

REM Meeting – April 1, 2022

COG Updates

Emergency Preparedness Department:

- A position has been posted for a Senior Emergency Preparedness Technical Specialist. This person will assist with higher level technical projects and be the COG liaison for technical working groups such a cyber, interoperability, etc.
- We are in process of reorganizing EP departmental duties, please look for an email soon with new point of contacts for the different working groups and responsibilities.
- We are working on hosting more meetings at the COG and getting the hybrid option running. Meeting rooms at the COG are on schedule to be upgraded by May and once those are completed, the hybrid meeting option will be more readily available.

HS Team:

▪ REPAC / EPPC

- The next REPAC Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022
- The next EPPC Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 30, 2022

▪ SHSP

- FY22 Grant application prioritizations have been sent to the State and we are awaiting funding notice.

▪ UASI

- Plan on same amounts as last year for initial planning purposes and begin developing and writing your FY22 UASI Grant Projects.
- For now, plan on having the same 5 national priority areas and percentage funding requirements. We won't receive confirmation on this until FEMA releases the new grant guidance.
- All UASI Grant Applications must be submitted and certified in EGrants and the COG Portal by April 8, 2022, at 5 PM.
- Once FEMA releases grant guidance, with final allocation amounts everyone will be notified so we can adjust project allocations if needed.

Working Groups:

▪ Cyber Security

- The next Cyber Security meeting will be a lunch meeting held on May 19, 2022, at 12:00 PM at the NCTCOG in the Metroplex Conference Room.
- If you have any questions, please contact Candice Forsyth at cforsyth@nctcog.org.

▪ Emergency Management

- The next EMWG meeting will be held on April 14, 2022, at 1:00 PM at the NCTCOG in the Pitstick Conference Room.
- If you have any questions, please contact Candice Forsyth at cforsyth@nctcog.org

▪ Interoperability

- The next Interop Working Group meeting is May 11, 2022, at 1:00 PM location TBD.
- If you have any questions, please contact Candice Forsyth at cforsyth@nctcog.org.

- **Public Education**

- The next Pub Ed meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2022, at 1:30 PM. This meeting will be a virtual Teams meeting.
- Domestic Violent Extremism project should conclude filming by the end of March.
- Storage location provided by ITDRC in Fort Worth has mini first aid kits and guidebooks, contact is Chris Hillis.
- Educational materials of rack cards, brochures, and coloring books are available in Denton. Contact is Brenda Gormley.
- Guidebooks are available Dallas County. Contact is Melvin Cirilo.
- Questions, please contact Donna Insixiengmay at doinsixiengmay@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 will be held on June 9, 2022, at 1:00 PM, location TBD

- **Training and Exercise**

- The next T/E meeting will be held on April 6, 2022, at 1:00 PM at the NCTCOG in the Regional Forum Conference Room.
- If you have any questions, please contact Donna Insixiengmay at doinsixiengmay@nctcog.org.

Mitigation:

- **Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMPs (formerly HazMAPs):**

- Ellis, Navarro, Johnson, Somervell, and Wise counties are creating their mitigation strategies for their mitigation plans.
 - Our department has a UNT intern, Laura Rojas-Sifuentes, assisting in the development of these plans.
- NCTCOG is applying to update the Tarrant County and Parker County HMPs and create an HMP for UTA.
- If you have any mitigation questions, please contact our lead mitigation planner, Alayna Payne, at apayne@nctcog.org.

- **FEMA Mitigation Grants:**

- Current funding opportunities can be found at <https://www.tdem.texas.gov/mitigation/hazard-mitigation-section?locale=es>.

CASA WX:

- New leadership on the CASA WX Executive Council:
 - Chair: Amanda Everly, Fort Worth Assistant EMC
 - Vice Chair: Chase Wheeler, Grand Prairie EMC
- CASA is currently pursuing several funding opportunities that could assist with the replacement of the radars as they age, and problems become more frequent.
- If you are interested in having a webex CASA training for your jurisdiction or have any questions please contact Amanda Everly at amanda.everly@fortworthtexas.gov or Chase Wheeler at CWheeler@GPTX.org.