



**Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI)  
Six Flags Conference Room  
12/20/2011, 11:00 a.m.  
Notes**

**Welcome/Introduction**

Angie Strickler, NCTCOG

**NCTCOG Updates**

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**EP Staff Update**

- Org Chart – Restructure of EP Department
  
- Supervisor positions eliminated – now have 4 Senior Specialists: Justin Cox, Francisco San Miguel, Angie Strickler and Melanie Devine.
  - Shad Lancaster is now the Manager and works directly under the Director, Molly Thoerner.
  - Overview of projects and EP Contacts is listed here:  
[http://www.nctcog.org/ep/EP\\_Contact\\_and\\_Projects\\_List.pdf](http://www.nctcog.org/ep/EP_Contact_and_Projects_List.pdf)
  - Angie Strickler – relocating to Colorado, but will remain the CRI coordinator and will return to Texas quarterly. Her email and cell phone numbers will remain the same.
- CRI Meeting Changes
  - Angie Strickler will be present for TAR visits in February
  - Changing meeting dates to avoid schedule conflicts with DSHS Meetings
  - March meeting cancelled – Meeting will happen in February – new meeting schedule to be emailed out including February 21, 2012 from 10 am to Noon.
  - DSHS TAR Review - April 24, 2012
- Forbes CRI Article
  - Monday, Dec. 5, 2011 – Handout provided. “America’s Most and Least Apocalypse-Proof Cities” by William Pentland. Dallas was rated #7 out of 76 MSAs was based on the TAR scores.
  - “In either instance, the CRI scores are likely to correlate with the effectiveness of a city’s emergency response to any crisis.”
  - Dallas MSA Score: 93.3
  - Full article and photographs are available: <http://news.yahoo.com/americas-most-least-apocalypse-proof-cities-192743477.html>

**DSHS Updates**

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- DSHS will be reorganizing their SharePoint site, so some folders will be relocated. These changes are not scheduled to go into effect until after our region has completed the TAR.
- CRI jurisdictions need to be very careful to save their documents using correct

- naming conventions (Example: 10.1 then title). Make sure there are notations and use the new checklist. Angie takes care of this for rural counties.
- DSHS has new MOU with FBI to provide meds to them with other first responders at PODs.
    - This took place at the regional level and lower levels were informed after MOU already finalized.
    - The FBI will provide their population numbers. It is approximately 1,500 individuals for our region.
    - Dallas asked if they could set up a closed POD for FBI and their families. Contact information will be sent to affected CRI metros.
  - Regional Exercise Update – Once every 5 years now instead of once a year – panning for year 3. Area will have to use regional assets to support the exercise, as Austin has not agreed to fund it.
    - RSS Site – transport trucks available and the exercise should include transportation. In actual medical deployment to PODs, contracts and brokers are activated to transport medication to counties.
    - Molly Thoerner, NCTCOG – suggested that the region consider a contingency plan for transport and then exercise it to meet the requirements, and thus avoid having to use the contracts for transport for an exercise.
    - Any site activations, facility or tabletop exercises need to show progress by building upon the last exercise.
    - Consider utilizing Brandi Lara, NCTCOG, as the exercise coordinator and possibly build off an existing UASI plan.
    - The exercise will be reconsidered and discussed during the June meeting.
    - Discussion of delivery, communication gaps and security were briefly discussed.
    - Tabletop exercises will also improve preparedness. Consider scheduling tabletop exercises within the next two years before regional exercise.
    - Request a brief from the State/DSHS regarding any available assets that may be used in an emergency.
    - Consider asking for an overview of regional assets from NCTTRAC and instructions on how these assets may be requested.
    - CRI Jurisdictions may be able to create MOUs to help them team up to reduce the amount of transportation needed to move the meds.

### **County Updates**

- Johnson County EOC – almost ready to be occupied – only awaiting certificate of occupancy.

### **RAND Document Training**

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- RAND transportation document may exist. Brenda Hart will locate it and distribute it via email. Further RAND Document Training will take place after this meeting is adjourned; attendees not required to participate may leave.

### **Announcements**

No December Deliverables

November Deliverables Overdue – EOC Personnel Update

**Merry Christmas!**

**Resources:**

CRI Webpage: [http://www.nctcog.org/ep/Special\\_Projects/CRI/index.asp](http://www.nctcog.org/ep/Special_Projects/CRI/index.asp)

Regional Calendar: [www.nctcog.org/ep/calendar.asp](http://www.nctcog.org/ep/calendar.asp)

NCTCOG Training Webpage: [www.nctcog.org/ep/training/](http://www.nctcog.org/ep/training/)

**Handouts:**

Forbes Article

EP Org Chart

**Next Meeting**  
**February 21<sup>st</sup>.**  
**10am-12pm**  
**William J. Pitstick Room**

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