
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@tdem.texas.gov.

The TDEM Transition: Preparing Texas for the Future

Now that the transition of TDEM to the Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) has taken place, TDEM will begin to roll out several changes in its organizational structure to better meet the needs of emergency managers in Texas. One of those major changes is with the Local and Regional Plans Unit (LRPU). Traditionally, LRPU was located in Austin within the Preparedness Division. While current LRPU planners will remain in Austin and are still assigned to a region, all new LRPU planners will live and work within their respective region and will report to the assistant chief (formerly regional state coordinators) in their assigned region. This new restructure provides LRPU planners the ability to serve local emergency managers in a more timely manner and allows for a better understanding of local planning challenges. For more information, contact Dan.Borgeson@TDEM.texas.gov, TDEM Preparedness Unit Chief.



TDEM Employees at the transition meeting with DPS Director Steven McCraw (center) in June.

Exercise Program Spotlight

The Exercise Unit would like to remind everyone to submit their After-Action Reports (AARs) and Improvement Plans for FEMA's Emergency Management Performance (EMPG) Program 2019 fiscal year. Seminars and workshops require an After-Action *Summary* Report and all other exercises require the AAR *and* the Improvement Plan.

For EMPG compliance, your jurisdiction needs to have, at a minimum, one credit each for **Planning, Logistics and Supply Chain Management** and **Recovery Housing**. If you are missing the Recovery Housing credit, there is still time to conduct a [Recovery Housing Seminar](#). Invite local government representatives, housing authorities, volunteer agencies and any other group involved in recovery housing. Conduct the seminar followed by a discussion. We created a [Seminar Summary Report](#) template that can be used to guide the discussion. Fill in the report and submit it to TDEM.Exercises@TDEM.texas.gov. For more information, contact Sabine.Gumm@TDEM.texas.gov.

Local and Regional Plans

Local and Regional Plans Review

In July, the unit reviewed **137** plan documents.

Technological Hazards Unit Spotlight

Technical Hazards Unit personnel will attend the Panhandle Regional Preparedness Conference on September 18 in Amarillo. The conference ensures that responders in the Texas Panhandle have access to topical and timely knowledge and training at very little cost. This year's conference gives attendees the opportunity to learn about terrorism from a global perspective. Having a better understanding of the motivation and readily available tools used in deadly terrorist attacks can help in developing a more robust preparedness and response plan. Responders, community leaders, disaster volunteers and health and medical personnel are welcome to attend. To register, click [here](#). For more information, contact David.Cella@TDEM.texas.gov.

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 Natalie.Vega@TDEM.texas.gov.

The State and Federal Plans Unit has identified the following ESFs/Support/Hazard Annexes as planning priorities for fiscal year 2019-20:

ESFs	Support/Hazard Annexes
Transportation Annex (ESF 1)	Cyber Annex
Communications Annex (ESF 2)	Evacuation and Population Protection Annex
Firefighting Annex (ESF 4)	Wildland Fire Annex
Mass Care Annex (ESF 6)	Warning Annex
Logistics and Resource Management Annex (ESF 7)	Volunteer and Donations Management Annex
Public Information Annex (ESF 15)	Biological Hazards Annex
	Radiological Incident Annex

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 emergency management proficiency.

1. Local plans, policies and regulations should be checked by the Legal Section to ensure that they comply with state requirements.
2. Under the National Incident Management System (NIMS), the Incident Command System (ICS) is used to manage responses.
3. A State of Texas Assistance Request (STAR) is the preferred method to submit a request for resources to TDEM.
4. The Comprehensive Planning Guide (CPG) 101 is only beneficial for experienced emergency planners in major metropolitan jurisdictions.

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Training Spotlight: AWR-132

AWR-132 - Understanding and Planning for School Bomb Incidents

The Understanding and Planning for School Bomb Incidents (UPSBI) course provides first responders with the skills and knowledge necessary to respond to school bomb threats and school bombing incidents. This course provides information on the purpose and function of school emergency management plans, warning signs of aggressive student behavior, critical actions when responding to a school bombing threat, recognition of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) and components, and preventive school bombing incident measures. New Mexico Tech Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center provides this course and there are no prerequisites required.

