

# North Texas Council of Governments

May 12, 2021

## Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:30 am.

Welcome by Kit Marshall and a moment of silence in honor of Gordy Van Steenberg.

Motion to accept minutes made by John Grand, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cyndi Troops' motion carries.

Project Updates: 2019 project has closed.

2021 project July or August moulage training @ Brick in the Yard. Real world mass casualty incidents, 4 classes of 10 students. A kit will be given to each trainee at the end of the class. The 2021 budget includes money for those trainees to receive a larger kit. Only 2 people from each program may be allowed due to high interest level. Sign ups will be closer to July.

45 bag packs slated to be ordered for new teams or as training cache. No new programs have formed recently. Recommended to reduce order to 15 packs. Tonya Hunter pointed out that some teams may not have met since COVID or ones that formed right before COVID may not have had time to outfit their teams. Grant was written specifically for New Teams. Candice will send out email to see if any new teams need packs.

Cyndi Troops made motion to allow the Chairs can make final decision to cut the cache order and remaining funds moved to moulage. John Grand 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion carried.

Purchases: 216 training tourniquets; Candice is working on how to distribute those. Still have some orange ones from last purchase.

Stop the Bleed equipment: wearable hemorrhage sleeve, knife wounds and gun shot packing kits. Brenda Gormley cautioned about the blood simulant is very slick and is almost a soapy consistency. These items are available for trainings.

John, Brenda, and Kit are trained to use the kit. Suggestion to bring another STB training to the region, RACK has people willing to train free of charge.

Covid Fatigue and PTSD- Kit Marshall asked how many of us would recognize those conditions in our members, it takes some time to realize the impact of an event on a person. Steve Howie suggested Critical Incident Stress Management training be brought to the region. A standalone training for program managers be arranged, maybe offer two dates for programs to choose from, have a zoom option, location Dallas, Denton, or Ft. Worth.

### Best Practices in Virtual Environment-

Denton County CERT website has a training on Hazmat dealing with household chemicals and how they react on victims and searchers.

Birthday emails to members to keep them included.

Allen CERT- 3000 Volunteer hours for the vaccine hub and had search and recovery participation with East Texas CERT.

Calendar integration- nctcog.org

Items can be added to the calendar, an ID lets you know that an event is submitted. Email Candice when you add an event. Only post events that you are willing to have other people join.

Denton County MRC recognized for their COVID POD

vaccination work. “During the early stages of the pandemic, the Denton Country MRC was activated to support epidemiologic screen, a call center and community based testing. Then in preparation for COVID-19 vaccines, the MRC Coordinator onboarded more than 250 new volunteers to support POD efforts. As vaccines became available the Denton County MRC began conducting large scale PODs, in a partnership with local emergency services, CERT and law enforcement. In February 2021, Denton County moved their POD model to the Texas Motor speedway and increased their vaccine throughput to an average to 10,000 vaccines per day. The MRC currently conducts three PODS per week and has provided more than 300,000 COVID-19 vaccines per week The Denton County MRC is an outstanding example of the impact that an MRC unit and volunteers can have on a community pandemic response.” Seth Roberts and Tonya Hunter have both been nominated for awards. TMS closes Friday afternoon.

Dates

Candice and Brenda will be attending National CERT Conference in July.

Next meeting August 11 at 9:30-11 might be in person

Adjourned at 10:40 am

Tricia Lindsey