Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (REPAC)

February 13, 2018
Welcome

- Opening Remarks/EPPC Update
- Roll Call
- Approval of last meeting’s notes
FY 18 Process Overview

- January 26 – Projects due from Working Groups
- January 30 – REPAC Scoring Meeting
- February 8 – EPPC Funding Meeting
- February 13 – Quarterly REPAC Meeting
- February 15 – Quarterly EPPC Meeting to approve projects and funding
- February 28 – Projects due to the State in eGrants
- September – Grant Award Workshop
- October – Projects awarded
REPAC Scoring AAR

- Purpose is to analyze methods used for the project submission and scoring
- Evolve processes to ensure the process is most fair, equitable, and effective for everyone
- Update the REPAC/SHSP Guidelines to reflect the process, if necessary

Thursday, March 29th at 9:30 a.m. in the William Pitstick Conference Room
Post Award Grant Workshop

- COG staff to host Post Grant Award Workshop in September/October timeframe
- Include items needed to manage the grant such as Public Policy Research Institute (PPRI) reporting and Financial Status Reports (FSRs).
- eGrants Training in Austin on a monthly basis
REPAC SME and County Seats

- Appointing at Thursday’s EPPC Meeting for Public Works and Comms SME seat positions
- New Wise County member
  - Cody Powell, EMC
- New Quarterly Meeting schedule may require Seat terms to end in May versus June
REPAC Handbook

- Updating the Handbook to include any REPAC Scoring AAR items
- Vote on the Handbook at May’s REPAC Meeting
- Handbook to be sent out in advance of the meeting
Radio Communications
Working Group
Chair Introduction

- Jonathan “CJ” Holt
  - Radio Systems Manager
- Mike Simpson
  - Palo Pinto County ESD #1 - Radio Systems Manager
- Gary Gregg
  - Euless Police Department – Technical Services Manager
- Eric Gildersleeve
  - Denton County - Emergency Management Officer
Working Group Overview

- **Background**
  - Enhance communications within the 16 county region to include Public Safety, Amateur Radio, and Non-Profits.
  - Participants in Urban Shield and Big X.
Recent Accomplishments

- **FY 2013 SHSP**
  - Radio System Gap Analysis Project
    - Identified five regional gaps to close.

- **FY 2014 SHSP**
  - Equipment
    - Purchased four briefcase style 800MHz portable repeaters.
Recent Accomplishments

- **FY 2015 SHSP**
  - Trainings
    - Communication Unit Leader (24 new trainees)
    - Unit Technician (13 new trainees)
    - Radio Interoperability 101

- **FY 2016 SHSP**
  - Trainings: 60 students between Interop 101, COML, & COMT.
  - Equipment
    - 500 TDMA P25 firmware upgrades for seven jurisdictions totaling $155k
Future Goals

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- Continue to host DHS Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) courses in the region.
- Interop X to identify communication gaps within region.
- Formalize the Interoperability Response Group.
- Expand Interoperability within region.
- Expand the Interop Response Group capabilities.
Emergency Management Working Group
Chair Introduction

- Elliott Reep
  - Emergency Management Coordinator
  - City of Carrollton

- Billy Owens
  - Emergency Management Coordinator
  - City of North Richland Hills

- Melanie Jensen
  - Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator
  - Rockwall County
The Emergency Management Working Group (EMWG) is composed of local stakeholders in the North Central Texas Region who work toward establishing best practices, coordinating planning efforts, and identifying needs for regional emergency managers.

The working group plans and coordinates regional initiatives and assists in identifying gaps in emergency operations throughout the region through coordination and collaboration. Based on gaps identified through trainings, exercises, and real world events, the emergency management working group works to address regional needs and provide technical assistance and expertise to enhance emergency operations in the North Central Texas.
Recent Accomplishments

- **FY 15**
  - EOC Assessments
  - EOC Support Team Training and Handbook
- **FY 16**
  - Regional Response Summit – July 2017
    - Brought different specialties and jurisdictions together to find out *who has what and how to get it*
  - Kaufman County EOC in a Box
    - 2nd mobile EOC support unit in the region
Future Goals of EMWG

Future Goals of the Working Group

- FY 17
  - Response and Recovery Enhancements
  - Regional Recovery Summit and Recovery Toolkit

- FY 18
  - Kaufman County EOC in a Box Enhancements
  - EOC Operations Coordination Framework
  - 2019 Regional Response Summit
Announcements

- NCTCOG / TARC Updates
- Committee/Public Comments
- Adjournment

Next REPAC Meeting: May 8th
North Central Texas Council of Governments
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.