



REM Meeting

September 10, 2021
9:30AM-11:00AM

Microsoft Teams Meeting

❖ Welcome and Introductions

- Shawna Lemley, REM Chair

❖ Congratulations and Welcome to new EM positions in the past 6 months!

- Kevin Starbuck – TDEM Assistant Chief Region 1
- Jason Block – Mesquite EMC
- My (Me) Vuong– City of Lewisville EM Specialist
- Brandy Barrett – Westworth Village
- JJ Jones – MHMR Tarrant County
- Victoria Garner- Denton County OEM
- Lance Grant – City of Lucas
- Hinanshu Lyall – Texas Health Dallas EM Specialist
- Anna Piasecki – Denton County
- Shawn McDermott- Intern for Town of Prosper Emergency Management Program
- Hannah Myers, Rowlett OEM
- Britton Woolsey, American Red Cross Disaster Program Manager for Tarrant County
- Matt LaMunion - City of Richardson
- Bart Thom (from TX DSHS PHR 2/3 to) TDEM System Support Specialist, Operations Technology Division, Region 1
- Brad Harris – Baylor Scott and White EM

❖ Presentations

- Sarah Haak, District Coordinator, Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) 4B-Garland
 - Emergency Management Cyber Checklists and Resources
 - Cyber crime damages are projected to cost the world \$6 trillion annually
 - As of late 2018, 24% of ransomware was targeted at hospitals
 - August of 2019 ransomware attack on local jurisdictions- 22 confirmed
 - Initial notification did not go to everyone which was a AAR comment
 - Regular conference calls began and a WebEOC incident was set up
 - Response teams responded to cities and counties
 - FBI collects evidence only-they are not there to assist
 - Resources include teams from Texas Military Department

(TMD), AT&T Cyber Team and Texas Department of Information Resources

- Built a Cybersecurity Incident Checklist for the region

❖ **Member Updates**

- NWS Updates
 - The consolidation of Flood Watches and Flood Products did NOT occur in late August as originally advertised. We don't have an updated implementation date and will keep you updated. Implementation will hopefully occur before the end of the year.
 - We have received some questions about our email briefings. We do still send them, and we haven't made changes to the email list, so everyone should still be on there. Due to a quieter weather pattern overall in the summer months, our frequency of sending email briefings significantly decreases. Our policy has always been to reserve our email briefings to highlight upcoming significant events, which are more common outside of the summer months. If you don't receive any emails this fall, reach out to me; especially if you have received them in past.
 - Remember, you can always get the latest daily and weekly weather forecast information, watches and warnings from our homepage, graphics and social media pages.
 - NWS Fort Worth will continue social media posts all during the month of September for National Preparedness Month. Feel free to share or use any of the content we post.
 - NWS Fort Worth conducted its first ever Facebook Live a few weeks ago. We showed and discussed an upper air balloon launch. Our use of FB Live will be sporadic to start (maybe once a month) with a focus primarily on educational topics. We've had really good discussion and collaboration with our media partners about how our office can best utilize FB Live without stepping on the toes of the great work our broadcast partners do for streaming updates. Don't expect us to use FB Live in the near term to provide weather updates. Later in the month of September we plan to do a FB Live Safety talk reviewing safety and preparedness tips for all of our hazardous weather threats. Remind of our partner webpage for Situational Awareness and helpful links: <https://www.weather.gov/fwd/partners>
- NCTCOG Updates
 - See attachment
- TDEM Updates
 - 100% cost share for FEMA PA extended to December 21st, 2021

❖ **Group/Panel Discussion**

- North Texas COVID-19 Leadership Advisory Panel
 - Eric Hutmacher, Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator, Denton County
 - Jacob Seil, Crisis Communications Administrator, NCTTRAC
 - Rick Esparza, Dallas County Health and Human Services
 - Rob Monaghan, Baylor Scott and White
 - Dr. Leigh Nordstrom, Baylor Scott and White and Ellis County Local Health Authority

❖ **REM Secretary Nominations**

- Next meeting, we will be voting on a new secretary. After serving as secretary for a year, this individual will move up the REM Leadership positions each

year; for a 4-year total commitment.

- Please send your nominations to Amanda Meldrum at ameldrum@friscofire.com
- Secretary nominees should prepare a brief bio of qualifications and position interest to present at the next meeting

❖ **Next Meeting**

- Next Meeting TBD