

## REM Updates October 8, 2020

### Emergency Preparedness Department:

- Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the COG building is closed to the public through the end of the year, and most of the EP department is working remotely. All meetings have either been cancelled or moved to a virtual platform, until further notice.
- The Emergency Preparedness Program dues were sent out recently to the EMC, City Manager, and Mayor unless otherwise specified. Please contact Candice Forsyth [cforsyth@nctcoq.org](mailto:cforsyth@nctcoq.org) if you have any questions. This email packet also included an update department contact sheet, and a letter starting some of the items we have done over the past year.

### HS Team:

- **REPAC**

- The next REPAC meeting is Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM. REPAC will vote on nominations for SME seats on REPAC and the Handbook Committee recommended changes. Updates and information will be provided over Community Lifelines, the upcoming National Critical Infrastructure Prioritization Program (NCIPP) Data Call, and the Nationwide Cybersecurity Review. The meeting will be held virtually on Microsoft Teams.

- **SHSP**

- 2020 HSGP Projects
  - Projects are currently in progress and become active on 10/1/2020.
- 2021 Grant Applications
  - Project submissions for FY21 open December 14, 2020. Grantees have until February 11, 2020 to submit their project and have it signed by the Authorized Official. (Approximately 2 -3 weeks earlier than last year)
  - Working group meetings will begin soon to start discussing project applications
- Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR)
  - The NCSR is an **annual requirement** for recipients and subrecipients of HSGP funds.
  - Recipients and subrecipients of FY 2020 HSGP awards will be required to complete the 2020 Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR), enabling agencies to benchmark and measure progress of improving their cybersecurity posture. The CIO, CISO or equivalent for each recipient should complete the NCSR. If there is no CIO or CISO, the most senior cybersecurity professional should complete the assessment. The NCSR is available at no cost to the user and takes approximately 2- 3 hours to complete. The 2020 NCSR will be open for new participants from October – December 2020. For returning users, the system is open now and can be accessed at: <https://grc.archer.rsa.com/>
- To document compliance, sub-recipients must upload a copy of their NCSR

Completion Certification (PDF) from MS-ISAC into the "Upload.Files" tab in this grant record.

- **UASI**

- 2021 HSGP Projects
  - Be thinking about the projects you want to submit for your jurisdictions. We anticipate the rules will be the same as last year with a minimum of 5% of our UASI allocation to be allocated to the following 4 Investment Justifications (IJs): Cyber Security, Soft Targets/Crowded Places, Information Sharing/Fusion, and Emerging Threats. In addition to the above 4 required IJs we also have to have at least 1 project in each of the Cyber Security and Soft Target IJs dedicated to Election Security.
  - Projects listed in the above 4 IJs will be scored by FEMA for effectiveness. If a project is deemed to not be effect, then FEMA may choose not to fund that project and it could result in reduced overall funding for our UASI.
- National Cyber Security Review
  - The NCSR is an **annual requirement** for recipients and subrecipients of HSGP funds.
  - The 2020 Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR) is now available to returning participants! If you are a State, Local, Tribal, or Territorial organization, you can utilize the NCSR to measure your cybersecurity program at no-cost. This anonymous self-assessment will be open to complete, through December 31, 2020, and your NCSR data is available to access year-round.
  - For log-in steps, as well as password reset details, please consult the NCSR General User Guide located here: <https://www.cisecurity.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/NCSR-General-User-Guide-2020-0721-1.pdf>. Note: The password reset email may go to a spam/junk folder.
  - To document compliance, sub-recipients must upload a copy of their NCSR Completion Certification (PDF) from MS-ISAC into the "Upload.Files" tab in this grant record. The OOG will not provide any reimbursements for your HS Projects until this requirement is met.
- FY2021 Critical Infrastructure / Key Resources (CI/KR) Data Call
  - Accepting nominations for new Level 1 and Level 2 infrastructure assets, systems, or clusters
  - Nominations Open from September 28, 2020 through October 19, 2020
  - No changes in the criteria for identification and inclusion
  - The OOG will be providing us a list of sites that are already on the list
  - Be thinking about any new sites that may have recently been built and need to be added to the list
  - The last data call was performed in 2018 but the last major data call was done in approximately 2012 so there should be information that needs to be updated.

- This affects our Homeland Security funding for both the State and our Urban Area so please participate.
- **Emergency Management Working Group**
  - IEM is currently creating deliverable 1 for the EOC Framework.
  - The next Emergency Manager's Working Group meeting will be held virtually on October 8, 2020.
- **Public Education**
  - The next Pub Ed meeting is scheduled for November 3, at 10:30 AM. This meeting will be a virtual zoom meeting. The link will be sent closer to meeting.
  - Outdoor Warning Siren Kit is complete and sent to region for use.
  - COVID-19 information added to the pandemic page.
  - Children's games from the activity book is on the website.
  - Educational materials of rack cards, brochures, and coloring books are available in Lewisville. Contact is Matt LaMunion or Thomas Quinn.
  - Social Media
    - Remember to follow us and use our social media accounts
      - Twitter – KnoWhat2Do - @KnoWhat2Do
      - Facebook – KnoWhat2Do
- **Interoperability**
  - A Region 40 Committee Meeting was held virtually September 25, 2020 at 9:30 AM.
  - 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](mailto:publicsafetycomms@ep.nctcog.org))

- **Training and Exercise**
  - Regional COVID-19 AAR
  - Upcoming Training:
    - **Oct 6** - AWR-136 - Essentials of Community Cybersecurity (4-hours)
      - **Oct 10/13/20 and 10/14/20** (4-hour sessions) - AWR-376 - Understanding Targeted Cyber Attacks (8 hours split in two days 4-hour sessions)
      - **Oct 8** - MGT 346 EOC Operations & Planning for All-Hazards Course TEEX, On-line Course (6-hour course)
  - For more information or to be added to the Training and Exercise listserv, email Alayna Payne at [apayne@nctcog.org](mailto:apayne@nctcog.org).
- **CCP**
  - The CCP Exercise has been postponed to March 2021. We have been working with the vendor to restructure the exercise to be compliant with COVID protocols.
- **Mitigation**
  - *Hazard Mitigation Action Plans (HazMAPs):*

- NCTCOG is anticipating funding for Ellis, Johnson, Navarro, Somervell, and Wise counties for HazMAP updates under PDM-19.
  - Received a RFI (Request For Information) for the Ellis & Navarro application. Submitted 9/25.
- PDM-17 Erath, Hood, Hunt, Palo Pinto, and Parker counties
  - Drafts were submitted TDEM in conjunctions with TDEM's review of the Retroactive Scope of Work modification that identifies the changes in participants.
  - NCTCOG has received requests from TDEM to make some changes to the HazMAPs.
- The PDM16 Tarrant County HazMAP has formally been adopted. This new HazMAP will expire on March 22, 2025. All participating jurisdictions are eligible for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance.
- *North Central Texas Safe Room Rebate Program:*
  - The waitlist is closed for all counties. Closing the waitlist has helped reduce the waitlist number to 4,477 from a static 11,000.
  - The program will be coming to a close.
  - No additional funding is expected.

- **CASA**

- All CASA radars are functional at this time.
- 2021 CASA WX membership invoices will be going out the end of October.
- If you are interested in having a webex CASA training for your jurisdiction please contact Amanda Everly at [amanda.everly@fortworthtexas.gov](mailto:amanda.everly@fortworthtexas.gov).