Public Works Emergency Response Team (PWERT) Working Group
September 20, 2018
Meeting Notes

I. Opening Remarks/Welcome

Manny Palacios, Chair gave opening remarks and welcomed all members

II. Introductions

Introductions from all PWERT members at the meeting

III. Approval of Meeting Notes

Manny Palacios called for a motion to approve June 14, 2018 minutes. PWERT members unanimously approved.

IV. Recent Activations

Ed Balderas spoke of two regional and one state activation since the last meeting. The regional activations were in North Richland Hills and in Richardson. Richardson requested a light tower and 7 message boards to support a broken 72” water line. The request was filled quickly with not big issues. NRH request sand bags and the request was filled very fast by the City of Euless to help during a flooding event. The state PWRT activation was for flooding in south Texas Valley Region. They were requesting 6-12” pumps which we don’t have many of in this region and large generators. The request was filled by renting and so the north Texas PWERT request was canceled. On state level activation TMAT is going to single MOU so that a jurist ion only needs to fill out one per-city/county to help out and not for each resource as required before.

V. Tabletop Exercise Recap

Ed Balderas spoke about the evaluation forms that were filled out after the tabletop exercise. There was about 30% filled out the forms. The table top had 112 participants from 44 agencies. The biggest issue found was that the staging manager was not defined clearly defined. Areas for improvements were inoperable communications, demob process, and critical incident debriefing. Strengths were the grant funded equipment and coordination and the mentoring that they received from the groups they were seated with that day.

VI. Wildland Fire Dozers

Brandon Barth, Town of Flower Mound EM and Clay Riggs, Town of Flower Mound PW discussed how there group was created and why. They explain what training the crew went to so they could become certified as Wildland firemen, the type of equipment they have and what they had to do with it to make it ready for this type of work, and areas for work. Their discussion was to help give other ideas on possibly stating a team for their area or a team for PWERT.
VII. Secretary Election
Manny Palacios gave an update that Ronnie Bates term was up and he would not be rerunning. The floor was open for nominations. No nominations were received. Barry Fulfer was asked by Manny Palacios if he would be willing to take on the role of Secretary and then put to a vote. PWERT members unanimously approved Barry Fulfer as the new PWERT secretary.

VIII. Hot Phone for Next Quarter
October: City of Rowlett
November: City of Carrollton
December: City of Princeton

IX. THIRA and SPR Discussion
Olson Group, LTD discussed with the group the threat hazard identification risk assessment. The Olson Group presented to the group a couple of questions that pertained to public works and ask how with our capabilities we could respond to these treats/ risk. The first question was how long it would take PWERT to clear 70 miles of debris from roads. The second was how many weeks it would take to drinking water back up and running to 10000 people after a dam breech and last question was how many weeks it would take to get waste water flowing for 20000 people after a dam breech. Lots of discuss was done by the group on all the questions but the PWERT group came up with answers for the all the questions and gave them to the Olson Group for use in the THIRA.

X. Group/Public Comment
No comments

Next Meeting:
NCTCOG, Metroplex Conference Room
December 20, 2018
9:30 am-11:30 am

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