



REM Meeting

December 6th, 2024

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

9:30AM-11:30AM: Meeting

**Atmos Energy, Charles K. Vaughn Center
3697 Mapleshade Ln, Plano, Texas 75075
OR
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

❖ Welcome and Introductions

- Luke Parten, REM Chair
- Jeff Martinez, Mid-Tex President
 - Coordination with First Responders/Emergency Managers is highly important to Atmos Energy.
 - Provides Gas Simulations Training
 - Hosts multiple dispatch centers
 - Oversee (8) states operations to gas customers
 - Works with TDEM winter weather operation calls. Mobile command & Gas city.
- Brad Jobe - Director of Technical Training
 - Hybrid approach of trainings are offered
 - Trainings emphasizes how their procedures will efficiently collaborate with the region's first responders/Emergency Managers

❖ Presentations

- **National Weather Service – Winter Outlook: PowerPoint Attached**
 - David Bonnette, Science & Operations Forecaster
 - **Discussion Points:**
 - ENSO (El Nino Southern Oscillation) Phase
 - Ocean Sea Surface Temperature Influence
 - Is there any truth to stronger than normal cold temperatures 2024?
Perspective from 2021 Ice Storm, we will see arctic air but will not experience 2021 impact
 - The tornado in 2015 was it during La Nina or La Nino? Unsure, but typically Warm Front in cold temperatures will lead to tornadoes
 - Ice Storm Warning Vs. Winter Storm: Ice storm is perceived more important. NWS messaging will be emphasized on Ice Storm as more critical.
- **World Cup Region Public Safety - Arlington Updates: PowerPoint Not Attached**
 - Irish Hancock, EM Administrator – City of Arlington
 - (9) Matches between June 14th-July 14th, 2026, most games hosted for an area in 2026, Matches will not be back-to-back.
 - **FWC26 Venues:** Base Camp is where the teams will be staying at, IPC will be the World's International Media site, Kay Bailey will be operating multiple functions for the FIFA World Cup, Kay Bailey is expected to be under construction during FIFA World Cup
 - **SEAR Ratings:** Games #1- #8 is SEAR 2, Game #9 is SEAR 1 as it is a semifinal. Games #1- #8 may change based on teams that play.

- **What we don't know:**
 - VVIP & VIP hotel/locations
 - Game Time of Dallas Host City Games
 - Teams staying in the NCTx Region
- Irish Hancock is the liaison for Regional Public Safety Planning Committee (RPSPC) and Expert Planning Teams
 - Expert Planning Teams are currently in the process of conducting meetings.
- **Independence Day Concern – 2026:**
 - July 4th, 2026 is the 250th birthday for the United States of America. AT&T Stadium will not host a game on July 4th.
 - Jurisdictions will have to communicate with City Planning based on July 3rd celebrations. World match is intended to be played on July 3rd, 2026 and unsure if that will be a day or night game.
- **Volunteer Coordination:** ,
 - Dallas Sports Commissions is coordinating the volunteer support, not Safety & Security.
 - 7,500 Volunteers are anticipated for the region
- **Previous FEMA World Cup Meeting:**
 - Potential hurricane concern to impact Houston games, the anticipated games will be disbursed to other host sites.

❖ Discussion

- REM Leadership Open Position: **Julie Winkler has been voted to be REM's Secretary.**
 - Hannah Myers is leaving REM Leadership
 - Previous Candidates will be voted on, Erin Buttitta & Julie Winkler
 - Erin Buttitta: Emergency Management specialist for City of Garland, has been there for a year and a half, wished to be more involved with REM
 - Julie Winkler, Town of Addison, has been there for a year, goal to have beneficial discussion and presentation
 - Additional Nominations? – **No additional Nominations**

❖ Member Comments or Updates

- **Best Southwest Exercise needs volunteers, Lauren Sanchez**
 - The Best Southwest Cities (Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville, and Lancaster) will be hosting a joint full-scale Active Shooter Exercise that will be on **February 26th, 2025, at 6:30 AM – 7:30 PM**. They are requesting public safety affiliated volunteer groups or Local Emergency Management that can be an actors or support volunteers (assist with check-in or other tasks). Please see the attached flyer for further details.
- NCTCOG Updates
 - Regional Resource Directory is Live, for any further questions/concerns please contact Taylor Conti at tconti@nctcog.org
 - NCTCOG will be posting (3) full time Temp - Positions & (1) Intern Position.
 - Metro X Exercise: Full – scale Multi - Jurisdiction/Discipline exercise will be on October 27th-29th, 2025.
- NWS Updates: None
- TDEM Updates Hensley Field
 - TDEM 147 Season, 20% submission in first week
 - Moving DDEOC to Hensley Field Facility – Dallas
 - Final CLO has been hired and will start Jan. 16th, 2025. They will be the 13th CLO within the district.
 - VOAD/COAD/EM meeting will be January 15th, 2025 at DFW Airport, DPS HQ
 - 8:30 AM – 4PM
 - Please Register at the following Registration Link if you would like to attend: <https://forms.office.com/g/pZ8jwrwYhu>

- TDEM Presentation Conferences are still being accepted. Please send proposals as soon as possible.
 - Mitigation Projects are due at 5 PM on March 14th, 2025
- TEEM Updates
 - CEM Panel in February 2025 for Emerging Emergency Managers in Region

❖ **Atmos Energy Training Center and Mobile Command Center Tour**

- Brad Jobe - Director of Technical Training

❖ **Next Meeting:**

- Friday, February 7, 2025
 - Quarterly minutes will begin 2025, 1st Friday of each month.