

- Welcome and Instructions
- Grant Processes – Irish Hancock
 - Homeland Security Grant Program- determined by federal government with formula that breaks up for different areas. Each state has State Administration Agency that administers funding, which filters to Urban Area Security Initiation and State Homeland Security Program.
 - State receives a pot of money, uses a formula to determine who gets how much based on Council Of Governments uses in the formula.
 - Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee depends on the different working groups to submit projects based on the need of working group. REPAC scores projects to determine who gets funding. Projects are meant to be regionally used, instead of jurisdictionally. Years past, jurisdictions would submit for individual projects until WGs were established to coordinate regional projects.
 - Working Groups – working groups will continue to expand as we develop the need.
 - SHSP – COG allocates funding. REPAC breaks up funding. REPAC is 38 members. Each county gets representation. 14 SME seats.
 - UASI – Dallas/ Fort Worth/ Arlington Urban Area. Funding is allocated to Tarrant, Denton, Dallas, and Collin Counties.
 - Need additional participation on REPAC to allow for future growth of new members.
 - Data Calls – federal does calls for data that affects the formula. During Harvey, they did a special event data call that gives additional funding for special events.
 - Funding Importance – Arlington uses funding to equip public safety response for special events. Fort Worth uses funding for hazmat and special events as well as funding EM staff.
 - REPAC vs Regional Emergency Managers - REPAC is about funding. REM is about bringing EM's and partners to share ideas and thoughts to hear about other things through speakers. REM brings the different levels of knowledge into the same space to share. EMWG discuss projects and to determine which projects need consideration to submit to REPAC. Anything that needs formal discussion goes through EMWG.
- Family Assistance Center – Matt Honza, Katie McCoy, Seth Roberts
 - Mass Fatality Plan is activated at 20 deaths, which activates the family assistance center.
 - Federal MCI – rail, plane, pipeline (NTSB involvement) uses NTSB FAC model.
 - Anything that is not federal is the responsibility of local governments.
 - How to start a FAC. Start with local medical examiner to support MCI, since it is under the Medical Examiner. Should compliment the mass fatality plan from the ME office. Find best practices from actual events from those who have used a FAC and use existing resources (DHS and NTSB recommendation for Locals and states).
 - preparednessplanning@dshs.texas.gov
 - Ntsb.gov
 - FAC Planning Team – ME, emergency management, disaster behavioral health partners, law enforcement, public information officer, public health, information technology, finance and administration.
 - Project Management – develop goals and objectives for planning. Delegate tasks. Allow planning team to engage in their subject matter area. Exercise the plan.

- Activation matrix – develop a plan for activation. Develop a call down list and priorities for call center activation and FAC activation.
- Family reception center is temporary until it is transitioned to a FAC.
- Develop staff positions and develop job action sheets (used MRC POD operations plans to develop and refine positions)
- Select FAC sites. Assessments for traffic, parking, security, child care, interview rooms, etc. Develop MOUs with identified facilities.
- Determine your footprint (will vary by locations due to space)
- Build a demobilization plan, and develop a way to help for long term assistance.
- Airline – customer and family assistance program. Working with EM and customer service to develop, chaplain, airport security, police, fire, ems, NTSB. Discussed with FBI victim services. DFW airport will need to run the FAC for a while, but then the airline will take over at some point, depending on airline.
- Aviation Cooperative Research Program to do case studies of programs to set up FAC.
- Large airport, but it revenue generating so locations were most difficult people. Utilize some local churches in Irving. Looking to build a new facility for victims on-site. Airlines staff two care staff members per victim/ family.
- Security for DFW – training in EOC, but access control can assign badges quickly for partners/ volunteers/ responders.
- Question – What about a school bus accident – goes to local jurisdiction in coordination with ISD.
- Comment – involve hospitals during planning for MCI and
- TDEM Updates –
 - Regional Resource Request Drill – Informal or formal request to be ongoing each first Wednesday of the month, starting September 5th. Will email a PowerPoint.
 - Earthquake awareness class in September 13th in Grand Prairie on PreparingTexas.org
- COG Updates – will send updates through REM.
 - PWERT – TTX on August 22, registration link has been sent out. Lunch provided by Atmos. TTX will be in Bedford and is EMPG eligible.
 - EPPC – 7 open seats with 12 coming up. EM needs to send to local elected officials.
 - Mitigation – need to apply to be eligible following Harvey.