



Texas A&M VET  
Mission Ready Packages

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# Foundational Concepts

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- We work for you
- "What can we do for you today?"
- All hazards
  - Radiological
  - Chemical
  - Infectious disease
- Prepared for participation on incidents considered a crime scene
- All species



# Integrated Texas A&M University System Team

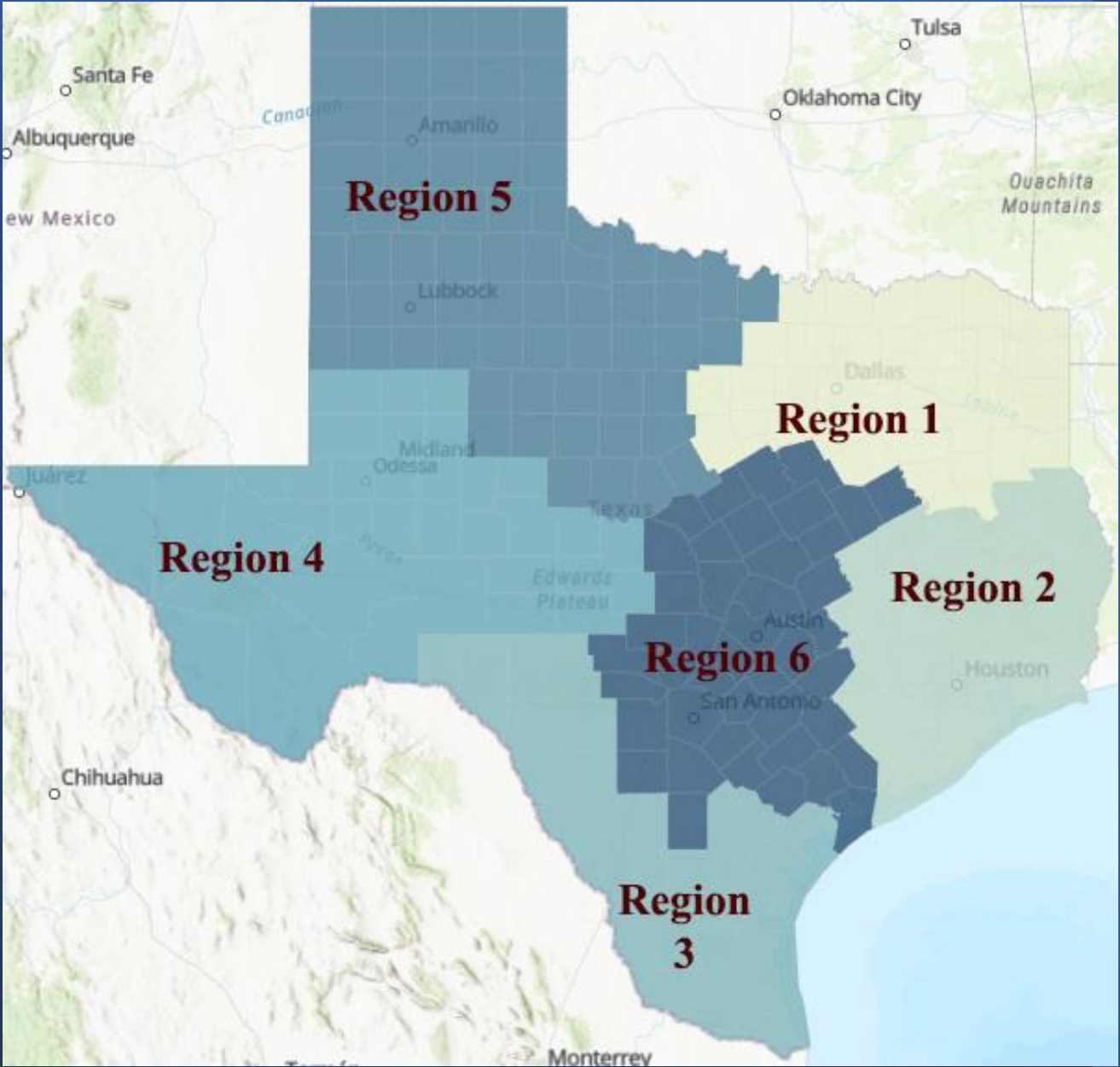
- Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (5 members)
  - Veterinary Emergency Team
- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension (3 agents)
  - Animal Response Team

# Team Composition

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- Faculty, staff and students from the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine
- Veterinarians and technicians from the private and public sector
- Disaster Assessment & Recovery Agents
- Local AgriLife Extension Agents
- Veterinary Medical Association Members







# Mission Ready Packages

- Type I
  - 75 person maximum
    - can split into two 12-hour operational period teams
  - Veterinary medical support under a concept of centralized management of operations across a broad geographic region organized as regional bases
- Type II
  - 4 Type-I USAR teams or
  - 2 Type-I USAR teams and resident animals in a single jurisdiction with a population of 4,000 or less or impacted rural area of 250,000 acres or less.
- Type III
  - Provide veterinary medical support for 2 Type I USAR teams or a mounted unit with 12 horses.

