




**Emergency Preparedness Planning Council (EPPC) Meeting**  
**NCTCOG / Transportation Council Room**  
**March 21, 2024**  
**9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**  
**Minutes**

**Pledge to United States and Texas Flags (9:32 AM)** EPPC Council

**Welcome New Members & Opening Remarks (9:34 AM)** Larry Woolley, EPPC Chair

**Roll Call (9:36 AM)** Self Introduction of Attendees

- Commissioner Woolley was not in attendance at this meeting.

**Approval of December 2023 Meeting Minutes (9:41 AM)**  EPPC Members

\*Tabled until the June 13<sup>th</sup> EPPC meeting due to lack of quorum.

**Business Items (9:41 AM)**  EPPC Members

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- Approval and Acceptance of SERI Grant
- Approval of REPAC Nominations

**Administrative Business** Justin Cox, NCTCOG

- EPPC Nominations
  - We will be starting with nominations a little bit earlier than normal to ensure the committee will be able to vote on the nominations before they go to the Executive Board. The nomination period is April 1, 2024, through May 24, 2024.
  - EPPC Bylaws considerations for Council seat selection will include regional geographic balance, emergency preparedness related experience, and an opportunity for different jurisdictions to represent their population category.
  - EPPC will vote on the nominations at the June 13, 2024 EPPC meeting, and it will go to the Executive Board for final approval thereafter.
  - The first meeting for new members will be September 13, 2024.
  - Commissioner Larry Woolley will be rotating off as EPPC chair. Mayor Ray Richardson will be move up to chair. We will need an EPPC vice-chair. Justin will be sending out e-mail communications regarding the EPPC vice-chair seat. Please let Justin know if you are interested in this position. The vice-chair candidate will need to come from rural jurisdictions, outside of Denton, Dallas, Tarrant, and Collin counties.
  - We're working on getting somebody from Navarro County.
  - We will not receive the RIS census population updates for another couple of months. Therefore, no updates were made to any population brackets. The only one that is updated is the City of Lewisville. They are now 120,000 – 169,000 population brackets.
- Regional Service Excellence Awards

- Nomination Process
  - You may nominate yourself, a team, a department, or an organization that you feel deserves recognition for regional emergency preparedness activities that occurred in calendar year 2023.
  - Nominations are anonymous, unless you would like to provide your contact information, and are submitted via Microsoft Form page.
  - The nomination period will start April 1, 2024, and close April 26, 2024.
- Award Review Committee
  - The review committee will consist of the NCTCOG EP Director, Maribel Martinez and members from the Emergency Preparedness Planning Council (EPPC) who volunteer to review awards.
  - The Award Review Committee will review all nominations and rank them. This will take place April 29 through May 13, 2024. The committee will receive a batch of all nominations to rank. The rankings will be sent to Justin Cox.
  - The Award Review Committee will meet virtually on May 15, 2024, at 10:00 am to finalize the top 5 award winners.
  - Sign-up sheet for this committee will be passed around.
- Award Winners
  - Award winners will be presented at the June 13, 2024, EPPC meeting.
  - Award winners will receive a trophy and certificate to recognize their work.
- SHSP Grants Dashboard
  - We only put projects that are completed and have been reimbursed. Items that have been ordered but have not been received will not be listed on this dashboard. Next week at the Executive Board we will be asking for approval for a vendor to do our EOC, Cyber Security, and Fusion tabletop exercise and workshop. This will be for a regional exercise. We are keeping up with these projects to ensure the funding is being spent, and progress is being made.  
We will continue to provide updates at future meetings on the progress of the projects that are listed on the dashboard.

## Information Items

Justin Cox, NCTCOG

- 2024 SHSP Project Priority List
  - At the last meeting, there was a rank list that EPPC approved for 2024 SHSP Projects. This year we had to provide a priority list.
  - The first planning meeting for Metro X is April 2025. More Metro X updates to come.
  - Some of the projects listed (not in bold) will be funded with sweep funds later. It is good to list extra projects.
  - There are some requirements that FEMA will give us for our grants.
  - 35% of our funding must go to Law Enforcement and terrorism.
  - They did not remove Election Security.
- CASA Legislative Update and Support Letters
  - CASA is a network of radars are the only ones in the country that are in the urban environment in the country.
  - Our radars will allow the National Weather Service (NWS) to send out advance warnings to the public.
  - There are different types of radars. The type of radars that NWS uses is called a NEXRAD. This radar covers a very large area.

