

## REM Meeting – August 5, 2022

### COG Updates

#### Emergency Preparedness Department:

- The department has been hard at work with drafting our new budget for the new fiscal year, lining out needs and focus areas for the upcoming year, learning about upcoming grant changes and how that will affect our timelines, coordinating and finalizing working group deliverables, and working through the various transitions the last few months have brought. Thank you to the region for working with us and we are excited for the many things coming up.
- We are looking at new ways to consolidate information and make it easier for you to see what may be coming up or if you are trying to find out certain information to help you in your emergency planning or in response. Check out these New Tools:
  - Upcoming Regional Training & Exercise Dashboard - <https://www.nctcog.org/ep/resources/training-and-exercises>
  - Emergency Management Toolkits - <https://www.nctcog.org/ep/resources/toolkits>
  - Follow our social media:
    - Twitter- <https://mobile.twitter.com/nctcogep>
    - Facebook- In the works!
  - Digital Resource Directory – In the works!
- Save the Date:
  - October 5: FAC Workshop & Mock FAC Tour (Midlothian Conference Center)
  - October 26: Grants Training 101 (NCTCOG)
  - November 2: COG EP 101 (NCTCOG)
  - November 4: IWT Workshop (NCTCOG Transportation Room)
- Staffing – Donna Insixiengmay’s last day with EP will be August 12<sup>th</sup>. Her position will transition to a full-time Training and Exercise position. That posting has closed and interviews will be scheduled in the coming weeks. Interviews have been completed for the Hazard Mitigation Program Assistant II position and Laura Rojas-Sifuentes has been selected as the final candidate. She has been a hazard mitigation intern for about a year at the COG and is very knowledgeable with the current projects and plans in the works. We are excited to be able to hire her full time and for her to be a part of our team. Interviews for the EP Director position will also be finalized in the coming weeks. As soon as new hires are completed, we will send out a “Get to know your new NCTCOG EP” pdf so that everyone has new contact information.

#### HS Team:

##### ▪ REPAC / EPPC

- The next EPPC Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 1, 2022, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM in the Transportation Council Room at the NCTCOG.
- The next REPAC Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM in the Transportation Council Room at the NCTCOG.

##### ▪ SHSP

- We have received conditional grant awards for a total of \$1.6M and will be notifying the working groups of their award.

## Working Groups:

### ▪ Cyber Security

- The next Cyber Security meeting will be held on September 15, 2022, at 1:00 PM. Location TBD.
- The NIST Assessments have begun, and Optiv Security is reaching out to the participants to work with their jurisdictions.
- If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Everly at [aeverly@nctcog.org](mailto:aeverly@nctcog.org).

### ▪ Emergency Management

- The next EMWG meeting will be held on August 4, 2022, at 1:00 PM at the NCTCOG in the Pitstick Conference Room.
- We have received an extension for the CI/KR project and will kick it off very soon.
- If you have any questions, please contact Candice Forsyth at [cforsyth@nctcog.org](mailto:cforsyth@nctcog.org)

### ▪ Interoperability

- The next Interop Working Group meeting is September 21, 2022, at 1:00 PM on Teams.
- We do not anticipate having any information about the SERI Grant until the fall.
- If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Everly at [aeverly@nctcog.org](mailto:aeverly@nctcog.org).

### ▪ Public Education

- The next Pub Ed meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2022, at 1:30 PM. This meeting will be a virtual Teams meeting.
- Domestic Violent Extremism team currently working on addition See Something Say Something content to the website.
- Storage location provided by ITDRC in Fort Worth has guidebooks, 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.
- If you have any questions, please contact Candice Forsyth at [cforsyth@nctcog.org](mailto:cforsyth@nctcog.org)
- Social Media
  - Remember to follow us and use our social media accounts
    - ✓ Twitter – KnoWhat2Do - @KnoWhat2Do
    - ✓ Facebook – KnoWhat2Do

### ▪ Public Works Emergency Response Team

- The next Public Works meeting date and location is TBD.
- If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Everly at [aeverly@nctcog.org](mailto:aeverly@nctcog.org).

### ▪ Training and Exercise

- The next T/E meeting will be held on August 3, 2022, at 10:00 AM at the NCTCOG in the Metroplex Conference Room.
- Chair Nominations are currently being taken.
- IPP is almost complete.
- If you have any questions, please contact Candice Forsyth at [cforsyth@nctcog.org](mailto:cforsyth@nctcog.org)

**Mitigation:**

- **Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMPs (formerly HazMAPs):**
  - Ellis, Navarro, Johnson, Somervell, and Wise counties mitigation plans are underway.
    - Ellis County is in its finishing stages.
  - If you have any mitigation questions, please contact our mitigation planner, Laura Rojas Sifuentes, at [LRojas-Sifuentes@nctcoq.org](mailto:LRojas-Sifuentes@nctcoq.org) .
- **FEMA Mitigation Grants:**
  - Current funding opportunities can be found at <https://www.tdem.texas.gov/mitigation/hazard-mitigation-section?locale=es>.

**CASA WX:**

- The next CASA meeting is August 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at NCTCOG in the Metroplex Conference Room and Teams.
- Thank you to those that responded to the online survey, the responses will be used to move the project forward.
- If you are interested in having a webex CASA training for your jurisdiction or have any questions please contact Amanda Everly at [AEverly@nctcoq.org](mailto:AEverly@nctcoq.org), Chase Wheeler at [CWheeler@GPTX.org](mailto:CWheeler@GPTX.org), or William Wessel at [WTWessel@tarrantcounty.com](mailto:WTWessel@tarrantcounty.com).