



REM Meeting

North Texas Food Bank - Brad Stewart, Chief Operating Officer

- Location has been open for about a year. Moved from Dallas to current location, which is more centrally located into the service district.
- Compile and distribute food to homeless shelter, food pantries, etc.
- US over-produces about 40%- which helps the mission to feed hungry people
- During a disaster, NTFB will partner with American Red Cross and The Salvation Army to distribute food to disaster areas
- 40,000 volunteers per year help run the operations
- \$140 million business operations on \$20 million cash flow from donations from the community
- Goal is to feed 92 million meals
- The location has 230,000 square feet of space

Receiving, Staging, and Storage Site Search - Chris Washington, Texas Department of State Health Services

- Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Medical Countermeasures – large warehouses in Atlanta to distribute around the country. DSHS is looking for a location to distribute locally in our region
- Joint Reserve Base is current location. It is good for security, but not easy to get in and out quickly, which is not feasible during a time sensitive issue. During possible attacks, the base will be locked down, preventing distribution of medications.
- Transportation throughout Texas will be by tractor trailer, allowing for a large quantity to be delivered to multiple locations by one vehicle
- Receiving, staging, and storing (RSS) is conducted by DSHS
- Locals are responsible for points of distribution
- Regions are responsible for identifying RSS sites
- Facility requirements: 30-60,000 square feet to be used during an incident. However, square feet requirements will be determined by the magnitude of the emergency
- RSS Planning – temperature control between 58-86 degrees. Near airports, major roads, and easy ingress/ egress is necessary for ease of distribution. Speed is key in delivering medication.
- More considerations for RSS location: facility supplies (pallet movement equipment), office supplies, staff to help manage the site, inventory tracking, use of facility for training purposes, easier access to vulnerable populations, cold chain storage

Member Updates

- TDEM Updates
 - TDEM is moving to Texas A&M. Not expecting any major changes with interactions with locals
 - Disaster Housing and Recovery Summit has been postponed. Announcement and dates will come out in the future.
 - Moved to Lonestar WebEOC server from Fort Worth server.
- NCTCOG Updates – See COG updates attachment
- CEM Mentorship is working on Professional Contributions Part 2 this month. All are welcomed to attend at any point. Meetings will be taking place at a different time than immediately following REM meetings, TBA.

Community Lifelines - Travis Houston, City of Dallas

- Discussion- no notes