

Emergency Preparedness Planning Council (EPPC) Meeting Minutes
NCTCOG / Transportation Council Room
December 5, 2024
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Pledge to United States and Texas Flags (9:30 am)

EPPC Council

Welcome New Members & Opening Remarks (9:32 am)

EPPC Council

Roll Call (9:36 am)

Vanessa Hooker, NCTCOG

Public Comment on Agenda Items (9:37 am)

*Members of the public may comment on any item(s) on today's agenda at this time. If speaking, please complete a Speaker Request Card available at the meeting and provide it to the North Central Texas Council of Governments designated staff person. A maximum of (3) minutes per speaker is permitted. At the conclusion of this item, no further opportunities for public comment will be provided for the duration of the meeting. **No public comments.***

Approval of September 2024 Meeting Minutes (9:37 am)



EPPC Members

- **Motion:** Steven Deffibaugh made a motion to approve the September 2024 EPPC meeting minutes, the motion was seconded by Carol Strain-Burk. The motion carried.

Business Items (9:37 am)



EPPC Members

2025 SHSP Projects

- Last year we received a cut in funding of about 10% to \$1.37 million. We hope to get the funding reinstated back to \$1.5 million this year.
- 35% of funds must go to Law Enforcement (LETPA) projects.
- 27% of funds must go towards the (5) National Priorities

REPAC Rankings:

- REPAC received presentations from all of the working groups and reviewed all of the projects.
 - Carve-Out – Regional Planning
 - Carve-Out – FIFA World Cup After Action Report
 - 1. EMWG/T&E – 0-305 IMT training courses (3)
 - 2. USAR – Multiple Skills Trainings
 - 3. SWAT #1 – Communication headsets for 3 jurisdictions.
 - 4. EOD – 10 Bomb Squad IED Trainings
 - 5. T&E – Position Specific Trainings
 - 6. PWERT #1 – Variable Message Signs
 - 7. Hazmat – Multiple Trainings
 - 8. PWERT #2 – Light Towers
 - 9. SWAT #2 – Thermal Imager
 - 10. Public Education Working Group Project (PubED) – KnowWhat2Do Website and Video Maintenance
 - 11. Fusion – Fusion Center Analyst
 - 12. Community Preparedness Programs Working Group (CPP) – Moulage and Turn Kits
 - 13. Interop Working Group – Travel
- How EPPC Funding Committee looked at the REPAC Ranking based on the Federal Guidelines
 - Tier 1 - \$1,372,500 – This is what we received last year. We had to skip some projects that were ranked higher than others.
 - Tier 2 - \$1,500,000 – This is what we are hoping to get and are pretty sure we will get it.
 - Tier 3 - \$1,700,000 – We will add funding to our highest rank projects.

Q: Is there any funding for Cyber?

A: The Cyber working group did not submit a project because the state has a Cyber grant program. The state wants everyone to apply for their Cyber program.

- Approval of EPPC Funding Committee Prioritization and Allocations for the 2025 SHSP Projects
Motion: Steve Babick made a motion to approve the EPPC Funding Committee prioritization and allocations for the 2025 SHSP projects, the motion was seconded by Crystal Chism. The motion carried. (9:53 am)
- Approval of EPPC Funding Committee to Change Allocations if Needed based on Grant Guidance
Motion: Patrick Kelly made a motion to approve the EPPC Funding Committee to change allocations if needed, the motion was seconded by Anthony Ricciardelli. The motion carried. (9:54 am)
- EPPC Chairs Approval to Submit SHSP Applications
Motion: Steven Deffibaugh made a motion to approve the EPPC Chairs approval to submit SHSP applications, the motion was seconded by Marcus Ray. The motion carried. (9:55 am)
- Approval of EPPC Nominations (Will go to Executive Board for final approval.)
Motion: Steven Deffibaugh made a motion to approve the EPPC Nominations, the motion was seconded by Chuck Mohnkern. The motion carried. (9:56 am)
- EPPC Chairs Approval of the THIRA/SPR on behalf of EPPC
Motion: Jason Shipper made a motion to approve the EPPC Chairs Approval of the THIRA/SPR on behalf of EPPC, the motion was seconded by Steven Deffibaugh. The motion carried. (9:59 am)

Administrative Business (10:00 am)

NCTCOG Staff

- **SHSP Grants Dashboard**
 - Blue - Money has been spent and submitted for reimbursement.
 - Red - Money has not been spent yet. There are some new projects that have just begun.
 - By the September EPPC meeting, there should be a lot more progression (blue) on the chart of projects completions.

