

REM Updates August 5, 2020

Emergency Preparedness Department:

- Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the COG building is closed to the public through the end of the year, and most of the EP department is working remotely. All meetings have either been cancelled or moved to a virtual platform, until further notice.
- There are numerous changes taking place within the department, Melanie Devine has retired, and Shad Lancaster has accepted a position at FEMA. Please be patient with us as we work on redistributing workloads and settle into a new rhythm.
- The Emergency Preparedness Program dues will be sent out the beginning of October to the EMC, City Manager, and Mayor unless otherwise specified. Please contact Candice Forsyth cforsyth@nctcog.org if you have any questions.

HS Team:

- **REPAC**

- The next REPAC meeting is Wednesday, August 12th at 9:30 AM. This meeting will consist of voting on SME seat nominations, the upcoming THIRA/SPR updates, and a review of the results from the Scoring AAR meeting. The meeting will be held virtually on Microsoft Teams.

- **SHSP**

- The OOG is in the final stages of approving reallocations and are still in the process of reviewing FY20 projects for final funding approval.

- **UASI**

- FEMA has announced the D/FW/A UASI will receive \$16,900,000 in Homeland Security funds this year
- FEMA and the OOG are still reviewing and approving our UASI projects. Some additional information may be required.
- Updates for the Stakeholder Preparedness Review will begin soon. Please provide updates if requested. This is a requirement for us to update each year in order to receive Homeland Security grant funding.
- The Special Event Data Call will be opening soon. We recognize these events will be difficult to predict under the circumstances but do the best you can. These events also have an impact on our UASI funding allocations.

- **Emergency Management Working Group**

- IEM is currently creating deliverable 1 for the EOC Framework.
- The next EMWG meeting is TBD.

- **Public Education**

- The next Pub Ed meeting is scheduled for September 15, at 10:30 AM. This

meeting will be a virtual zoom meeting. The link will be sent closer to meeting.

- Currently printing additional copies of the kids' activity book
- Outdoor Warning Siren Kit is complete and sent to region for use
- COVID-19 information added to the pandemic page
- Children's games from the activity book is on the website
- Facebook boost for month of June for website traffic
- Educational materials of rack cards, brochures, and coloring books are available in Lewisville. Contact is Matt LaMunion or Thomas Quinn
- Social Media
 - Remember to follow us and use our social media accounts
 - Twitter – KnoWhat2Do - @KnoWhat2Do
 - Facebook – KnoWhat2Do

- **Interoperability**

- A Region 40 Committee Meeting will be held virtually in early September
- The next Interop Working Group meeting is TBD.

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**

- Regional COVID-19 AAR
- Upcoming Training:
 - Working with T&E Chairs, TDEM and TEEEX to host virtual regional training courses for training credit hours for the remainder of the year.
 - For more information or to be added to the Training and Exercise listserv, email Donna Jackson (DJackson@nctcog.org) or Alex Clark (AClark@nctcog.org).

- **CCP**

- The CCP Exercise has been postponed to March 2021. We are working with the vendor to plan and it more information will be coming soon.

- **Mitigation:**

- Hazard Mitigation Action Plans (HazMAPs):
 - NCTCOG is anticipating funding for Ellis, Johnson, Navarro, Somervell, and Wise counties HazMAP updates under PDM-19.
 - PDM-17 Erath, Hood, Hunt, Palo Pinto, and Parker counties
 - All drafts will be submitted to TDEM for review pending approval of the Retroactive Scope of Work modification that identifies the changes in participants.

- PDM-16 Tarrant County
 - The HazMAP has formally been adopted. This new HazMAP will expire on March 22, 2025. All participating jurisdictions are eligible for Unified Hazard Mitigation Grant funding which includes: the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP); Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM); Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL); and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) programs.
- North Central Texas Safe Room Rebate Program:
 - The waitlist is closed for all counties. Closing the waitlist has helped reduce the waitlist number to 4,477 from a static 11,000
 - As funding becomes available, the program will proactively work through the waitlist
 - NCTCOG offered rebate opportunities in June 2020
 - NCTCOG was approved for an extension for DR-4223 through May 29, 2021
 - No additional funding is expected
- **CASA:**
 - All CASA radars are functional at this time.
 - If you are interested in having a webex CASA training for your jurisdiction please contact Amanda Everly at amanda.everly@fortworthtexas.gov.
 - The August 2020 CASA WX Executive Council meeting will likely be cancelled.