



North Central Texas Council of Governments

REM Meeting – December 1, 2023 COG Updates

Emergency Preparedness Department

- EP Membership Dues and CASA invoices have been distributed to the region. Thank you all for ensuring payment from your jurisdiction/county in a timely manner!
- Personnel – Michael Hernandez Jr has been selected as the new Training & Exercise EP Specialist. His start date will be 11/27. Welcome on-board Michael!
- Upcoming Regional Training & Exercise Dashboard - <https://www.nctcog.org/ep/resources/training-and-exercises>
- Regional Emergency Management Portal - Contact Amanda Everly at AEverly@nctcog.org for the login information.
- Emergency Management Toolkits - <https://www.nctcog.org/ep/resources/toolkits>
- Follow our social media:
 - Twitter- <https://mobile.twitter.com/nctcogep>
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Grants

REPAC / EPPC

- REPAC and the EPPC funding committee have met to prioritize 2024 SHSP projects. Projects will be presented at the next EPPC meeting for approval.
- The next EPPC meeting is December 7, 2023, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM in the Transportation Council Room at NCTCOG.
- If you have any questions, please contact Justin Cox at jcox@nctcog.org.

SHSP

- Surveys have been sent out for the State Preparedness Report (SPR). This was sent to REPAC members, UAWG members, and the regional working group chairs. If you plan on applying for Homeland Security grants or need this for another grant, please complete the surveys so that we can address your gaps in the SPR. Surveys are due by November 30.
- Working group dashboards for grant tracking have been distributed to working groups and REPAC chairs.
- If you have any questions, please contact Justin Cox at jcox@nctcog.org.

UASI

- The next UAWG meeting will be held on February 1, 2024, at 1:30 PM at NCTCOG.
- The OOG will be moving to a once-a-year reallocation process for the UASI Grant projects.
 - Jurisdiction reallocation requests will be due to me by September 15th each year.
 - If funds have not already been de-obligated before September 15th and included in the report sent to me by the OOG, then we won't be able to reallocate those funds during that period.
 - The goal is to get reallocations awarded between January 1st thru 10th of each year.

- Start planning your GY24 UASI Grant applications now. Use last year's requirements as your guide until we know more.
 - All projects must be greater than \$10,000 to be considered.
 - Try to come up with projects in the National Priority Areas first since we must have 30% of our overall funding dedicated in those areas.

Hazard Mitigation

- Hazard Mitigation plans have been completed for Wise, Navarro, Johnson, and Somervell counties and are at TDEM/FEMA review.
- NCTCOG will be working with the City of Paradise in January to develop their hazard mitigation plan at which time Alayna will return working at NCTCOG EP.
- Available grant funding opportunities:
 - **NOFO 1:** Under the [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities 2023 Grant Program](#) (BRIC 2023) there is \$2M available for the Texas state allocation with a planning project cap of \$1M, and \$2M available for building code related projects identified in the FEMA NOFO and Fact Sheet. The application period is from October 16, 2023, through **January 8, 2024**, on FEMA GO.
 - **NOFO 2:** The [Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funding Opportunity \(DR-4705\)](#) application period is open through **February 2, 2024**, on Grants Management System (GMS).
 - **NOFO 3:** Jurisdictions can apply to the [Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Program](#) (LHMPP) with the Texas General Land Office to update or develop a hazard mitigation plan. **No deadline.**

Working Groups

Citizen Corps Programs

- The next CCP meeting will be a virtual, Townhall style meeting December 12, 2023, from 1:00p-3:00p.
- The Regional Moulage team supported 1 jurisdictional Full-Scale exercise and 2 hospital exercises in October, as well as 1 hospital exercise in November.
- Any questions or requests for assistance regarding Regional Citizen Corps Council can be directed to Ferrule Rose at frose@nctcog.org.

Cyber Security

- The next Cyber Security meeting is TBD.
- A regional meeting to address the Rural County Cyber Security needs is in the early planning stages.
- If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Everly at aevery@nctcog.org.

Emergency Management

- The next EMWG meeting is December 14, 2023, from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM in the Regional Forum Conference Room at NCTCOG. This will be a hybrid meeting.
- The CI/KR project is in progress with both workshop days completed and moving forward with the creation of the CI/KR template. On November 28, 2023, from 1:30p-3:30pm the working group will roll out the CIKR template based on the workshops and feedback from the last few months.
- If you have any questions, please contact the chairs: Shawna Lemley at Shawna.Lemley@arlingtontx.gov, Eric Hutmacher at Eric.Hutmacher@dentoncounty.com, and Samantha Pickett Samantha.Pickett@co.ellis.tx.us, or Justin Cox at jcox@nctcog.org.

Interoperability

- The next meeting date is TBD.
- Members of the working group attended the Red River COMMEM in late October.
- The Interop Chair as well as NCTCOG EP representative attended the TXSWIC Conference in November.
- The GY2022 RICP update/gap analysis is completed, this included the first 10 counties.
- The GY2023 RICP update with the final 6 counties should be starting in the next few months.
- Irving/Grand Prairie received \$1 Million on the SERI grant and is moving forward with procurement.
- If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Everly at aeverly@nctcog.org.

Public Education

- The next Pub Ed meeting is November 29, 2023, at 10:00 AM via Microsoft Teams.
- If you have any questions regarding Public Education, please contact the chair Brad Kavanaugh at bkavanaugh@garlandtx.gov or Donna Insixiengmay at donna.insixiengmay@waxahachiepd.org, or Ferrule Rose at frose@nctcog.org.
- Social Media - Remember to follow us and use our social media accounts:
 - Twitter – KnoWhat2Do - @KnoWhat2Do
 - Facebook – KnoWhat2Do

Public Works Emergency Response Team

- The next Public Works Meeting is TBD
- If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Everly at aeverly@nctcog.org.

Training and Exercise

- The next T/E meeting is TBD. The RFP subcommittee for the EOC/Fusion/Cyber exercise is meeting and plans to have the RFP ready by January 1.
- There are multiple classes that are currently open for registration. Please see our training calendar for registration information - <https://www.nctcog.org/ep/resources/training-and-exercises>.

- If you have any questions, please contact the chairs Scott Tarzwell at starzwell@mail.smu.edu , Matt Miller at mmiller@fatetx.gov or Amanda Everly at aeverly@nctcog.org. A new chair selection is in the process for the next meeting.

PSURT/UAS

- The next UAS meeting is January 19th at NCTCOG.
- If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Everly at aeverly@nctcog.org .

CASA WX

- The next CASA meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2023, at 9:30 AM at NCTCOG in the Metroplex Conference Room and Teams.
- 2024 Membership due invoices went out in October.
- Discussions are currently being held with various Congressional offices from the NCT region to work on a consolidated effort to request congressional funding for radar replacement and network expansion. This request would be entered in the spring of 2024.
- If you are interested in having a webex CASA training for your jurisdiction or have any questions please contact Amanda Everly at AEverly@nctcog.org , Chase Wheeler at CWheeler@GPTX.org , or William Wessel at WTWessel@tarrantcounty.com .