



# REM Meeting

**May 1, 2026**

**Start Time:**

9:00AM-9:30AM: In Person Networking

9:30AM-11:30AM: Meeting

**Frisco Central Fire Station  
8601 Gary Burns Dr. Frisco, TX 75034  
OR  
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

❖ **Welcome and Introductions**

- Lauren Romero, MPA, REM Chair
- Samantha Allison, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, Frisco, TX

❖ **Presentations**

- **ToolBank Disaster Service Presentation**

Matt Saunders, South Central Territory Manager, Toolbank Disaster Services

- Nonprofits, disaster Orgs, faith-based orgs, schools, universities, gov't agencies can become members with ToolBank for free.
- No Cost tools into the hands of the nonprofits and their volunteers to complete projects or disaster work.
- Mobilize various size trailers for deployments across the nation (I cover TX, NM, OK, AR, LA).
- No Cost tools save organizations money from renting or buying their own and having to store and repair.
- Can sign out tools from 1 week up to 16 weeks
- <https://toolbank.org/toolbank-disaster-services/dallas/>

- **Zipline in DFW**

Brennen Hubbard, Community Engagement Specialist, Zipline

- Zipline is the world's largest autonomous drone delivery company, having accomplished more than two million commercial deliveries worldwide. Zipline expanded its operations to DFW in 2025 and, since then, has scaled to 22 total sites/communities, including DeSoto.
- Zipline prides itself on safety, having accomplished over 130 million autonomous miles flown without any serious safety incidents to date.
- Zipline values its closer partners. The organization works closely with First responders, emergency management offices, city leadership, and many more organizations. anization works closely with First responders, emergency management offices, city leadership, the FAA, airports, and many more organizations.



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- Zipline has recently announced its expansion into Houston and future Phoenix locations, with many more states and regions soon to be announced.
- Zipline has many different partners serving many different use cases, from delivering blood to hospitals in Africa to Chipotle burritos in Texas and all in between.

## ❖ Member Comments or Updates

- NCTCOG Updates (**SEE ATTACHED**)
- NWS Updates
  - NWS Chat Access: contact Jennifer Dunn or a NWS employee to let them know you have requested access for an employee. This will speed up the approval process.
  - Discussed the role of Social Media influencers during severe weather events. Will work to set-up a time to discuss further as a region.
- TDEM Updates (**NO UPDATE**)
- TEEM Updates (**NO UPDATE**)

## ❖ Discussion

- Frisco EOC Tour, Samantha Allison

## ❖ Next Meeting:

- Friday, August 7, 2026 - Location TBD