



**Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (REPAC) Meeting**  
**Transportation Council Room**  
**May 16, 2024 / 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**Notes**

**Opening Remarks**

Chairs

**Roll Call**

NCTCOG Staff

Attendee Room Introduction

**Approval of Meeting Notes**

Committee Members

- February 2024
  - Did not make quorum to vote. Tabled until August 2024, REPAC meeting.

**Business Items**

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**Discussion Items**

- 2024 SHSP Projects Update
  - Congress passed a budget, however, they cut a lot of our budget.
  - We will have a few cuts for our projects and the state will take a big cut of it. They went from \$18.2 million in 2023 to \$16.3 million and just 2024 grant. This is about a \$2 million cut.
  - We changed the way we do our allocations for the regional priority areas. We've always had different percentages we had to meet for different priorities areas. The only one that has a percentage attached to it now is Election Security. We can now choose which priorities it should go to.
  - Priority areas include Intel & Information Sharing, Combating DVE, Community Preparedness, Cyber, Election Security, and Soft Targets.
  - 3% of the funding had to go to Election Security.
  - 30% of our funding had to be allocated to our priority areas. This will help us with 2025 planning.
  - NCTCOG proposed allocation was \$1.5 million. We received \$1,372,500.
  - 2024 NCTCOG SHSP Projects that were funded:
    - Regional Planning, Metro X, Metro X (LETPA), PWERT Interdiction Trailer, SWAT Comms Project – Mesquite, SWAT Comms Project – Hurst, and EOD Slash and Go Training. These were all fully funded. SWAT Comms Project – Irving was partially funded. There were some priorities that will not be funded.
    - Public Education Enhancement (KnoWhat2Do) that did not get funded, will be funded by the Regional Planning project for 2024.
    - Funding was lowered due to lack of ranking and congress.
    - It would be beneficial to strategically figure out a process on how to hold cities accountable for their insufficient ranking, however, we must be careful on how we hold jurisdictions accountable. We will need to figure out a process.
  - Competitive Projects:
    - Wise County DVE - \$15,000
    - Multiple entities working to restore funding to 2023 levels. We are planning for the same original funding level for the region that we did for 2024 in 2025. Therefore, we will need more projects. Will need to meet 30% regional priority areas in 2025
      - Election Security will be competitive statewide
      - OOG will not submit Cybersecurity IJ for SHSP
    - We will not receive state swept funds. Swept funds will go to smaller COGs and state agencies. The funding that we receive, we must spend it. If we don't spend it, we will lose it.
    - Justin Cox will need to be notified if your jurisdiction is having issues with your projects.
- REPAC Nominations

- The next 3 working group seats to be approved at the August meeting is EGRT, Pub ED, and CCP
  
- REPAC Vice Chair
  - It is a 4-Year commitment. 2-years as Vice-Chair, and 2-years as Chair.
  - Nominations will need to come from a jurisdiction within one of the 4 Urban Counties, (Collin, Dallas, Denton, and Tarrant)
  - Voting will take place at the August meeting.
  - We encourage you to nominate someone or yourself for REPAC Vice-Chair.
  
- Grant Dashboard & Project Update
  - EMWG – Grand Prairie – Project is making progress; trailers are due very soon.
  - Interop – Phases II of the Regional Interoperable Communications Plan, more funding will be spent as we move forward.
  - CCP – Working with leadership to identify and order burn pans
  - PubEd – Maintenance to the KnWhat2Do website is complete. Supplies for TDEM conference was requested and ordered.
  - T&E – waiting on invoices from vendors for upcoming exercises. A 1-month extension was requested for T&E due to RFP process.
  - USAR – Working Group has identified the USAR trainings. Tarrant County College and Collin County College are working out a deal with the group to get in as much training as possible.
  - Fusion – Analyst position, working on DVE projects.
  - EOD – Denton (completed project), Mesquite, and Irving - expenses have not been reported yet. Fort Worth received funding for training - no expenses reported
  - SWAT – Frisco – no expenses reported, Plano – no expenses reported, Mesquite – no expenses reported, Prosper have completed their project and closed it out.
  - Hazmat – City of Dallas – no expenses reported, City of Fort Worth – no expenses reported, Wylie – completed their project, and de-obligated funds. (Be sure to let Justin know before de-obligating funds.)
  
- Cyber/EOC/Fusion Workshop & TTX Update
  - Workshop planning meeting is May 16, 2024, 1:00 pm. Will have best practices for Cyber/EOC/Fusion from entities that have had attacks.
  - Want to bridge the gap between cyber incidents.
  - Critical Infrastructure
  - TTX will take place in October/November 2024. There will be 3 virtual table-tops based on Fusion area of responsibility.
  - Chance for EOC's to invite staff and run through a cyber scenario.
  - Potential build up to Metro X.
  - The initial planning meeting is June 12<sup>th</sup>.
  
- Metro X Update
  - We will be fully funded for our Metro X exercise.
  - 2024 SHSP project to help out region prepare for major regional special events. It will be similar concepts and scenarios as in the 2011 Super Bowl.
  - Full scale, multi-discipline exercise consisting of a CCTA scenario
  - We have submitted an application to FEMA National Exercise Program. We should hear back from them in June.
  - **Current Timeline for Metro X:**
    - o June 18: Planning Team Meeting
    - o August 2024: RFP Submitted
    - o October 2024: Initial Planning Meeting
    - o Oct-Nov 2025: Metro X
  - Planning team consisting of EM's, reps from working group, and state & federal partners.
  - 3-day exercise (8-10 hours each day)
  - **Objectives discussed:**

- Multi-discipline/agency integration
- Area command communications
- Regional Support Center/DDEOC – we will be exercising this scenario.
- Patient Tracking – we have a new system in place.
- Short-term recovery
- CRBNE scenarios
- **Potential Locations:**
  - Six Flags/ATT Stadium/Choctaw Stadium
  - Carrollton Sports Complex
  - Collin College
  - Lone Star Park
  - Churches/schools
  - Plano Fire Training
  - Outlying Counties
- Not all working groups will play each day.

**Upcoming Events**

Cyber/EOC/Fusion Workshop Initial Planning Meeting	May 16, 2024
EOD Working Group Meeting	May 23, 2024
Texas Emergency Management Conference, Fort Worth, TX	May 28-31, 2024
CCP Meeting	June 6, 2024
Cyber/EOC/Fusion TTX Initial Planning Meeting	June 12, 2024
Emergency Preparedness Planning Council (EPPC) Meeting	June 13, 2024
- The Regional Service Excellence Awards will be presented at EPPC meeting.	
Metro X Planning Meeting	June 18, 2024
EGrants Training, Grapevine, TX	June 18-20, 2024
Regional Hurricane Sheltering Discussion	June 26, 2024
Emergency Management Working Group Meeting	July 11, 2024
SWAT Working Group Meeting	July 19, 2024
National Homeland Security Conference, Miami, FL	July 22-25, 2024

**NCTCOG Updates**

**Committee/Public Comment**

- TDEM Conference Thursday night event Kevin Starbuck
- SOC Communication TDEM

**Adjournment**

**Useful Links**

- [Regional Emergency Management Portal](#)
- [Upcoming Regional Training & Exercises](#)
- [Upcoming Meeting Calendar](#)

**Next Meeting:**  
 REPAC Meeting  
 August 8, 2024  
 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
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