Current offerings available in the state:

AWR-132	Understanding and Planning for School Bomb Incidents	09/13/2019 8 a.m. – 12 noon and 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Region 4 Education Service Center 7200 Northwest 100 Drive McKinney Conference Center (Room MCC101) Houston, TX 77092
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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-167	Sport Event Risk Management	Fort Worth	09/03 - 09/04
COMT	OEC All-Hazards Communications Technician (COMT)	Denton	10/07 - 10/11
E/L-954	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Safety Officer Course (SOFR)	Dallas	09/16 - 09/19
E/L-969	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Type III Communications Unit Leader (COML)	Denton	10/12 - 10/14
G-191	ICS - EOC Interface	Dallas	09/11
G-202	Debris Management	Dallas	09/17 - 09/20
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Lake Worth	09/03 - 09/05
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Eules	07/25 - 09/12
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Fort Worth	09/07 - 09/21
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Fort Worth	10/01 - 10/17
G-386	Mass Fatalities Incident Response	Dallas	10/22 - 10/24
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Lake Worth	09/05 - 09/06
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Dallas	09/12 - 09/13
G-489	Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in Disasters	Texarkana	09/17
G-557	Rapid Needs Assessment	Dallas	11/06
H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Stephenville	11/04 - 11/08
H-503	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Frisco	09/23 - 09/27
H-504	NFPA 1006 2008 Edition Trench Rescue Levels I and II Pro-Board Certification	Frisco	11/19 - 11/22
MGT-403	Response Planning for People with Access and Functional Needs in Rural Communities	Texarkana	10/08
OGT-618	Cybersecurity Awareness for Officials and Senior Management	Dallas	10/17
PER-211	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	Paris	09/26 - 09/27
PER-213	Wide Area Search	Rowlett	11/15 - 11/17
PER-229	Introduction to the Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) Suite	McKinney	09/24 - 09/26

PER-334	Search and Rescue in Community Disasters	Trenton	10/18 - 10/19
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Region 2 – Southeast Texas

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
AWR-132	Understanding and Planning for School Bomb Incidents (UPSBI)	Houston	09/13
AWR-132	Understanding and Planning for School Bomb Incidents (UPSBI)	Houston	09/13
AWR-219	Site Protection through Observational Techniques (SPOT)	Conroe	10/24
AWR-313	Homemade Explosives: Awareness, Recognition, and Response	Pasadena	10/15
G-191	ICS - EOC Interface	Dickinson	09/20
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Houston	09/09 - 09/11
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G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Houston	10/09 - 10/11
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Houston	10/14 - 10/16
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Houston	10/15 - 10/17
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Southside Place	11/06 - 11/08
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Houston	09/12 - 09/13
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Houston	09/12 - 09/13
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Humble	09/17 - 09/18
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Houston	10/17 - 10/18
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Houston	11/14 - 11/15

H-500	HazMat Technician - Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) Certification	Spring	10/14 - 10/25
H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Stafford	10/28 - 11/01
H-502	NFPA 472 Incident Command, Pro-Board Certification	Stafford	10/12 - 10/13
H-503	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Spring	09/30 - 10/04
MGT-362	Collaborative Leadership in Homeland Security	Houston	09/03
MGT-462	Community Planning for Economic Recovery	Houston	09/03
PER-228	Advanced Forensic Investigations for Hazardous Environments	Houston	10/14 - 10/17

Region 3 – South Texas

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
AWR-328	All Hazards Preparedness for Animals in Disasters	Laredo	10/08
E/L/G-428	Community Emergency Response Team Train the Trainer	Rio Bravo	10/05 - 10/06
G-205	Recovery From Disaster: The Local Government Role	South Padre Island	11/14 - 11/15
G-775	EOC Management and Operations	South Padre Island	09/19 - 09/20
H-203	Confined Space Safety	Laredo	09/18 - 09/19
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Mission	10/03
H-302	HazMat Refresher Training	Palmview	10/04
H-503	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Three Rivers	10/21 - 10/25
H-504	NFPA 1006 2008 Edition Trench Rescue Levels I and II Pro-Board Certification	Weslaco	09/10 - 09/13
H-504	NFPA 1006 2008 Edition Trench Rescue Levels I and II Pro-Board Certification	Portland	10/07 - 10/11
MGT-448	All Hazards Planning for Animal, Agricultural, and Food Related Disasters	Laredo	10/09

PER-211	Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Events	Laredo	10/16 - 10/17
T-600.b	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Progreso Lakes	09/25

