



REM Meeting Notes

August 4th 2017, 9:30-12:00

Dallas City Club, Bank of America Tower, 901 Main St. Dallas TX, 75202

- ❖ Welcome and introductions
 - Eric Hutmacher, 1st Vice Chair
 - Welcomed the group and led introductions
 - Rocky Vaz, Managing Director, City of Dallas OEM
 - Welcomed the group and spoke briefly about the coordination efforts between Dallas OEM and Dallas Police Department during and after the July 7th police ambush.

- ❖ Shalissa Perry, Chief Marketing Officer, Downtown Dallas Inc.
 - Downtown Dallas Inc.
 - Emphasized the amount of development occurring in downtown Dallas.
 - Their main focus is public safety and cleanliness.
 - The group was invited to reach out via social media and told the group about events.downtowndallas.com, where upcoming events are posted.

- ❖ Martin Cramer, Vice President of Public Safety, Downtown Dallas Inc.
 - Downtown Emergency Response Team (DERT)
 - Downtown Dallas Inc. spends \$2.5 million a year on public safety.
 - Downtown Dallas has 140 buildings.
 - K2 is the forefront of the drug problem downtown; by 9AM the previous day there were 25 K2 responses.
 - They spend a lot of time reaching out to the homeless population and informing them of ordinances and services.
 - DERT was established 18 years ago, but the July 7th shootings brought it to the forefront.

- ❖ John Patterson, Sr. Emergency Management Specialist, City of Dallas OEM
 - City of Dallas “Mega Shelter” Plan
 - This plan was born out of the NCTCOG sheltering group plan.
 - The shelter would be located at the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center and is designed to hold 10,000 shelter guests.
 - Shelter guests will be housed on two levels of a climate controlled parking garage.

- There are 24 Shelter Functions that will be addressed to set up and run the shelter.
- This has been and will continue to be a complex coordinated effort to prepare for an evacuation.
- Shelter operations for a population this size will require a lot of traditional and a lot of out of the box thinking.
- Utilizing a mega shelter will consolidate operations of volunteer agencies into a single point of service.
- Regional partners will be asked to assist in many tasks associated with this type of operation throughout the entire sheltering timeframe.
- There will be plenty of scenarios that arise during shelter operations and we will be best suited to meet them by developing answers to as many scenarios beforehand. This will allow the focus to be on the things that were not thought about.
- A CONOPs was released and will be made into appendices for the Mega Shelter Operations Plan.
- The Basic Plan has been completed and is being reviewed internally.
- A table-top exercise will be planned after this hurricane season ends.

❖ Sr. Corporal Terrence Hopkins, Dallas Police Department, Strategic Deployment Bureau

- July 7th Dallas Police Ambush
 - Sr. Corporal Hopkins is in charge of tactical planning and special events. These types of events include dignitary protection, marches, and protests.
 - The protest on July 7th was a Black Lives Matter (BLM) protest of the deaths of Alton Sterling and Philando Castille.
 - These types of protests are very common in Dallas, and there is usually low levels of animosity. July 7th was a surprise and an exception.
 - Among the ~1000 protestors, 20-30 individuals were participating in open carry.
 - 100 police officers were on post to keep peace.
 - Sr. Corporal Hopkins was set up in the tactical command post.
 - The protest began at 8:11PM, and by 8:58PM the first shots were fired.
 - The City of Dallas Emergency Operations Center was activated by 9:30 PM.
 - Eventually, after negotiations had failed, Chief David Brown made the call to send in a bomb disposal robot outfitted with C4, which was detonated resulting in the death of the suspect.
 - The crime scene spanned five blocks and this area had to be shut down during the investigation.
 - This caused major traffic disruptions in downtown Dallas.
 - Sr. Corporal Hopkins runs an internet radio show called Police Talk 101 to bridge the gap between the police department and the public.
 - Police Talk 101 airs on Tuesday nights from 7-9PM, and can be found at www.fbrn.us.

❖ **BREAK**

❖ **NCTCOG Updates**

- Safe Room Roll Out
- Dallas County Submitted a planning grant.
- A first draft of the Regional Response Directory has been completed.
- THIRA – kickoff meeting was held on 8/3/2017. Training and exercise workshop will be held on October 24th, venue TBD.
- COG funds are set to go out in September/October.
- East side of the region now has an EOC in a Box. A list of what is provided and who to contact will be made available.