• Information Items (10:04 am)

Regional Interoperable Communications Plan (RICP)

Interop Working Group

○ Regional Gap Total - \$166,925,100

Michael Baldwin, City of Weatherford

○ Gap Analysis by County

- Collin - \$17,205,500
- Dallas - \$72,008,500
- Denton - \$13,419,000
- Ellis - \$689,000
- Johnson - \$4,608,000
- Kaufman - \$0.00
- Palo Pinto - \$3,178,000
- Parker - \$2,486,500
- Rockwall - \$0.00
- Tarrant - \$45,972,000
- Erath - \$124,450
- Hood - \$2,096,950
- Hunt - \$1,660,000
- Navarro - \$1,286,400
- Somervell - \$236,900
- Wise - \$1,173,900
- Total Subscriber Gap Analysis Estimated Costs: \$159,566,500
- Total Infrastructure Gap Analysis Estimated Costs: \$780,000
- Total: \$160,346,500
- Total Regional Gap Total: \$166,925,100

• Non-profit Security Grant Program (NSGP) Update

NCTCOG Staff

- Provides security enhancements to non-profits in the region to include gates, bollards, access control, and

- physical security enhancements
- Churches, mosques, synagogues, and other non-profits (501c3)
- Applicants could apply for up to \$200,000.00, \$210 million nationwide
- DFWA UASI – 85 Applications – Statewide, 260 applications
- Expect Announcements in Spring

• **Metro X Update**

Exercise Planning Team Members

- 2024 SHSP project to help out region prepare for major regional special events
- We have had multiple meetings, and many more to come
- Full scale, multi-discipline exercise consisting of a CCTA scenario
- 3-day exercise (10-12 hours each day), October 27-29, 2025
- 10-12 incident sites plus EOC's, Area Commands, hospitals, Family Assistance Center, State and Federal partners
- We will have sites in Denton, Dallas, Collin, and Tarrant counties
- EOC's will be activated
- Planning team consisting of EM's, reps from working group, and state & federal partners. Our next meeting with them is February 13th.
- Objectives discussed:
 - Multi-discipline/agency integration
 - Operational Communications
 - Regional Support Center DDEOC
 - Patient Tracking
 - Short-term recovery
 - CRBNE scenarios
- FEMA National Exercise Program will assist with this project
- The Olson Group, Ltd. Was hired as a contractor to assist with many different things including Donation Management
- Site Host Agreements and Extent of Play Agreements will be available – January 31, 2025
- VIP Escorts will be available

COG Updates / Announcements (10:200 am)

NCTCOG Staff

- COG was selected to receive a Regional Catastrophic Resilience grant. We will start to work in January of next year. It's a 3-year program. We will hire 3 staff members for this project.

Upcoming Events (10:22 am)

Regional THIRA/SPR Workshop	December 17, 2024
EPPC Funding Subcommittee Meeting (if needed)	Jan/Feb 2025
REPAC Meeting	February 6, 2024
Metro X Midterm Planning Meeting	February 13, 2024
Emergency Management Association of Texas Conference (EMAT); College Station, TX	March 17-19, 2025
Texas Emergency Management Conference; Fort Worth, TX	May 27-30, 2025

Member Comments / Public Comments (10:23 am)

- Patrick Kelly appreciates the hard work from COG staff.

Resources

September 2024 Meeting Minutes
 2025 SHSP NCTCOG Project Priority
 EPPC Roster
 EPPC Nominations
 Emergency Preparedness: www.nctcog.org/ep/
 State Training Website: www.preparingtexas.org

Meeting Adjourned (10:24 am)

Next Meeting

April 2, 2025 (Hybrid Meeting)

NCTCOG Regional Forum Conference Room/MS Teams

Networking: 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Meeting: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM