EST Background

- Developed by the EM Working Group in 2016 to facilitate deployment of professional emergency managers as supplemental staffing for EOCs during activations.
- Built on lessons learned realized from real-world EOC activations.
- Primary operations are within the North Central Texas Region but may respond beyond.
EST Mission Statement

Provide professional emergency management assistance to Emergency Managers and Emergency Operations Centers in support of their response, relief, and immediate recovery efforts.
EST Mission Statement
Activations

2. Big X (functional/full scale exercise)
3. DPD/DART police shooting (July 2016)
4. Rio Grand Valley Evacuation FSE (June 2016)
5. Canton Tornado (2017)
6. Hurricane Harvey (2017)
7. Ellis County Flooding Event (2018)
Activations

8. Erath Flooding (2019)
11. Texas Motor Speedway Mass Vax Ops (2021)
12. Chief Asebedo EOW (2021)
Glenn Heights EOC
EF3 Tornado
Texas Motor Speedway
Mass Vax Ops
Position-Specific Roles & Responsibilities

Positions may be created and/or staffed as needed, and will be largely dependent on the nature of the incident and response.

- EST Duty Officer
- EST Coordinator
- Team Leader
- Team Member

*See EST Handbook for full details*
EST Coordinator & Duty Officer

- Serves as initial activating POC for EST
- May be performed virtually or may operate from an incident scene or facility
- Identifies and authorizes deployment of resources
- Coordinates scheduling, resource packaging, and mobilization of EST
- Does not have to deploy - may work virtually or co-located with DDC, EOC, Command Post, etc.
EST Team Leader

- Responds to affected jurisdiction as requested by EST Coordinator or Duty Officer
- Provide direct assistance to the requesting agency
- Oversee EST Members that have responded to the same jurisdiction
EST Team Member

- Respond to affected jurisdiction as requested by EST Coordinator or Duty Officer
- Provide direct assistance to affected jurisdiction
All positions

• Be self-sufficient with a 48-hour go-bag for no-notice deployments
• Be prepared to operate around the clock for extended time
• Be prepared to perform any EOC assignments as requested/assigned
• Track labor hours and report to Team Lead
• Do not self deploy
• Attend refresher training as necessary
Team Roster/Database

- Team roster and contact information is maintained in Everbridge and Google
- Each member is asked to keep contact information current
- Will need to be updated/replaced with updated version periodically
Alert/Activation (SOG 1)

- **Gather** go-kit to include work equipment & supplies.
- **Get informed** about the incident.
- **Notify** home agency and supervisor.
- **Prepare** vehicle for travel.
Once sufficient and reasonable need is determined, the EST Coordinator/Duty Officer may activate and begin mobilizing the EST

1. Duty officer will determine initial EST deployment assignments
2. Scheduling form will be used to fill assignments
✓ Receive pre-deployment briefing.
✓ Notify home agency and supervisor.
✓ Coordinate your own lodging arrangements (unless otherwise specified).
✓ Travel SAFELY to incident assignment location.
Team Communications (SOG 2)

- Voxer App
- Email
- Phone
  - 1-on-1 calls
  - Texts
  - Mass Texts
  - Conference Calls
Upon Arrival (SOG 5)

✓ **Report** to incident supervisor to confirm assignment.

✓ **Meet** with outgoing personnel for transfer of assignment briefing.

✓ **Notify** EST Coordinator/Duty Officer of check-in. This helps to ensure personnel accountability and safety.

✓ If Team Leader, **rally** subordinate staff to provide briefing & assign tasks.
During Deployments

- All media inquiries should be passed along to the host jurisdiction.
- In the event media inquires specifically about the EST, pass along to EST Coordinators.
Available Resource (EOC In-A-Box)
EOC In-A-Box Contents

• Housed by City of Lewisville
• Designed to enhance EOC facilities and/or provide an EOC environment when none is available.
• Contains:

  ✹ Display systems  —  Lighting
  ✹ Desks  —  Plotter/ printers
  ✹ PA  —  Chairs
  ✹ White Boards  —  Electrical and more

*Full details in Attachment 3.
the road ahead
Questions?