Welcome and Introductions

- Samantha Pickett, REM Chair

Presentations

- **Highway-Rail Grade Crossing for Public Safety** - Roland Glenister; Railroad Safety Inspector, Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)
  - Roland presented an overview of the FRA, the organization, and the mission of the agency
  - FRA Office of Railroad safety oversees:
    - Grade crossings
    - Hazardous materials
    - Motive power and equipment
    - Operating practices
    - Signal and train control
    - Tracks
  - Discussed Rail Safety 101
    - Introduction of railsigns and their meanings
    - How to report accidents or track obstructions
    - Public safety response to rail incidents and safety protocols for personnel

- **Simulation Table Demonstration** - David Stender, Sam Houston State University (SHSU)
  - Two resource websites:
    - [IHSOnline.org](http://IHSOnline.org) - Institute for Homeland Security Online
      - Shares information on the program, mission statement, research papers/videos, opportunities for research proposals and funding, training, and other valuable information.
    - CJTexas.org
  - Training Opportunities
    - Offers online certificates in transportation, chemical & energy, or healthcare.
  - Simulation Table Demonstration
    - Simulation table is usually set up with sand and usable for exercises and trainings.
    - Discussed a scenario at SMU and how the Sim Table is used during an exercise.

Discussion

- **Regional Transit Preparedness Group** - Chance Huxtable, Emergency
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Preparedness Specialist, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)

- Proposal for a Regional Transit Preparedness Group to support preparedness in transit
  - Most jurisdictions have a variety of transit and transportation partners, and building relationships with these partners has been hard in the past
  - DART/Chance can help broker relationships between other transportation partners that regional emergency managers do not have as well built relationships as with DART
- Proposal for meetings of all stakeholders (DART, freight, Greyhound, and other transit partners) and a communication channel for the group
- Preparedness group received support from REM and will move forward with formation.

Member Comments or Updates

- NWS Updates
  - Amanda Schroeder, Senior Service Hydrologist
    - Service Hydrologist - program leader for regional hydrology
    - Shared important information about regional flooding
    - NWS River Flood Products
      - Flood products were updated (hazard simplification)
        - Flood Watch
          - 24 - 48 hours in advance of heavy rain
          - May expect flash flooding and river flooding
        - Flash Flood Wash
          - Now reserved to cover areas downstream of dam potential failures
          - Flood - overflow of water over dry land (longer term event)
          - Flash Flood - rapid inundation of water onto normally dry land (short term event)
          - River Flood Warning (FLW) - issued to show when/where flooding is expected
          - Flood Advisory - alerts public of “nuisance” flooding
  - Flash Flood Warnings with IBW tags
    - Flash Flood Warnings will now only activate WEA with an IBW tag attached
  - Contact Amanda if you are doing hydro-related tabletops or drills!
    - amanda.schroeder@noaa.gov

- NCTCOG Updates
  - Full updates in the attached document.
  - Highlights
    - Active Shooter Exercise Development course in April, and will be adding additional dates (stay tuned for registration links!)
    - The NCTCOG has created a new training and exercises dashboard with dates and registration links for all regional trainings. Click here for the dashboard
    - Make sure to check out the Regional Emergency Management portal on the COG Website! If you do not have your log in, email...
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Amanda Everly
  o Lots of information and resources are housed in the portal!

● TDEM Updates
  ▪ DRTF Coordinator introduction - welcome Victor!
    (victor.magana@tdem.texas.gov)
    ● Contact Victor for DRTF Application process
  ▪ TDEM Conference
    ● Parking will be an issue - try to carpool or use public transit
      o Downtown Parking Map
    ● Public Transit Options
      o TX Rail
      o Trinity Metro Rail
      o DART Station nearby
  ▪ New Trainings are available - stay tuned for more information
    ● Finance training
    ● iSTAT/pSTAT training
  ▪ PIV-I Badge printing will be ramping back up after the conference - looking for sites to host larger printing operations. More information to follow.

● University of North Texas
  ▪ Happy 40th anniversary to the UNT EDAP!
    ● Party will be in the spring of 2024, as well as many other celebratory activities!

❖ Next Meeting:

  ● Friday, June 9th - Texas Baptist Men, Dallas, TX