We will deploy a Type III Team on non-declared incidents with a request from County Judge, Law Enforcement, or OEM









# Infectious Disease Response Team



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- High Consequence Infectious Disease
- Trained and prepared team members
  - Level C PPE
  - Respiratory Protection Program
  - Health Protection Program



# Evacuation and Shelter Support Teams



# Evacuation and Shelter Advisory Teams

- Animal shelter management and support
- Animal evacuation management and support
- Just-in-time plan development
- Mitigation plans for infectious disease outbreaks





# Animal Evacuation and Shelter Advisory Teams

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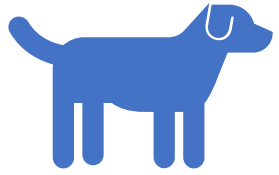
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CBRNE Support Team

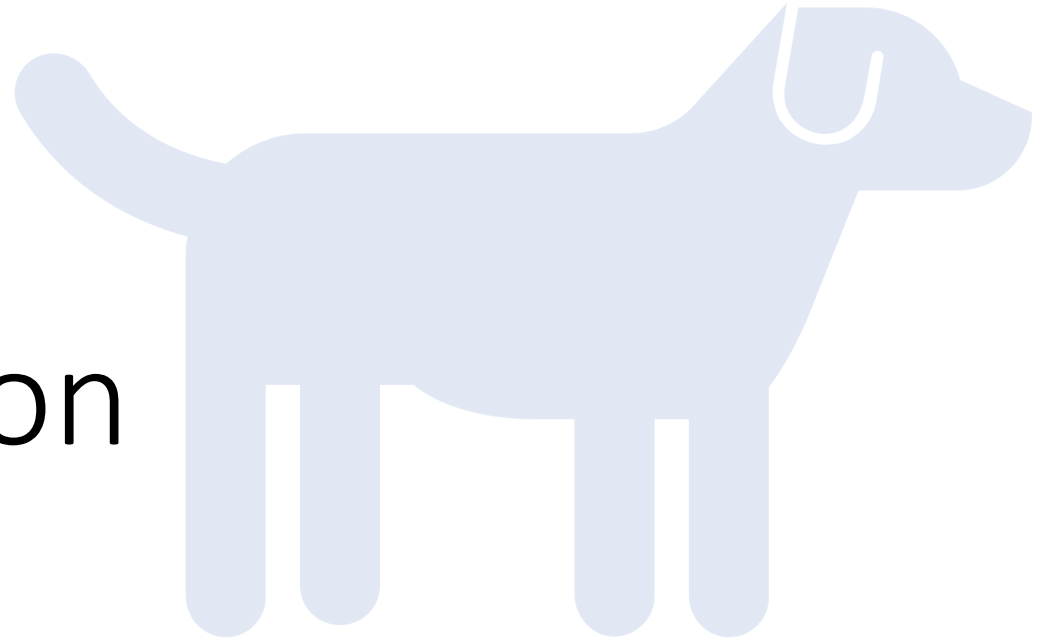


## CBRNE Team

- **We are not a HazMat Team!**
- We are prepared to deal with the animal component
  - Level C PPE
  - Many hours of planning and exercise



# Animal Decontamination



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- Veterinary Medical Support
- Animal Decontamination management





# Animal Rescue Team

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- Provide the veterinary medical component
- Will need other trained responders and support



