



REM Meeting

November 5th, 2021

9:30AM-11:00AM: Meeting

Microsoft Teams Meeting

❖ Welcome and Introductions

- Shawna Lemley, REM Chair
- REM Secretary Nomination Survey
 - My Vuong, City of Lewisville
 - Doubled majored in Political Science and Emergency Management
 - 2 years working with AmeriCorps
 - Worked in Emergency Management in private sector, public health, and jurisdictional level
 - Takes great minutes and is very organized
 - Luke Parten, City of Farmers Branch
 - Degree in Emergency Management and in Law Enforcement
 - Worked for Olson Group
 - Interned with City of Rowlett
 - Looking to get more involved with EM in the region
 - Clay Taylor, City of Dallas
 - From Mississippi
 - Master's in Criminology and experience in academics
 - Training and Exercises coordinator for City of Dallas
 - Would like to connect to everyone and get to know the region

❖ Presentations

- Dr. Ronald Timmons, Ph.D., University of North Texas Emergency Administration and Planning Internship Coordinator
 - UNT is now a Tier 1 Research Facility
 - 42 students graduate each year on average from Emergency Management program
 - TDEM entered into agreement to have office in the EOC Lab
 - Student field work includes conventions, mock interviews, disaster exercises and field trips.
 - Students design, facilitate and evaluate exercises
 - Students must take a pre internship course prior to the practical portion
 - Interns must log 240 hours for their internship
 - Host must fill out mid-term performance review and a final evaluation
 - Can reach out to Dr. Timmons for more information on the program and to become a host for an intern
 - During the pandemic interns did remote work, vaccination site

- logistics, contract tracing, decentralized host sheltering for Hurricane Laura
 - Sheltering immigrant teens
 - New conference will be hosted at UNT in March 6-8, 2022
 - PRIMR Conference (Preparedness, Response, Innovation, Mitigation and Recovery)
- Brandon Barth, Emergency Management Coordinator, Flower Mound and Eric Hutmacher, Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator, Denton County
 - EOC Support Team
 - Developed by EM working group in 2016
 - Built on lessons learned from previous EOC activations
 - Deploy throughout the North Central Region
 - Deployments include DPS/DART Shooting in 2016, Hurricane Harvey in 2017, Ellis County Flooding Event in 2018, Texas Motor Speedway Vaccination Clinic in 2021
 - If you would like to join EOC Support Team or would like information, reach out to Eric Hutmacher
- Irish Hancock, Emergency Management Administrator, City of Arlington
 - Emergency Management Credentialing
 - 2019 State Legislature created a group forum to research the credentialing or licensing of the EM profession in Texas
 - Recommended submitted by the group to the State in November 2020
 - Was pushed back due to COVID, Hurricane Laura and Winter Storms
 - TDEM is forming an Emergency Management Academy
 - Will meet with new TDEM Chief for academy in December
 - Already writing modules for the academy not sure when it will open
 - Hoping Chief Kidd can address some questions next week when he is in Denton

❖ **Member Updates**

- NWS Updates
 - 11.8.21 Making turn key change regarding Flood watches and warning. It will consolidate the text projects only, not how watches, warnings and advisories are issued.
 - Cleaning up email distro list
 - 2022 Skywarn will start in January. Will have in person options as well as virtual. In person meeting is not a guaranteed, however. Must have a virtual backup.
 - November 30th NWS Chat will move to more stable platform. Should look and operate the same but you may lose some bookmarks and have to log out and log back in.
- NCTCOG Updates
 - See attachment in email
- TDEM Updates
 - No updates

❖ **Next Meeting**

- Next Meeting TBD