Chase Wheeler, Grand Prairie

- CASA Wx Program has an Executive council that consists of various stakeholders. The program was established 15 years ago.
- We are looking legislatively for funding. We went to Washington DC to meet with some of the legislators.
- Congresswoman Kate Granger offered to take the lead on finding funding for this project.
- We are asking for \$8 million to support 10 radars.
- Solar Eclipse Update Maribel Martinez, NCTCOG
  - The Eclipse is expected on April 8<sup>th</sup>. It should start around noon.
  - We are expected to have 270K – 1 million people to come to the region.
  - Amanda Everly and the EGRT team have produced a map and sent it out to the region.
  - Amanda is getting Special Event data from the state.
  - NWS have published their eclipse website and will start doing daily briefings April 1<sup>st</sup> – April 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - TDEM regional DDEOC will be activated on April 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - If a county determines the eclipse will impact local resources, a disaster declaration can be issued ahead of the eclipse on April 8 if there is a need for additional resources. They are working with TDEM and their local mutual aid to apply for those resources.
  - TxDOT will have electronic message boards out.
  - Communications/Interop – regional communication plan is being coordinated.
  - There are some ISDs/school closures in the southern end of the region. The Texas School Safety board is sending information to all ISDs.
  - RAC/Hospitals – “Elevated Level” monitoring. They will activate accordingly.
  - Regional airports have met & coordinating various issues/needs. There is a Texas Airport meeting tomorrow. A lot of the smaller airports are coordinating with their local jurisdiction.
  - 911 Centers are engaged & planning for influx of calls. They will be closely monitoring before and after the event.
  - Public messaging – KnowWhat2Do distributed a social media kit to the region’s Emergency Managers and PIO group. This social media kit is available on the dashboard.
  - North Texas PIO, TxDOT, NWS is distributing messaging.
- Program Achievements Brad Kavanaugh  
Donna Insixiengmay  
Shayne Phillips
  - KnowWhat2Do
    - The KnowWhat2Do campaign focuses on public education and preparedness, and to provide messaging to our citizens and to the region.
    - Social media posts are sent out to the region bi-weekly.
    - The social media presence promotes consistent regional messaging.
    - We received some great feedback from the outside jurisdictions on our printed material and social media website at the 2023 TDEM conference.
    - Our Interactive website consists of; Preparedness Tips, Make a Plan, Public Service Announcements, and Resources.
    - The KnowWhat2Do team received an Outstanding Public Information Award at the EMAT Symposium for Exemplary Efforts in Increasing Public Awareness of Emergency Management Issues, Social Media, and Interactive Website.
- Citizen Corp Program Ferrule Rose

- The Citizen Corp program consists of volunteers from various community corps programs.
- After the CERT basic training, they become type 2 volunteers.
- Cert volunteers receive shelter training that is administered through the Red Cross.
- We received \$5,000 for burn bands that will be distributed throughout the region. The upcoming year we will receive \$22,000.
- We will be working on getting more training for type 1 volunteers.
- CCP received moulage. This will come in handy at the 2026 Metro X.

### COG Updates / Announcements

NCTCOG Staff

- Metro X is scheduled for 2025. Our regional partners are currently having planning meetings.
- TEEX will be offering several trainings. The first training will be the MGT-418 training.
- The Fusion Center EOC Cyber vendor have been selected and will go to the Executive Board for approval.

### Upcoming Events

Solar Eclipse Call	March 28, 2024
REPAC After Action Review Committee	April 11, 2024
REPAC Meeting	May 16, 2024
Texas Emergency Management Conference; Fort Worth, TX	May 28-31, 2024
National Homeland Security Conference; Miami, FL	July 22-25, 2024
IAEM Region 6 Conference; Killeen, TX	Sept 19-20, 2024

### Member Comments / Public Comments

- Perry Bynum wanted to know how the RFP process was going. The RFP process is going well. April 1 is the first Metro X planning meeting. There will be working group meetings in between planning meetings. We hope to have the RFP SOW ready to go by July/August. We will not receive funding until September. The goal is to take it to the Executive Board in September.
- REPAC nomination question whether to email out to peers.

### Resources

December 2023 Meeting Minutes  
 REPAC Nominations  
 REPAC Roster  
 EPPC Roster  
 EPPC Population Brackets  
 Emergency Preparedness: [www.nctcog.org/ep/](http://www.nctcog.org/ep/)  
 State Training Website: [www.preparingtexas.org](http://www.preparingtexas.org)

### Next Meeting

June 13, 2024

NCTCOG Transportation Council Room

Networking: 9:00 AM

Meeting: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM