

COG Updates for the September 10, 2021, REM Meeting

Emergency Preparedness Department:

- EP Department has returned to virtual meetings. Boo!
 - We are still 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.
- We have been interviewing for a SHSP Specialist, an EP Manager, and a mitigation intern. We hope to have these people on board by the end of September.
- Regional Emergency Preparedness Dues Program Invoice will be sent to the EMC, City Manager, and the Mayor by October 6th unless you notify Donna Insixiangmay before that day.

HS Team:

▪ REPAC / EPPC

- The next REPAC Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, via Microsoft teams unless otherwise informed.
- The next EPPC Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 2, 2021, via Microsoft teams unless otherwise informed

▪ SHSP

- Grant Reallocations have been awarded. We will be working with vendors to commit the additional funds for which they were approved.
- Working Groups should start discussing their project submissions for FY22. We anticipate the federal budget to get approved sooner this year than in the past. If this happens, grant projects will be due much sooner than in the past.
- All grant progress reports are due 9/15/2021. If they are not submitted on time, then the jurisdiction will be placed on vendor hold.

▪ UASI

- 2021 June UASI Grant Reallocations have been awarded. Jurisdictions need to accept the awards and complete any required progress reports if the project was new.
- All grant progress reports are due 9/15/2021. If they are not submitted on time, then the jurisdiction will be placed on vendor hold.

Working Groups:

▪ Public Education

- The next Pub Ed meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2021 at 10:30 AM. This meeting will be a virtual Teams meeting.
- PSA preparedness video marketing campaign should be complete by social media, spectrum with CactexMedia.
- New storage location provided by ITDRC in Fort Worth has mini first aid kits and 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.
- 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 September 8.
 - 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**
 - Registration is currently open for multiple trainings in the region
 - [E/L-958 - NIMS ICS All-Hazards Operations Section Chief \(OSC\) Course](#)
 - September 14-16 at Waxahachie EOC
 - [O-305 - All-Hazards Incident Management Team](#)
 - September 27 - October 1 at Dallas County EOC
 - [E/L-962 - NIMS ICS All-Hazards Position Specific Plans Section Chief \(PSC\) Course](#)
 - October 26-28 at NCTCOG
 - [Command and Control of Disaster](#)
 - October 12-15, at Southlake DPS North Training Center
 - November 8-11 at Dallas County EOC
 - If you have any questions, please contact Candice Forsyth at cforsyth@nctcog.org.
- **Emergency Management**
 - The housing and restoration of Critical Infrastructure recovery project is currently in progress the subcommittees are continuing to meet.
 - The project will be rolled out via Zoom Webinar on December 15, 2021. More information to come.
- **Cyber Security**
 - The Cyber Security working has chosen Stealth ISS Group for the Cyber Project.
 - The next Cyber Security meeting will be September 16, 2021.
- **Public Works Emergency Response Team**
 - The next PWERT virtual meeting will be held Thursday, Sep. 30 from 9:30-11:30.
 - To become a member jurisdiction and to receive PWERT updates via the listserv, please contact Alayna Payne at apayne@nctcog.org and complete a PWERT Mutual Aid Agreement.

Mitigation:

- *Hazard Mitigation Action Plans (HazMAPs):*
 - Ellis, Navarro, Johnson, Somervell, and Wise counties and conducting risk assessments for their mitigation plans.
 - Erath, Hood, Hunt, Palo Pinto, and Parker HazMAPs have been FEMA-approved.
- *FEMA Mitigation Grants:*
 - The application period for DR-4572 and DR-4586 have been extended to Nov. 5.

- The application period for BRIC will be Sep. 30- Dec. 3.

CASA WX:

- 4 CASA radars are functional at this time.
 - The Fort Worth, Midlothian, and Denton radars are currently fully operational with no issues.
 - The Addison radar is functional but has an internal cooling issue. If there is significant weather in the area this radar WILL be turned on. It is being kept off during blue skies to avoid any further issues.
 - The Mesquite radar is down, and we are working on scheduling a technician to come fix it. This radar will also be moved probably in October due to some construction near the radar, it will be moved to a higher tower.
 - The Johnson County radar is down, and we are working with the vendor to schedule repairs.
 - 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.
- CASA is currently pursuing several funding opportunities that could assist with replacement of the radars as they age, and problems become more frequent.
- The servers that the CASA data runs through, known as the DROC, are currently housed at the NWS regional offices. NWS has requested that we move the servers by the end of September. Fort Worth is working through the IT process of moving the servers to the Fort Worth Joint EOC server room. There should not be any downtime in the network during this move.
- The virtual CASA Open Houses were a success and will continue in the fall as we get more weather cases to discuss.
- If you are interested in having a webex CASA training for your jurisdiction or have any questions please contact Amanda Everly at amanda.everly@fortworthtexas.gov or Tonya Hunter at tonya.hunter@midlothian.tx.us.