**REM Updates September 2, 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.
  + We are working to restructure some of the department duties. Once it is completed, we will send out a COG staff contact list.
  + 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](mailto:cforsyth@nctcog.org) if you have any questions.

**HS Team:**

* **REPAC**
  + The next REPAC meeting is Tuesday, October 6th at 9:30 AM. Nominations for SME seats on REPAC have been postponed until October 6, 2020. NCTCOG will continue to accept nominations for seats until September 25, 2020. The meeting will be held virtually on Microsoft Teams. A REPAC handbook meeting will be scheduled for September to cover topics discussed during the last REPAC Meeting.
* **SHSP**
  + 2020 HSGP Projects
    - Projects are currently in progress and become active on 10/1/2020.
    - Prohibitions on Purchasing Certain Telecommunications Equipment or Services with federal grant funds. Review the memo for more details.
    - Went into effect on August 13, 2020 for all open grant projects. Applies to all telecommunication equipment and services purchased since that date.
    - EGrant holds have been placed on all projects that this might apply.
    - Your Authorized official needs to sign the certification form acknowledging they received this new information and will comply. The hold will be removed once the form is uploaded into each of those projects.
  + Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR)
    - The NCSR is an **annual requirement** for recipients and subrecipients of HSGP funds.
    - Recipients and subrecipients of FY 2020 HSGP awards will be required to complete the 2020 Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR), enabling agencies to benchmark and measure progress of improving their cybersecurity posture. The CIO, CISO or equivalent for each recipient should complete the NCSR. If there is no CIO or CISO, the most senior cybersecurity professional should complete the assessment. The NCSR is available at no cost to the user and takes approximately 2- 3 hours to complete. The 2020 NCSR will be open for new participants from October – December 2020.
    - To document compliance, sub-recipients must upload a copy of their NCSR Completion Certification (PDF) from MS-ISAC into the “Upload.Files” tab in this grant record.
* **UASI**
  + 2020 HSGP Projects
    - Still processing applications. FEMA has shared that the impact of holds due to effectiveness review for Texas may only minimally impact projects. Anticipate only a few projects needing additional work. HSGD will not know what that will include until the awards are released. Instructions will be shared when received. Unsure if feedback on the process used will be provided but will be shared if received.
    - Prohibitions on Purchasing Certain Telecommunications Equipment or Services with federal grant funds. Review the memo for more details.
    - Went into effect on August 13, 2020 for all open grant projects. Applies to all telecommunication equipment and services purchased since that date.
    - EGrant holds have been placed on all projects that this might apply.
    - Your Authorized official needs to sign the certification form acknowledging they received this new information and will comply. The hold will be removed once the form is uploaded into each of those projects.
  + Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR)
    - The NCSR is an **annual requirement** for recipients and subrecipients of HSGP funds.
    - Recipients and subrecipients of FY 2020 HSGP awards will be required to complete the 2020 Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR), enabling agencies to benchmark and measure progress of improving their cybersecurity posture. The CIO, CISO or equivalent for each recipient should complete the NCSR. If there is no CIO or CISO, the most senior cybersecurity professional should complete the assessment. The NCSR is available at no cost to the user and takes approximately 2- 3 hours to complete. The 2020 NCSR will be open for new participants from October – December 2020.
    - To document compliance, sub-recipients must upload a copy of their NCSR Completion Certification (PDF) from MS-ISAC into the “Upload.Files” tab in this grant record.
* **From MS-ISAC:**
  + - * The 2020 Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR) is now available to returning participants! If you are a State, Local, Tribal, or Territorial organization, you can utilize the NCSR to measure your cybersecurity program at no-cost. This anonymous self-assessment will be open to complete, through December 31, 2020, and your NCSR data is available to access year-round.
      * For log-in steps, as well as password reset details, please consult the NCSR General User Guide located here: <https://www.cisecurity.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/NCSR-General-User-Guide-2020-0721-1.pdf>. Note: The password reset email may go to a spam/junk folder.
* **Emergency Management Working Group** 
  + IEM is currently creating deliverable 1 for the EOC Framework.
  + The next EMWG meeting is tentatively scheduled virtually for October 8, 2020.
* **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.
  + 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.
  + 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 September 25, 2020 at 9:30 AM.
* 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](mailto:publicsafetycomms@ep.nctcog.org))

* **Training and Exercise** 
  + Regional COVID-19 AAR
  + Upcoming Training:
* Working with T&E Chairs, TDEM and TEEX to host virtual regional training courses for training credit hours for the remainder of the year.
* **09/15/20**

AWR-136 - Essentials of Community Cybersecurity (4-hours)

* **10/13/20 and 10/14/20** (4-hour sessions)

AWR-376 - Understanding Targeted Cyber Attacks (8 hours split in two days 4-hour sessions)

* + For more information or to be added to the Training and Exercise listserv, email Donna Jackson ([DJackson@nctcog.org](mailto:DJackson@nctcog.org)) or Alex Clark (AClark@nctcog.org)
* **CCP** 
  + The CCP Exercise has been postponed to March 2021. We have been working with the vendor to restructure the exercise to be compliant with COVID protocols.
* **Mitigation**
  + *Hazard Mitigation Action Plans (HazMAPs):*
  + NCTCOG is anticipating funding for Ellis, Johnson, Navarro, Somervell, and Wise counties for 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.
  + The PDM16 Tarrant County HazMAP has formally been adopted. This new HazMAP will expire on March 22, 2025. All participating jurisdictions are eligible for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance.
  + *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 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](mailto:amanda.everly@fortworthtexas.gov).