developed to provide LEPCs with the guidance needed to help implement the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) and related state laws.

Preparedness Hazards personnel will be manning an information booth at the [Hotzone Hazmat Conference](#) on October 18 - 21 in Houston. The conference goal is to train and equip local, state and federal responders for safe, coordinated and efficient response to releases of hazardous materials that threaten public health and the environment. 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 how the National Response Framework uses the engaged partnership concept to communicate and support engagement with the whole community.

1. As incident objectives are reached and resources are no longer necessary, the planning and coordinating process begins.
2. It is not important to develop an integrated voice and data communications system before an incident.
3. During an incident, getting the right resources, to the right place, at the right time, can be a matter of life and death.
4. Managing resources safely and effectively is the most important consideration.

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Preparedness Training Opportunities

Preparedness Training now offers three FEMA-certified courses on violent extremism:

- [AWR-355-W Community-led Action in Response to Violent Extremism](#)
- [AWR-363-W Integrating Mental Health and Education Approaches into Countering Violent Extremism](#)
- [AWR-365-W Countering Violent Extremist Narratives](#)

These self-paced online courses are designed for eligible U.S.-based learners. The courses contain community-focused, rigorously researched and academically informed instruction on countering violent extremism.

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-122-1	Law Enforcement Prevention and Deterrence of Terrorist Acts (Train the Trainer)	Fort Worth	10/30 – 10/31
AWR-136	Essentials of Community Cyber Security	Dallas	10/03
E/L-965	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Resources Unit Leader (RESL) Course	Coppell	10/29 – 10/31

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-557	Rapid Needs Assessment	Dallas	10/18
H-100	HazMat Awareness	Denison	10/04
H-202	Pipeline Emergencies - Awareness / Operations	Southlake	11/05 – 11/07
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Lewisville	10/23
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Lewisville	10/24
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Fort Worth	10/25
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Lewisville	10/25
H-500	HazMat Technician - Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) Certification	Longview	10/29 – 11/09
H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Southlake	10/08 – 10/12
MGT-319	Medical Countermeasures: Points of Dispensing (POD), Planning and Response	Arlington	12/12 – 12/13
PER-213	Wide Area Search	Fort Worth	10/19 – 10/21
PER-335	Critical Decision Making for Complex Coordinated Attacks	Benbrook	11/06 – 11/07
T-600.d	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	Athens	10/29
T-600.e	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Athens	11/06

Region 2

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
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
E/L-969	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Type III Communications Unit Leader (COML)	Houston	10/02 – 10/04
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Dickinson	10/13 – 10/14
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Brenham	10/15 – 10/16
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Dickinson	10/23 – 10/24

G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Brenham	10/29 – 10/30
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Humble	12/03 – 12/04
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-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	League City	10/01 – 10/05
H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	College Station	12/10 – 12/14
H-502	NFPA 472 Incident Command, Pro-Board Certification	Stafford	10/12 – 10/13
H-509	NFPA 472 HazMat Transportation Specialist - (Pro-Board Certification)	College Station	11/26 – 11/30
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-315	Critical Asset Risk Management	Grand Prairie	10/08 – 10/09
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-414	Advanced Critical Infrastructure Protection	Grand Prairie	10/10
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	10/08 – 10/10
PER-211	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	College Station	12/03 – 12/05

T-600.b	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Fulshear	10/10
T-600.d	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	Bryan	10/08
T-600.d	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 4)	Fulshear	10/18
T-600.e	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Bryan	10/15
T-600.e	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 5)	Fulshear	11/07

Region 3

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-191	ICS - EOC Interface	Laredo	10/06
G-200	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Del Rio	10/17
H-100	HazMat Awareness	Rio Grande City	12/01
H-401	HazMat Incident Command System	Mission	10/03 – 10/04
H-500	HazMat Technician - Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) Certification	Weslaco	12/03 – 12/14
MGT-310	Jurisdictional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment	Robstown	10/10 – 10/11
MGT-318	Public Information in an All-Hazards Incident	Roma	10/10 – 10/11
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
MGT-405	Mobilizing Faith-Based Community Organizations in Preparing for Disaster	Kingsville	10/20
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
T-600.b	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Beeville	10/11

Region 4

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
H-204	HazMat First Responder Awareness/Operations	Rankin	10/13 – 10/14
H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Odessa	11/05 – 11/09
MGT-346	Emergency Operation Center (EOC) Operations for All-Hazards Events	El Paso	10/16 – 10/18
T-517	CERT Master Instructor Course	El Paso	10/31 – 11/02

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-202	Debris Management	Lubbock	10/02 – 10/05
G-235A	Advanced Emergency Planning	Wichita Falls	10/09 – 10/10
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Levelland	10/23 – 10/25
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Lubbock	11/13 – 10/15
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	Levelland	10/25 – 10/26
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
G-557	Rapid Needs Assessment	Wichita Falls	10/24

Region 6

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
AWR-140	Introduction to Radiological/Nuclear WMD Operations Course	Georgetown	11/27
AWR-209	Working with the Media: A Short Course for Rural First Responders	Waco	10/01
AWR-213	Critical Infrastructure Key Resources Awareness Course	Austin	10/10
AWR-313	Homemade Explosives: Awareness, Recognition, and Response	Georgetown	10/09
AWR-313	Homemade Explosives: Awareness, Recognition, and Response	Georgetown	10/10
AWR-350	Introduction to Radiological/Nuclear WMD Operations for Emergency Medical Services/Healthcare	Georgetown	11/27
E/L/G-428	Community Emergency Response Team Train the Trainer	San Antonio	10/20 – 10/21
E/L-105	Public Information and Warning	Austin	10/10 – 10/11
G-200	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Austin	10/19
G-200	Texas Public Officials Workshop	Kerrville	11/08
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Round Rock	10/01 – 10/03
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Antonio	10/09 – 10/11
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Austin	10/15 – 10/17
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Antonio	10/17 – 10/19
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Georgetown	10/22 – 10/23
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Kyle	10/29 – 10/31
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	San Antonio	11/17 – 11/18
G-361	Flood Fight Operations	Belton	12/12 – 12/14
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Round Rock	10/03 – 10/04

G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Austin	10/17 – 10/18
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Cuero	10/23 – 10/30
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Georgetown	10/29 – 10/30
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Kyle	11/01 – 11/02
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	San Antonio	11/28 – 11/29
G-489	Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in Disasters	Austin	10/11
G-628	Infrastructure Damage Assessment	Victoria	11/01
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Cibolo	10/30
H-502	NFPA 472 Incident Command, Pro-Board Certification	Austin	10/03 – 10/04
H-504	NFPA 1006 2008 Edition Trench Rescue Levels I and II Pro-Board Certification	San Antonio	12/04
L-146	INDIRECT DELIVERY - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Basic Course	Austin	10/08 - 10/09
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-310	Jurisdictional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment	Austin	10/11 – 10/12
MGT-315	Critical Asset Risk Management	Austin	11/07 – 11/08
MGT-319	Medical Countermeasures: Points of Dispensing (POD), Planning and Response	Round Rock	11/13 – 11/14
MGT-342	Strategic Overview of Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater	Victoria	10/03
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	Waco	11/27 – 11/29

	Management		
PER-228	Advanced Forensic Investigations for Hazardous Environments	San Antonio	11/05 – 11/08
PER-231	Prevention of and Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents (PRSBI)	Georgetown	10/11
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

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