



REM Meeting Notes

June 2, 2017 – 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Host:

**FEMA Region VI Headquarters - Texas Room
600 N. Loop 288, Denton, TX 76209**

- ❖ Welcome and introductions
 - Eric Hutmacher, 1st Vice Chair
 - Cindy Kieth, FEMA Region 6, Acting Director
 - Welcomed the group and voiced her appreciation for what we do.
- ❖ Adam **Trailer** –City of Dallas Office of Emergency Management
 - Gave background of the problem – Malicious Activation
 - Was able to determine that the problem was outside the control of the Dallas OEM and that a privately purchased encoder was being used to activate the system
 - All methods to stop the attack failed until they shut down the repeater that was sending out the activation tone.
 - Fixes
 - Control points no longer use radios to transmit activation tones
 - Changed the way the system communicates to the repeater
 - Time encryption changes the tone that is used to activate the sirens on a regular basis
 - 128 bit encryption key
 - Lessons Learned
 - Remote access to control points
 - Rename encoders
 - Time encryptions – Least costly fix (For Dallas. It may be more expensive for other jurisdictions depending on the system in use)
 - Emergency Shut-Off Plan
 - Immediate communication
 - Record channels (costly)
- ❖ Group Introductions
- ❖ Archie Salters, Senior Operations Specialist/Training & Exercise Coordinator RISC Coordinator, FEMA Region 6, Response Division/Operations Integrations Branch (OIB)
 - Operations Integrations Branch Introduction
 - Gave FEMA Mission
 - Discussed the Emergency Management Cycle
 - Showed FEMA Regions
 - Showed tribal footprint for the region
 - Showed threats within the region
 - Region Six is the busiest region when dealing with major disasters
 - Oklahoma has the highest number of disaster declarations followed by Arkansas
 - FEMA Region VI Org Chart
 - Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC)
 - FEMA Response Teams
 - ESF's 1-15
 - Discussed Response Division Mission and Goals
 - Response Division Teams
 - IST
 - GIS Support
 - RRCC Operational Readiness
 - Ops Planning Branch



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- Coordinates, develops, and integrates response plans
- Logistics Branch
 - Single focus point to manage logistical issues
- Workforce management team
 - Coordinate identify and deploy a robust incident workforce
- Incident management Assistance Team
 - Lead a prompt, effective, and coordinated federal response
- OIB
 - Coordinates the integration of Incident support
- OIB Org Chart
- OIB Tasks
 - Staff and train the RRCC
 - Provide Ops Support and integration of FEMA's mission areas during all phases of response operations
 - Manage mission assignment process and closeout
 - Strengthen relationships
 - Coordinate the communications infrastructure status
- RISC – Regional Interagency Steering Committee
 - Designed to give face-to-face time with stakeholders at all levels
 - Discusses plans and tries to expose obstacles prior to an incident so those obstacles can be overcome.
- ❖ Election of new REM Secretary
 - Travis Houston – City of Dallas
 - Shawna Lemley – City of Arlington
- ❖ **BREAK**
- ❖ Derek Duskin, Risk Analyst, FEMA Region 6,
 - HAZUS Flood Model
 - HAZUS is an estimation tool. NOT a deterministic or engineering tool.
 - Assesses Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources (CIKR)
 - Level 1 Default Databases
 - Level 2 User Modified Data
 - Level 3 Expert Applied Data
 - The model uses raster data to determine the depth of coverage of a census block and then weighs the damage based on that amount.
 - Essential Elements of Information – Important and standard information that incident managers need.
- ❖ NCTCOG Updates
 - EPPC
 - The next meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2017
 - <http://www.nctcoq.org/ep/EPPC/>
 - SHSP
 - Applications were submitted and prioritized. Funding Amounts currently remain unknown. Any funding to be moved should have already been de-obligated before the end of May.
 - Future grants may require a jurisdictional match due to a compromise between the President and Congress.
 - REPAC
 - Perry Bynum is now the REPAC Chair and David McCurdy is now the REPAC Vice Chair.
 - Any questions or concerns regarding REPAC should be addressed to Meredith Nurge, Emergency Preparedness Specialist.
 - UASI
 - The 1st round of 2017 project-to-project moves for the Homeland Security Grants will be taking place in June. Any funding to be moved should have already been de-obligated before the end of May.
 - Grant guidance has still not been released so we don't know what our final allocation amounts will be yet. The OOG is currently reviewing all the



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submitted projects and will be returning them soon for updates and corrections.

