

COG Updates for the July 9, 2021, REM Meeting

Emergency Preparedness Department:

- **EP Department will resume in-person meetings in August. Yay!**
 - We are currently working with our COG IT department to evaluate our current conference room capabilities to determine what is needed to conduct both virtual and in-person meetings in the future since buildings are starting to open back up.
- There has been a lot of changes occurring through our department, please be patient as we shuffle tasks around.
- Donna Insixiengmay has sent out the budget notices for the FY22 dues which will be invoiced in October 2021.
 - There are still numerous jurisdictions who have not paid your FY21 dues, if you have any questions, please contact Candice Forsyth at cforsyth@nctcog.org.

HS Team:

- **REPAC / EPPC**
 - The next REPAC Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, in the Transportation Council Room.
 - The next EPPC Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 19, 2021, in the Transportation Council Room. New members will be sat at this meeting.
- **SHSP**
 - May 2021 SHSP Grant Reallocations
 - FY 2021 Final project allocation amounts have been received from the Office of the Governor
- **UASI**
 - 2021 June UASI Grant Reallocations due to OOG by the end of the month

Working Groups:

- **Public Education**
 - The next Pub Ed meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2021 at 10:30 AM. This meeting will be a virtual Teams meeting.
 - Daniel Ringhauser with Grand Prairie is the new chair and Alexis Snyder with Richardson is the new co-chair.
 - New PSA preparedness video marketing campaign in process with Cactex Media.
 - New storage location provided by ITDRC in Fort Worth, contact is Chris Hillis.
 - Educational materials of rack cards, brochures, and coloring books are available in Denton. Contact is Brenda Gormley
 - Guidebooks are available Dallas County. Contact is Melvin Cirilo.

- Questions, please contact Donna Insixiengmay at doinsixiengmay@nctcog.org
- Social Media
 - Remember to follow us and use our social media accounts
 - ✓ Twitter – KnoWhat2Do - @KnoWhat2Do
 - ✓ Facebook – KnoWhat2Do
- **Interoperability**
 - The next Interop Working Group meeting is TBD.
 - If you are interested in receiving communications-related information, you can request to be added to the Public Safety Communications listserv (publicsafetycomms@ep.nctcog.org)
- **Training and Exercise**
 - Multiple trainings have been scheduled throughout the region. **There will be 3 more iterations of 300/400 classes in Denton, Fort Worth, and Rowlett this summer.** This fall the Texas Forest Service will present **six different All Hazard trainings**, and Tarrant County college will present **two command and control classes**.
 - **Registration will be available soon for these trainings.**
 - If you have any questions, please contact Candice Forsyth at cforsyth@nctocg.org.
- **Emergency Management**
 - **The housing and restoration of Critical Infrastructure recovery project is currently in progress the subcommittees have each had their first meeting.**
- **Cyber Security**
 - **The Cyber Security working group is reviewing the 17 proposals that were received based on the RFP. We hope to announce the vendor by mid-July.**
 - **The next Cyber Security meeting will be Friday July 23, 2021.**

Mitigation:

- *Hazard Mitigation Action Plans (HazMAPs):*
 - Ellis, Navarro, Johnson, Somervell, and Wise counties are conducting risk assessments for their mitigation plans.
 - **Erath, Hood, Parker, and Palo Pinto HazMAPs have been FEMA-approved. Awaiting approval for Hunt.**
- *North Central Texas Safe Room Rebate Program:*
 - The program retired in December 2020.

CASA WX:

- 6 CASA radars are functional at this time. The radar in Arlington is down for a broken pedestal, the leadership team is looking at different possibilities to replace that, but it appears it could be hard down for a lengthy time until repairs can be made.
- We held a CASA Open House in June and the last one of this storm season will be

July 7 at 10am. Contact Amanda or Tonya if you need the login info for the virtual meeting. The Open Houses allow discussion on the website features as well as recent events each month.

- If you are interested in having a webex CASA training for your jurisdiction please contact Amanda Everly at amanda.everly@fortworthtexas.gov or Tonya Hunter at tonya.hunter@midlothian.tx.us.