

COG Updates for the May 7, 2021, REM Meeting

Emergency Preparedness Department:

- The COG Leadership is discussing reopening processes. This information will be sent along as soon as possible.
- Thank you to everyone who has already paid their Emergency Preparedness Program dues. There are still numerous jurisdictions who have not paid, if you have any questions please contact Candice Forsyth at cforsyth@nctcog.org.

HS Team:

▪ REPAC

- The Virtual REPAC Scoring After-Action Report Subcommittee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 11th, at 1:30 PM. The meeting will be held virtually on Microsoft Teams.

▪ SHSP

- December 2020 SHSP Grant Reallocations have been completed
- May 2021 SHSP Grant Reallocations are coming up
- 2021 SHSP Grant Program Changes
 - The required investment in each of the 5 National Priority areas is reflected below for a total of 30%:
 - Enhancing Cybersecurity 7.5%
 - Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places 5%
 - Addressing Emerging Threats 5%
 - Information and Intelligence Sharing/Cooperation 5%
 - *Combating Domestic Violent Extremism 7.5%
 - There will be a regional allocation this year.
 - The EPPC Funding Subcommittee has finalized all funding recommendations and they have been submitted to the Office of the Governor.
 - Final project allocation amounts will not be provided until the Office of the Governor releases our final award amounts.
- We are working with IEM to develop the SOW for the housing and restoration of Critical Infrastructure recovery project for the EM Working Group.
- The Cyber Security working group is developing an RFP for their recovery project.
- We are currently working with our COG IT department to evaluate our current conference room capabilities to determine what is needed to conduct both virtual and in-person meetings in the future since buildings are starting to open back up.

- **UASI**

- 2021 UASI IJs will be submitted in the federal portal by May 14, 2021.
- 2021 UASI Grant Reallocations are coming up
 - Funds should be de-obligated before the end of May and your reallocation spreadsheet should be submitted directly to me.
 - Reallocation requests will be submitted to the OOG before the end of June.
 - If you need to move funds from one of the projects assigned to the required National Priority Areas for the 2020 grants it is currently unclear if that will be allowed because we must maintain the required minimum funding in those areas. The OOG should be providing us additional guidance for these situations soon.

- **Public Education**

- The next Pub Ed meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2021 at 10:30 AM. This meeting will be a virtual Teams meeting.
- New PSA preparedness video marketing campaign in process with Cactex Media.
- New storage location provided by ITDRC in Fort Worth.
- Educational materials of rack cards, brochures, and coloring books are available in Denton. Contact is Brenda Gormley
- Guidebooks are available Dallas County. Contact is Melvin Cirilo.
- Social Media
 - Remember to follow us and use our social media accounts
 - ✓ Twitter – KnoWhat2Do - @KnoWhat2Do
 - ✓ Facebook – KnoWhat2Do

- **Interoperability**

- 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 IPP (formerly known as the MYTEP) will be submitted to TDEM on April 30.
- For more information or to be added to the Training and Exercise listserv, email Alayna Payne at apayne@nctcog.org.

- **Mitigation**

- *Hazard Mitigation Action Plans (HazMAPs):*
 - NCTCOG has been awarded PDM19-001 and -008 funds to update the HazMAPS of Ellis, Navarro, Johnson, Somervell, and Wise counties. Kickoff meeting is scheduled for April 22.
 - PDM-17 HazMAPs for Erath, Hood, Hunt, Palo Pinto, and Parker counties are Approvable-Pending-Adoption.
- *North Central Texas Safe Room Rebate Program:*
 - The program retired in December 2020.

▪ **CASA**

- 6 CASA radars are functional at this time. The radar in Arlington is down for a broken pedestal, the leadership team is looking at different possibilities to replace that but it appears it could be hard down for a lengthy time until repairs can be made.
- We held 3 CASA Open Houses in March that were very well received with over 100 regional participants. It has been decided to continue the open houses once a month for now to allow discussion on the website features as well as recent events each month.
- UMASS is working on a prototype in the spring for emergency managers to send alerts and pictures through the CASA Alerts app for weather situations such as closed roads or flooding.
- If you are interested in having a webex CASA training for your jurisdiction please contact Amanda Everly at amanda.everly@fortworthtexas.gov or Tonya Hunter at tonya.hunter@midlothian.tx.us.