❖ **REM Updates – August 4, 2017**

- EPPC
 - The August 17, 2017 EPPC meeting has been canceled.
 - The next EPPC meeting scheduled for October 19, 2017.
<http://www.nctcog.org/ep/EPPC/>

❖ **HS Team:**

- SHSP
- We have some very exciting news regarding our FY 17 SHSP Projects! The Region received more funding than anticipated! We were able to move the additional funding down our priority listing to fund more of our projects. For questions and concerns regarding FY 17 SHSP funds, please contact Meredith Nurge.
 - FY 16 SHSP Allocation Amount: \$1,674,518
 - FY 17 SHSP Allocation Amount: \$1,841,970.20
 - Increase of \$167,452.20 from last year!
- REPAC
 - The next REPAC meeting is Wednesday, September 13th, at 9:30 in the Transportation Council Room at the NCTCOG.
 - Open house will be planned for some time in November
 - COG 101 will be split into two classes due to room constraints.
- UASI
 - Olson Group was identified as the contractor that will be updating our THIRA/SPR/RIP this year. The initial kickoff meeting will take place on August 3, 2017 at 1:30 PM.
 - Olson Group was also selected to write our Training and Exercise plan this year. Those meetings will begin soon. We are hoping to collect some of the data through surveys as well as during some of the THIRA meetings. There will still be some individual meetings, but hopefully this will allow us to get most of the information we need without having to conduct as many meetings.
 - Please make plans to try to these meetings. FEMA is requiring that our projects relate to the THIRA/SPR/RIP. If your jurisdiction is planning future projects then you need to ensure a scenario in the THIRA relates to the project.
 - All the 2017 projects have been reviewed and approved by the OOG. Please make sure you are working to get your resolutions signed and uploaded for each project in eGrants so that any holds can be

removed prior to the funds being awarded.

❖ **Emergency Management Working Group**

- The Regional Response Summit on July 19-20, 2017 at the Ruthe Jackson Center in Grand Prairie was a success. The event was recorded and the footage is being edited to create individual videos per each session for the region to use for training.
- Directory first draft has been made.

❖ **Public Education**

- Guidebooks in English and Spanish were updated and printed and available for distribution in Dallas.
- KnoWhat2Do website redesign: vendor has been selected and will go live September 15, 2017.
- Promotional items
 - Will be ordering more multi-toolkits and tote bags with KnoWhat2Do web address to promote new website.
 - 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**

- Motorola TDMA P-25 firmware updates will be purchased with FY 16 SHSP funds.
 - A survey regarding radio flash update needs was sent to the Public Safety Communication listserv to assess the needs of the region.
 - Out of the 26 jurisdictions that participated, 13 are eligible to receive the TDMA P-25 firmware upgrades. We are currently in the process of securing best price for the firmware upgrades. Once the price has been confirmed, the firmware upgrades will be distributed.
- The InterOp Working Group in conjunction with the NCTTRAC will be hosting a series of ComL/ComT courses.
 - [ComL](#) will be held August 21-23, 2017 at the Denton County Offices, 9060 Teasley Lane, Denton, TX 76210.
 - ComT will be held October 23-27, 2017 at the Denton County Offices, 9060 Teasley Lane, Denton, TX 76210.
 - Courses can be found on preparingtexas.org
- 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:**

- The project for the Training and Exercise Workshop and Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan was awarded to the Olson Group and the kickoff meeting with the planning committee was on August 3, 2017.

- Planning committee consist of five members of the Training and Exercise Working Group and NCTCOG EP training and exercise personnel.
 - Scheduled Workshops
 - FEMA Off Airport Aircraft Crash – September 26, 2017 @ UNT Health Science Center
 - Active Shooter Consequence Management – November 2017, location TBD
 - There will be four functional/full-scale exercises in early 2018.
 - Haz-X (West-X)
 - PWERT-X
 - COMM-X (April)
 - Tech-X
 - All exercises will address identified gaps from the Big-X AAR-IP.
 - City of Dallas mass casualty exercise.
 - To be added to the Training and Exercise listserv (training-exercise@list.ncttrac.org) contact Vanessa Hooker (vhooker@nctcoq.org).
- ❖ **CCP:**
 - A CERT Train the Trainer (428) class is scheduled at NCTCOG August 28-30. The class is currently full with a wait-list, but interested parties are still encouraged to sign up on Preparing Texas. Seats that become available will be filled from the wait list.
- ❖ **Mitigation:**
 - Hazard Mitigation Action Plans:
 - The Benbrook Hazard Mitigation Action Plan has been approved.
 - PDM-16 for Tarrant County has been funded and the first kick-off meeting is scheduled for August 17.
 - We have submitted an HMGP DR-4272 planning grant application for the counties of Erath, Hood, Hunt, Palo-Pinto, and Parker.
 - North Central Texas Safe Room Rebate Program:
 - NCTCOG was awarded \$251,100 in federal grant funds this month from DR-4223 for continuation of the Safe Room Rebate Program.
 - DR-4223 will mark the implementation of new safe room guidance for Texas.
 - 357 participants on the waitlist were contacted for a rebate opportunity in July 2017.
 - CASA WX
 - 7 radars are currently operational.
 - CASA app is still needing work as far as survey function and Android compatibility.
 - A fundraising campaign is in the works.
 - There will be a strong push for private sector marketing.
 - Awarded NSF grant for CASA radar to spot drones in the area.
- ❖ **Next Meeting:**
 - October 6th, 2017
 - Venue TBD