Region 4 – West Texas

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-290	Basic Public Information Officer	El Paso	10/15 - 10/16
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	El Paso	11/04 - 11/06
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	El Paso	11/07 - 11/08
H-501	NFPA 472 HazMat Technician - Pro-Board Certification	Midland	10/07 - 10/11
H-503	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	San Angelo	10/14 - 10/18
H-504	NFPA 1006 2008 Edition Trench Rescue Levels I and II Pro-Board Certification	San Angelo	11/11 - 11/15
L-548	Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Program Manager	El Paso	09/23 - 09/24
L-550	Continuity of Operations Planning	El Paso	09/25 - 09/26
MGT-315	Critical Asset Risk Management	El Paso	10/24 - 10/25

Region 5 – Northwest Texas

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
G-289	Public Information Officer Awareness Training	Abilene	11/19
G-290	Basic Public Information Officer	Abilene	11/20 - 11/21
G-291	Joint Information System/Center Planning for Tribal, State, and Local Public Information Officers	Abilene	11/22
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Burkburnett	10/09 - 10/11

MGT-341	Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Within the Community Infrastructure	Lubbock	11/12 - 11/13
MGT-345	Disaster Management for Electric Power Systems	Lubbock	10/08 - 10/09
MGT-346	Emergency Operation Center (EOC) Operations for All-Hazards Events	Lubbock	11/05 - 11/07
MGT-409	Community Healthcare Planning and Response to Disasters	Lubbock	09/26 - 09/27
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Amarillo	09/06
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Levelland	09/12
T-600.b	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Levelland	09/12
T-600.b	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 2)	Levelland	09/13
T-615	Orientation to Disaster District Emergency Operations	Borger	09/12

Region 6 – Central Texas

Code	Course Name	Location	Dates
AWR-136	Essentials of Community Cyber Security	New Braunfels	09/17
AWR-136	Essentials of Community Cyber Security	Victoria	09/19
AWR-140	Introduction to Radiological/Nuclear WMD Operations Course	Austin	09/11
AWR-147	Rail Car Incident Response	La Grange	10/16
E/L-101	Foundations of Emergency Management	Austin	10/21 - 10/25
E/L-102	Science for Disaster	Austin	09/17 - 09/19
E/L-950	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Incident Commander (IC) Course	Austin	11/18 - 11/22
E/L-958	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Operations Section Chief (OSC) Course	Austin	10/07 - 10/10
E/L-969	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Type III Communications Unit Leader (COML)	Victoria	10/01 - 10/03
G-141	Instructional Presentation and Evaluation Skills	Austin	10/08 - 10/11
G-2300	Intermediate Emergency Operations Center Functions	San Antonio	09/25 - 09/27

G-288	Donations Management Course	Austin	09/05 - 09/06
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Round Rock	09/09 - 09/11
G-300	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	Austin	09/16 - 09/18
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Cedar Park	09/05 - 09/14
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Leander	09/16 - 09/28
G-317	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course	Killeen	09/27 - 10/05
G-318	Local Mitigation Planning Workshop	Austin	10/29 - 10/30
G-361	Flood Fight Operations	Victoria	11/05 - 11/06
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	San Antonio	09/10 - 09/11
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Round Rock	09/12 - 09/13
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Austin	09/19 - 09/20
G-400	Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff	Austin	11/19 - 11/20
G-557	Rapid Needs Assessment	Austin	09/05
H-503	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	Georgetown	09/16 - 09/20
MGT-341	Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Within the Community Infrastructure	San Antonio	11/20 - 11/21
MGT-345	Disaster Management for Electric Power Systems	Belton	11/05 - 11/06
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MGT-348	Medical Preparedness and Response to Bombing Incidents	Austin	11/14 - 11/15
MGT-361	Managing Critical Incidents for Higher Education Institutions: A Multi-Disciplinary, Community	Victoria	11/05 - 11/07
MGT-461	Evacuation Planning Strategies and Solutions	Austin	09/09
PER-229	Introduction to the Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) Suite	Georgetown	10/01 - 10/03
SOC-101	Texas State Operations Center (SOC) Workshop	Austin	09/25

T-100	WebEOC: Operations Technology in Support of Local Jurisdictions	Austin	10/04 - 10/09
T-600.a	Disaster Accounting 101 (Module 1)	Austin	10/17

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