- Emergency Management Working Group
 - The Regional Response Summit will be held on July 19-20, 2017 at the Ruthe Jackson Center in Grand Prairie. See attachment for save the date. More information will be forthcoming.
 - Space is limited to City/County EMC's and field level decision-makers. Options are being examined to get information to those who are not able to attend.
 - Remaining FY16 SHSP grant funds will be transferred to Kauffman County June 1, 2017, for the purchase of an EOC in a Box.
- Public Education
 - English Guidebooks are updated and printed; available for pickup in Dallas. Spanish guidebooks are going to print soon.
 - KnoWhat2Do website redesign: vendor has been selected and will go live July 31, 2017.
 - Promotional items
 - Multi-tool kits are available, contact Meredith Nurge for pick-up arrangements.
 - Tentative cache sites for supplies include: Collin County, Tarrant County/Fort Worth, Denton County, Irving, Dart Offices in Dallas, and Mesquite.
 - Social Media
 - Remember to follow us and use our social media accounts: Twitter – KnoWhat2Do - @KnoWhat2Do; Facebook – KnoWhat2Do
- Interop
 - A survey regarding radio flash update needs was sent to the Public Safety Communication listserv to assess the needs of the region. The survey is completed and the flash updates will be purchased with FY 16 SHSP funds.
 - Jurisdictions will need to pay for the installment of the flash upgrades.
 - Another survey needs to be sent out to the Public Safety Communication listserv to find out which jurisdictions would like to participate in the upgrades.
 - The InterOp Working Group in conjunction with the NCTTRAC will be hosting a series of COML/COMT and Interop 101 courses. COML training will be on August 21-23, 2017. The COML instructors are Jerry Garrett and CJ Holt. The dates for Interop 101 will be sent out once we find an instructor to teach the course.
 - Training invites requested to be sent through the REM distribution list because some people who need the training are not on the InterOp list.
 - If you are interested in receiving communications-related information, you can request to be add to the Public Safety Communications listserv (publicsafetycomms@list.ncttrac.org). To have yourself, or a member of your agency added to the listserv, email vhooker@nctcog.org.
- Training and Exercise:
 - There will be three functional/full-scale exercises in early 2018.
 - Haz-X; HazMat functional exercise consisting of several training lanes practicing numerous technical skills. Date is tentatively set for February 2018.
 - Fort Worth and Arlington (Maybe) will be hosting.
 - Mid-X; integrated EOD/SWAT full-scale exercise focusing on CCTA operations in Dallas and Fort Worth. Date is tentatively set for March 2018.
 - EOC and Intel will be incorporated in this exercise.
 - Regional Complex Coordinated Attack is the tentative scenario for Big-X 2020.
 - USAR-X; USAR full-scale exercises at TCC Fire Training center. Date will be in early spring.
 - All exercises will address identified gaps from the Big-X AAR-IP.
 - To be added to the Training and Exercise listserv (training-



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- exercise@list.ncttrac.org) contact Tonda Henry(thenry@nctcog.org).
- CCP-Mitigation:
 - Hazard Mitigation Action Plans
 - The Benbrook Hazard Mitigation Action Plan has been approved by FEMA and adopted by the city. It will expire in 2022.
 - Release of PDM-16 funds for the Tarrant County update is pending.
 - North Central Texas Safe Room Rebate Program:
 - NCTCOG will receive \$250,000 in federal grant funds from DR-4223 for continuation of the Safe Room Rebate Program.
 - DR-4223 will mark the implementation of new safe room guidance for Texas.
 - COG 101 for new EMC's coming up.
 - CASA - Jurisdictions can have their citizens download the CASA app for free.
 - UAV working group established at the last REPAC.
 - Standards are being developed so a baseline of competence can be established.
 - THIRA State Preparedness Report development is coming up and will require input from the jurisdictions.
- ❖ Tour – RRCC (Regional Response Coordination Center)
- ❖ Next Meeting:
- Friday August 4, 2017
 - Venue TBD