

North Central Texas Council of Governments ■ Emergency Preparedness Department

# Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (REPAC) Meeting Notes William J Pitstick Conference Room May 15, 2025 / 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Welcome & Opening Remarks** 

**REPAC Committee** 

Roll Call Shelly Pollock, NCTCOG

Quorum was met.

#### **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

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 February 11, 2025, Meeting Notes

**REPAC Members** 

• **Motion:** Jennifer Klemke made a motion to approve the February 11 REPAC meeting notes, the motion was seconded by Chase Wheeler. The motion carried.

Business Items REPAC Members

# Review and Approve REPAC After Action Review Committee (AARC) Recommended Changes to the REPAC Handbook

Samantha Taylor and Justin Cox reviewed the changes made:

- New definitions section (pg. 5-7)
- Updated acronyms (pg. 8)
- Requiring alternates (pg. 9)
- Clarifying elections (pg. 11)
- Purpose of and who can form REPAC Subcommittees (pg. 12)
- Ensure EP Staff provides an overview of National Priority Areas in the August meeting (pg. 15)
- Salaries for personnel employed by local jurisdictions (pg. 15)
- Clarifying eligibility concerning Emergency Management Plans (pg. 15)
- Motion: Irish Hancock made a motion to approve the recommended changes to the REPAC Handbook, the motion was seconded by Michael Baldwin. The motion carried.

#### Cancel the Establishment of the CIKR Subcommittee

• **Motion:** Paige Saucer made a motion to cancel the Establishment of the CIKR Subcommittee, the motion was seconded by Travis Houston. The motion carried.

#### Creation of a Critical Infrastructure Task Force

 This task force will work to improve the formula for funding. Cody Powell was appointed Chair by Jason Lane. Members should fill out the form if you are interested in serving on the Task Force.

#### **Review and Approve REPAC Nominations**

- o Parker County Jason Lane
- City of Fort Worth Sonny Saxton
- o EOD Bryan Couture, City of Hurst
- Fusion Malcolm McLaughlin, Collin County
- o Training & Exercise Jason Carriere, City of Irving
- UAS Scott Eckstein, City of Richardson
- SWAT Justin Hawthorn, City of Frisco
- Hazmat Tanner Morgan, City of Grand Prairie
- o Emergency Management Shawna Lemly, City of Arlington
- Cyber Chase Wheeler, City of Grand Prairie
- o PWERT Brad Harris, City of Balch Springs
- o Interop Linn Goodman, City of Cleburne
- USAR Eduardo Saldivar, City of Arlington
- **Motion:** Tonya Hunter made a motion to approve the REPAC nominations, the motion was seconded by Jamie Moore. The motion carried.

#### **Discussion Items**

#### Community Preparedness Programs (CPP) Working Group Update

Tricia Lindsey, CPP

- Guidelines were approved in August 2024
- Mission Statement: The mission of the North Central Texas Regional Community Preparedness Programs Working Group is to further citizen and community preparedness through regional collaborative efforts.
- Eligibility: Volunteer programs that are recognized by a governmental/educational agency in a preparedness or support role are eligible for participation in List SERVs. Must have supporting agency contact, each program can attend quarterly meetings.
- Leadership: The Community Preparedness Programs Working Group has three chair positions. The chairs will consist of urban and rural representation. Terms are for 2 years.
- The CERT website will be updated.
- On-going activities are Metro X, Regional Catastrophic Planning Grant Program (RCPGCP), and Texas Community Preparedness Council.

#### **Public Education Video Project Update**

Taylor Conti, NCTCOG

• Taylor Conti made an update and played the new active shooter awareness videos on the KnoWhat2Do website.

#### 2025 Special Events Data Call

Amanda Everly, NCTCOG

 More information is coming in August. Let Amanda know about your special events scheduled for the upcoming year. Amanda noted that this is important for our risk profile ranking with

- DHS. It will help improve funding for UASI and SHSP.
- Chase Wheeler asked how we can help everyone in submitting their events. There was
  discussion on the barriers of submitting events and how to make it more user friendly.

#### **2025 THIRA/SPR/RIP Process**

Justin Cox, NCTCOG

- The Regional THIRA/SPR workshop will be held on June 5 at 10 am to review the process.
- We are entering Year 1 of 3 for THIRA.
- In the June workshop, we will review the current scenarios, discuss a potential cyber scenario, possible impacts of GIS, and determine what Core Capabilities to focus on for SPR.
- The State Regional Implementation Plan is not required this year.

#### NCTCOG Regional Catastrophic Grant Program (RCPCP) Update

**RCPGP Staff** 

- Taylor Conti reviewed the details of the program:
- Year 1, 2, and 3 details for each quarter
- One on One meeting details
- Project Goals

Grant Dashboard Justin Cox, NCTCOG

- Overview of 2025 grants:
- 2023 Interop grant ends September 2026; only remaining expenses includes travel for interop working group members to conferences.
- Pub Ed ends September 2025; about \$1,000 remaining to be spent on Pub Ed supplies.
- Metro X ends January 2026; exercise planning is ongoing and processing monthly invoices.
- 2024 PWERT ends September 2025; purchase vehicle interdiction trailer, working on final purchases and should be completed by performance period.
- 2024 SWAT ends September 2025; a couple of jurisdictions have already completed. On
  jurisdiction has run into purchasing issues but will have everything completed by the end of the
  performance period.
- 2024 EOD ends December 2025; trainings have been completed. Additional funding will be spent on bomb dismantling tools for trainings and real world incidents.

Metro X Update NCTCOG Staff

- Justin gave the status of Metro X:
- Shared the new logo
- Reviewed the sites and scopes/scenarios for the event
- Reviewed next steps, upcoming meetings, and donations/wishlist
- Answered questions about volunteers, parking, and evaluators

#### **FIFA World Cup Update**

**Committee Members** 

- Irish Hancock gave an update on this event:
- Reported on the number of base camps for teams to choose from.
- Reviewed the schedule of when teams are chosen to play in north Texas.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Working Group Meeting

Community Preparedness Programs (CPP) Working Group Meeting

Texas Emergency Management Conference, Fort Worth, TX

NCTCOG THIRA/SPR Workshop

Emergency Preparedness Planning Council (EPPC) Meeting

May 21, 2025

May 27-30, 2025

June 5, 2025

June 11, 2025

Mission: Enhancing lasting partnerships and proactive Emergency Preparedness initiatives through advocacy, communication, and collaboration

Transportation TTX
National Homeland Security Conference, Washington DC
Metro X

July 29, 2025 Aug 25-28, 2025 Oct 27-29, 2025

## **NCTCOG Updates**

No new updates

### **Committee Comments**

# Meeting Adjourned (11:55 am)

Motion to adjourn was made by Travis Houston and Tonya Hunter seconded.

**Next Meeting** 

August 7, 2025 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM City of Grand Prairie EOC