



REM Meeting

December 2nd, 2022

9:00AM-9:30AM: In Person Networking

9:30AM-11:30AM: Meeting

**Grapevine EOC, 1007 Ira E Wds Ave, Grapevine, TX 76051
OR
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

❖ Welcome and Introductions

- Lauren Sanchez, REM Chair

❖ Presentations

- **Texas Search and Rescue** - Mark Tompkins; TEXSAR North Texas Division Membership and Outreach Coordinator
 - **Mission:**
 - Search and RescuE
 - Flood and Swiftwater Rescue
 - Incident Management
 - Medical Disaster Response
 - K9 Search
 - Mounted Search & Rescue
 - Aerial Search
 - TEXSAR is self-sustained and will assist at no cost.
 - Can be deployed at the request of law enforcement, public safety, and emergency management officials.
 - Can be requested by calling the 24/7 activation line: 512.994.4727
 - Serves the entire State with four divisions and warehouses strategically located.
 - NTX warehouse is located in Arlington resulting in an hour and a half response time. If additional resources are needed, additional warehouse resources are utilized.
 - Volunteers and vehicles are insured under TEXSAR's insurance.
- **MCI Patient Tracking Update** - Jacob Seil; NCTTRAC Deputy Director for Preparedness and Response
 - NCTTRAC is planning to adopt Pulsera as the regional MCI tracking platform in June 2023.
 - Pulsera will come at no-cost to jurisdictions as the State has a contract stemming from COVID-19 patient tracking standardization attempts.
 - Pulsera is currently utilized day-to-day by EMS and hospitals.
 - Pulsera will be connected to the new Texas EMS wristbands (stand-alone initiative) where all of the patient's information can be pulled and viewed by scanning the wristband.



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- Pulsera changes:
 - Each organization controls their own user accounts - local EMS agencies may already be utilizing; therefore, you will need to request an account from them when the time comes.
 - Can be used for non-regional events given that an incident creation is done at the local EMS level.
 - Can add/view patient photos
 - Has both desktop and mobile device capabilities.
- Implementation Plan
 - MCI Joint Task Force to vote on Pulsera on 12/8/2022
 - Regional education campaign to begin February 2023.
 - Biweekly regional virtual patient tracking drill beginning April 2023.
 - Go Live - June 2023
- Texas EMS Wristband - NeGen
 - Currently voluntary, but will be required field in the EMS registry in March 2023.
 - Has established core program component - color, barcode, numbering, etc
- Patients will still be transported and/or admitted to the hospital if they are not wearing a wristband. The hospital will give them their unique ID number which will be utilized in Pulsera.

❖ Discussion

● SB968 Wellness Checks

- Steve Howie – They have found that people in their county do not like being on the State registry and would rather call the OEM to ensure they have their information and are on a local list. Once they are on the local list, the OEM staff will do an annual call to ensure they are still wanting to be on the list.
- Samantha Pickett – Has anyone collaborated with the County to eliminate a duplication of efforts? The County will cover the jurisdictions that are within their EOP and will have the larger cities be in charge of their own process as they have a mass messaging notification system.
- Alisha Gimbel – Richardson has their own system but also pulls information from STEAR quarterly. They promote registration by having it sent out in water bill mailers, monthly printout, OEM presentations, and have a phone line they can call if they are not able to register online. OEM staff calls to make sure the information is current every year. Local information connects directly to Everbridge.
 - Volunteer considerations – safety, liability, and uniformity of message with having a trusted number show on their caller ID.
 - Keep in mind the power outage trigger when tying it to damage assessment.
- Lauren Sanchez – Utilizes STEAR for all four cities. Have it set with Everbridge to initiate the communication process.



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- Elliott Reep – Will create their own registry and will have it live on their website. Will also pull STEAR data quarterly. This information will then be uploaded to Everbridge to begin the check process. Will also utilize volunteers to conduct in-person checks when safe. Will also try to use volunteers to stand-up a call center dedicated to wellness checks.
- TJ Manor – Will use STEAR. Will not write a specific plan or database. They have added the procedures into a damage assessment plan as they assume it will be concurrent.
- Maribel Sanchez – The set of rules and definitions for triggers and additional information is set to come Spring 2023 according to discussion with TDEM STEARS Committee.
- Chase Wheeler – Confirmed the definition release is set to be Spring 2023 as he sits in the committee. He mentioned if anyone has any considerations, recommendations, or suggestions to share them with him via email.

❖ Member Comments or Updates

- NCTCOG Updates
 - See attached PDF
- NWS Updates
 - IWT Hydrology and Flood Focused coming early 2023 (maybe March). More information will be coming via email.
 - Make sure your information is up to date for partner emails and./or NWS Chat. Make sure to email Jennifer Dunn with any necessary updates.
 - NWS Chat is coming in June 2023. It will now be on Slack. More information to come as implementation draws closer.
- TDEM Updates
 - **147 Time!**
 - Will receive an email from the SOC and they are requesting electronic only. Will still accept scanned and emailed. When the SOC receives them, they will send it to the appropriate DC.
 - If your information has not been changed, a simple email confirmation sent to the DC will serve as the signature and confirmation of information. DC's will send the email and you will need to reply to that one for completion.
 - NIMS Survey. Make sure to complete it. Closes on 12/14.
 - DRTF: Consider joining the task force. If you have any questions you can email Kevin Starbuck.
- REM Give Back Program
 - New opportunities are underway. All information regarding the next event will be sent via email to the list. If you would like to join the list, send an email to Samantha Pickett.

❖ Team Building Activity

- Telephone Game

❖ Next Meeting:

- Friday February 3rd, 2023