



# REM Meeting

**December 4, 2020**

**2:00PM-3:00PM: Meeting**

**Virtual (WebEx): [Join meeting](#)**

## ❖ Welcome and Introductions

- REM Chair: Travis Houston - Emergency Management Specialist, City of Dallas

## ❖ Nominations

- Destiny Craft - Emergency Management Specialist, City of Dallas
  - Current Role Training and Exercise Coordinator managing the Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack (CCTA) project/grant
    - Previous role:
      - City of Dallas Intern
      - Prior: Dallas County Intern
      - Worked at Baylor Scott and White
    - Education:
      - Bachelors in Emergency Management and Planning
    - Why a good fit for REM Secretary?
      - Detail oriented,
      - Organized,
      - Dependable,
      - Committed,
      - and a team player
      - would like to utilize skills as a Secretary for REM
  - Amanda Meldrum - Emergency Management Analyst, City of Frisco
    - A.K.A "DEMANDa" City of Frisco, Emergency Management Analyst
      - Been in position for two years
      - Prior: a dispatcher (two years)
      - Also was in the 6.5 years in the Army
        - Integrated detainees
    - Education:
      - Bachelors in Emergency Management
      - Masters' in Public Administration
    - Why a good fit for REM Secretary?



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- Would love to introduce myself to the region and get to know more professionals in the field.
- If elected, would like to contribute on helping the region grow.
  - Passionate about public education, community outreach, and overall regional coordination.
  - Additionally, very organized. Keep people on task and organized.

## ❖ Presentation - Hurricane Laura Shelter Operations

- Alisha Gimbel - Emergency Management Coordinator, City of Richardson
  - Work did on the front end:
    - Mass Care ESF 6 Annex:
    - Cost benefit analysis
      - Reviewed documentation and lessons learned from Hurricane Gustav and Ike.
        - Looked at cost for sheltering per person.
          - Gustav: \$121.39 (Congregate Shelter)
          - Ike: \$153.34 (Congregate Shelter)
        - Looked at gaps in cost per person.
          - Healthcare
          - Lost revenue for shelter (Rec Center)
      - October 2019 Tornado
        - Non-Congregate Sheltering cost per person was \$137.50
          - Non-Congregate shelter freed up abilities to work in other areas
            - Example: volunteer reception center, debris management, assessing structures...
          - Forms and plans in place to make recovery flawless.
    - Opened up three hotels
      - It takes a village
        - Pull in city departments
        - Neighboring jurisdictions assistance
    - Considerations
      - COVID:
        - Temp Check Station
        - Set aside rooms for (help expedite the process)
          - Temperature
          - Exposure to COVID
      - Back ground check
      - Case Management
        - Chaplains
      - ADA Rooms



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- Pets
  - Does the hotel want them on one floor?
    - Carpet
    - Sound
- Food & food allergies
  - Delivering meals to the room
    - Help with volunteer groups
- Immediate health needs
  - Assign a form per room
    - Collect numbers from individuals assigned to rooms
- Address immediate needs
  - Ex: Milk, formula, pet food, Durable Medical Equipment (DME)
- Provide an information sheet
  - Where to go/find?
    - Ex. Food, prescriptions, transportation, cleaning services
- Data records:
  - Register people for notifications.
    - Send alerts informing return status
    - Send letters
    - Turn off room keys
- Documenting response
  - Started to develop a Non-Congregate Shelter Guide (DRAFT)
    - Currently at the State to review and provide feedback.
- Checking out:
  - Lot of items left behind
  - Prescriptions
- Streamlining process:
  - Utilize space to make it functional
  - Never stopped registration and made things work
    - Registration
      - Lobby Desk
        - Check-in and needs form
      - Ballroom
        - ETN Checkpoint
      - American Red Cross (ARC)
- Questions:
  - Other considerations:
    - Non-Congregate Sheltering capability when peaks of tourism.



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## ❖ Member Comments or Updates

TDEM Updates - STAR requests:

- When sending a STAR request, email your DDC and County when STAR is submitted for your jurisdiction.
- State testing sites – TDEM bringing in additional contractors
  - The STAR will need specifics
    - Location, Weather Planning, Traffic Plan, etc...
- In the process and coordination of Mass Fatality Planning, identifying resources deployed and in our region.
- Using lessons learned from El Paso to preplan.
- Misti Townsend, the new Disaster Recovery Task Force Regional Coordinator for TDEM R1
  - Contact information:  
E: Misti.Townsend@TDEM.Texas.gov  
C: 214-478-0603

DSHS Updates - Vaccines will be shipped out December 15<sup>th</sup> for (Pfizer) to providers that signed up.

NCTCOG Updates



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## ❖ Next Meeting:

- Next Meeting is February 5, 2021