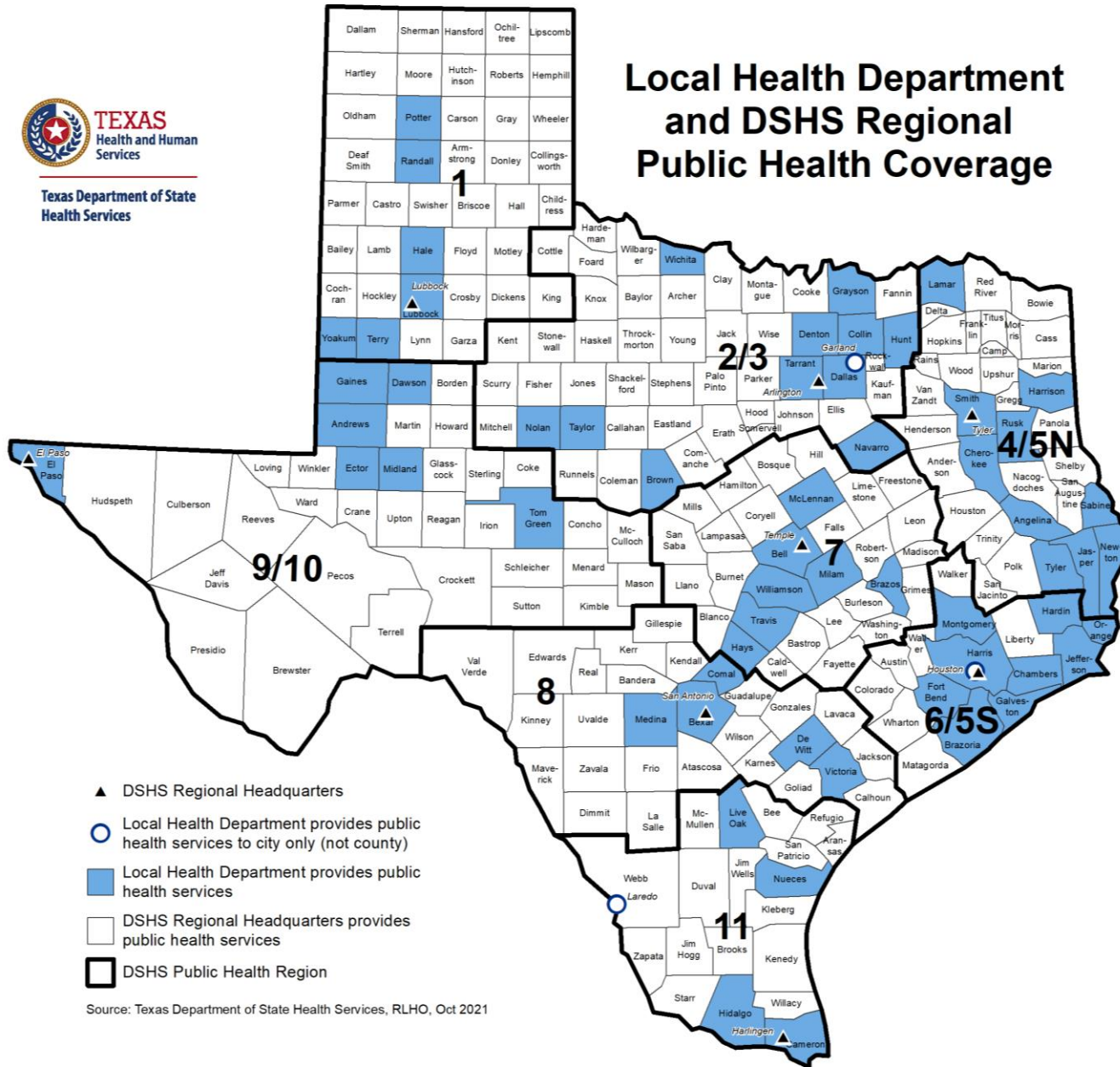


Single Resource





# Local Health Department and DSHS Regional Public Health Coverage



- ▲ DSHS Regional Headquarters
- Local Health Department provides public health services to city only (not county)
- Local Health Department provides public health services
- DSHS Regional Headquarters provides public health services
- ▭ DSHS Public Health Region

Source: Texas Department of State Health Services, RLHO, Oct 2021

# Single Resource

- Covid 19
  - Operations Chief for Tx DSHS Public Health Region 1
    - 60 day deployment
    - Case Investigations and Contact Tracing

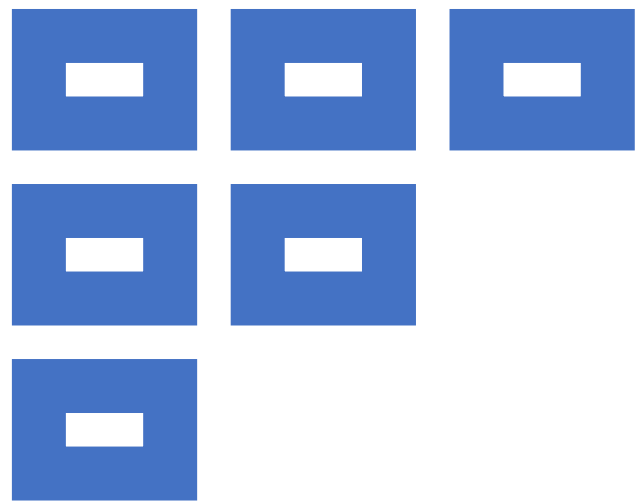
# Deployments

- 2011 Grimes County Fire
- 2011 Bastrop Complex Wildfire
- 2012 Alzheimer's Patient search
- 2012 Large Animal rescues (calf, emu, pig)
- 2013 West, Texas Fertilizer Plant Explosion
- 2014 San Saba Missing Person search
- 2014 Buda Missing Person search
- 2014 Dallas Ebola response
- 2014 Equine rescue (Brazos county)
- 2015 Bexar County search
- 2015 Rowlett tornado
- 2015 Wimberly flood
- 2016 Canton Tornado
- 2016 Brazos River Flood
- 2017 Hurricane Harvey
- 2018 Livestock trailer accident

