



**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 PWERT 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 TMAAT 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 n 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

**Google Hot Phone:** 972-827-8758

**PWERT website:** [http://www.nctcog.org/ep/Special\\_Projects/PWERT/Index.asp](http://www.nctcog.org/ep/Special_Projects/PWERT/Index.asp)

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