COG Updates for the July 9, 2021, REM Meeting

Emergency Preparedness Department:
- EP Department will resume in-person meetings in August. Yay!
  - We are currently working with our COG IT department to evaluate our current conference room capabilities to determine what is needed to conduct both virtual and in-person meetings in the future since buildings are starting to open back up.
- There has been a lot of changes occurring through our department, please be patient as we shuffle tasks around.
- Donna Insixiengmay has sent out the budget notices for the FY22 dues which will be invoiced in October 2021.
  - There are still numerous jurisdictions who have not paid your FY21 dues, if you have any questions, please contact Candice Forsyth at cforysth@nctcog.org.

HS Team:
- **REPAC / EPPC**
  - The next REPAC Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, in the Transportation Council Room.
  - The next EPPC Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 19, 2021, in the Transportation Council Room. New members will be sat at this meeting.

- **SHSP**
  - May 2021 SHSP Grant Reallocations
  - FY 2021 Final project allocation amounts have been received from the Office of the Governor

- **UASI**
  - 2021 June UASI Grant Reallocations due to OOG by the end of the month

Working Groups:
- **Public Education**
  - The next Pub Ed meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2021 at 10:30 AM. This meeting will be a virtual Teams meeting.
  - Daniel Ringhauser with Grand Prairie is the new chair and Alexis Snyder with Richardson is the new co-chair.
  - New PSA preparedness video marketing campaign in process with Cactex Media.
  - New storage location provided by ITDRC in Fort Worth, contact is Chris Hillis.
  - Educational materials of rack cards, brochures, and coloring books are available in Denton. Contact is Brenda Gormley
  - Guidebooks are available Dallas County. Contact is Melvin Cirilo.
Questions, please contact Donna Insixiengmay at doinsixiengmay@nctcog.org

Social Media

- Remember to follow us and use our social media accounts
  - Twitter – KnoWhat2Do - @KnoWhat2Do
  - Facebook – KnoWhat2Do

Interoperability

- The next Interop Working Group meeting is TBD.
- If you are interested in receiving communications-related information, you can request to be added to the Public Safety Communications listserv (publicsafetycomms@ep.nctcog.org)

Training and Exercise

- Multiple trainings have been scheduled throughout the region. There will be 3 more iterations of 300/400 classes in Denton, Fort Worth, and Rowlett this summer. This fall the Texas Forest Service will present six different All Hazard trainings, and Tarrant County college will present two command and control classes.
- Registration will be available soon for these trainings.
- If you have any questions, please contact Candice Forsyth at cforsyth@nctcog.org.

Emergency Management

- The housing and restoration of Critical Infrastructure recovery project is currently in progress the subcommittees have each had their first meeting.

Cyber Security

- The Cyber Security working group is reviewing the 17 proposals that were received based on the RFP. We hope to announce the vendor by mid-July.
- The next Cyber Security meeting will be Friday July 23, 2021.

Mitigation:

- Hazard Mitigation Action Plans (HazMAPs):
  - Ellis, Navarro, Johnson, Somervell, and Wise counties are conducting risk assessments for their mitigation plans.
  - Erath, Hood, Parker, and Palo Pinto HazMAPs have been FEMA-approved. Awaiting approval for Hunt.

- North Central Texas Safe Room Rebate Program:
  - The program retired in December 2020.

CASA WX:

- 6 CASA radars are functional at this time. The radar in Arlington is down for a broken pedestal, the leadership team is looking at different possibilities to replace that, but it appears it could be hard down for a lengthy time until repairs can be made.
- We held a CASA Open House in June and the last one of this storm season will be
July 7 at 10am. Contact Amanda or Tonya if you need the login info for the virtual meeting. The Open Houses allow discussion on the website features as well as recent events each month.

- If you are interested in having a webex CASA training for your jurisdiction please contact Amanda Everly at amanda.everly@fortworthtexas.gov or Tonya Hunter at tonya.hunter@midlothian.tx.us.