# Deployments

- **2018-19 Paradise California deployment**
- 2019 Junction, Tx flash flood
- 2019 RGV Animal Seizure
- 2019 Tropical Storm Imelda
- **2020 Covid 19 Response**
- 2020 Polk County Tornado
- **2020 Butte County Ca Wildfire**
- **2022 Eastland County Wildfires**

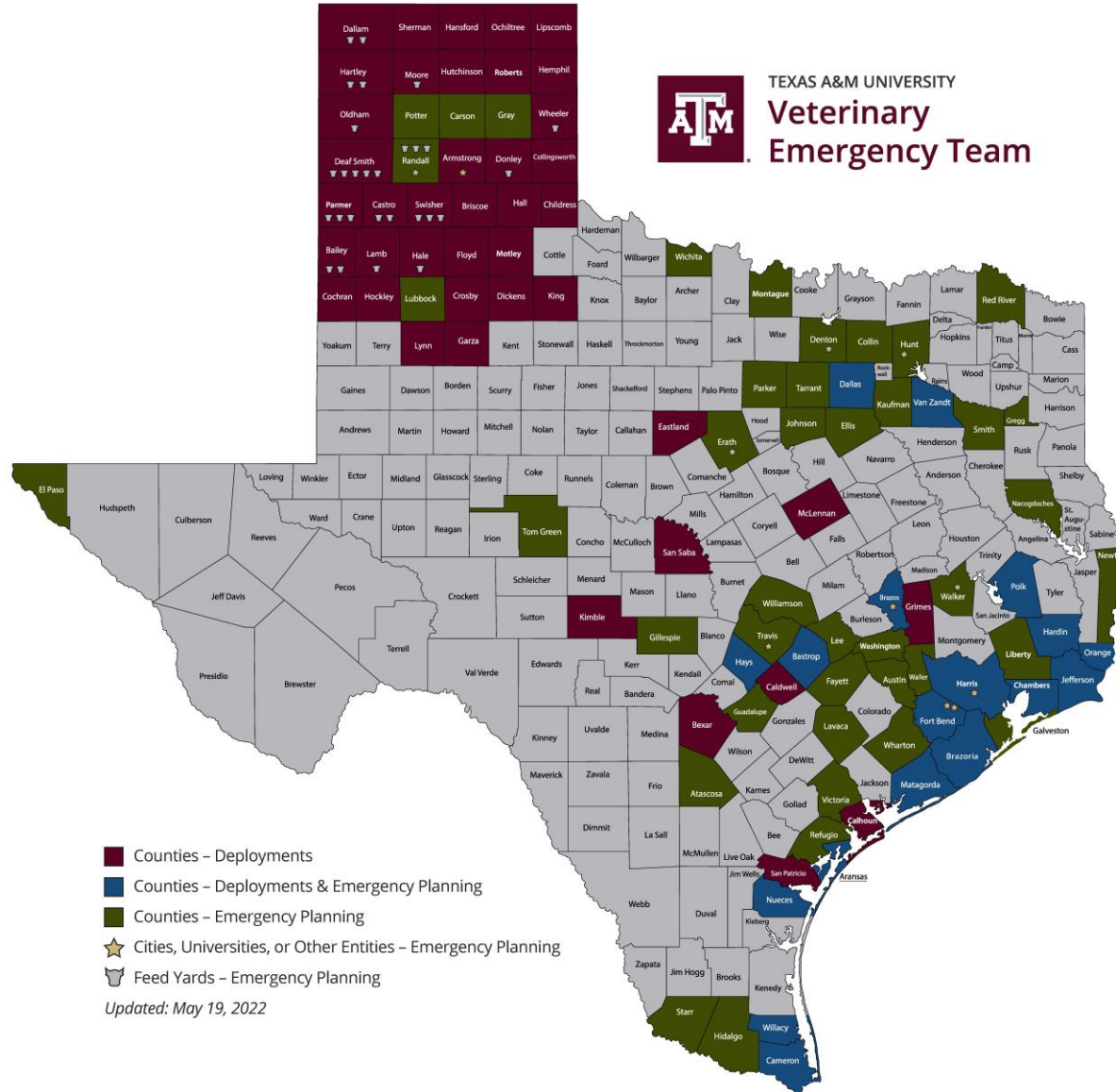




# Tactical Planning Support



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**Veterinary  
Emergency Team**



# Tactical Planning

- Animal-focused emergency plans
  - Evacuation
  - Rescue
  - Veterinary medical support
  - Shelter
  - Decontamination
  - Enhanced Biosecurity plans
  - Radiological incidents



Questions?

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