



North Central Texas Council of Governments

REM Meeting – October 4, 2024 Emergency Preparedness Updates

Emergency Preparedness Department

- FY25 Dues Letters are being sent out. Amounts have not increased but several jurisdictions have moved into the next tier due to population increases.
- EP101 is scheduled for October 16 from 130-330PM. Whether you are new to the region, new in a working group leadership role, or just want to review all that NCTCOG EP has to offer, we hope this workshop will help you better understand the role of EP at the COG and how the regional grant processes and working groups all fit together.
- Regional Training & Exercise Dashboard - <https://www.nctcog.org/ep/resources/training-and-exercises>
- Regional Emergency Management Portal - Contact Amanda Everly at AEverly@nctcog.org for the login information.
- Follow our social media:
 - Twitter- <https://mobile.twitter.com/nctcogep>
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Grants

REPAC / EPPC

- The next REPAC meeting will take place on October 30, 2024, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM in the Transportation Council Room at NCTCOG.
 - This will be the project scoring meeting for 2025 SHSP projects submitted by the regional working groups.
- The next EPPC meeting will take place on December 5, 2024, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM in the Transportation Council Room at NCTCOG.
- If you have any questions, please contact Justin Cox at jcox@nctcog.org.

SHSP

- Regional Working Groups should continue to work on their 2025 SHSP grant proposals. Grants applications are due in the COG portal by October 11, 2024.
- On October 16, 2024 from 9am-12pm, EP staff will host a Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) 101 training for those who are new to the Homeland Security grants or would like a refresher. This will be at the COG in the Transportation Council Room.
- Working group dashboards for grant tracking have been distributed to working groups and REPAC chairs.
- If you have any questions, please contact Justin Cox at jcox@nctcog.org.

UASI

- EP Staff are working to get the reallocation plan submitted to the OOG by October 1st.

Working Groups

Community Preparedness Program

- The next (CPP) meeting will be held on November 13th, 2024, at the NCTCOG.
- The working group finalized the North Central Texas Council of Governments Community Preparedness Working Group Guidelines.
- The Working Group's chair & REPAC leadership was voted in by the group. The new chairs consist of Tricia Lindsey, Cindy Toops, and Brenda Gormley. The REPAC Liaison is Cassandra Wallace.
- The current LIST SERV will be restructured to consist of the previous Citizen Corps Members, MRCs, and CERT Program Managers.
- Moulage Subcommittee within the working group is being established to aid in the regional exercises/moulage requests.
- (4) of the All Hands Passfire Burn Pans have been ordered to be distributed to Burleson, Kaufman, Prosper, and Cedar Hill.
- All Jurisdictions are encouraged to register their programs for future information.
- Any questions or requests for assistance regarding Regional Community Preparedness Program Working Group can be directed to Tricia Lindsey at tricia@sachsecert.org, Cindy Toops at prospercert@gmail.com, Brenda Gormley at brenda.gormley@dentoncounty.gov or Michael "Mikey" Hernandez Jr. at Mhernandez@nctcog.org.

Cyber Security

- The next Cyber Security meeting is TBD.
- A regional meeting to address the Rural County Cyber Security needs is in the early planning stages.
- If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Everly at aeverly@nctcog.org.

Emergency Management

- The next EMWG meeting will take place on November 14, 2024 at 1:30pm in the Regional Forum conference room at NCTCOG and virtually via MS Teams.
- If you have any questions, please contact the chairs: Shawna Lemley at Shawna.Lemley@arlingtontx.gov, Randall Gurney at rgurney@prospertx.gov, and Travis Houston at travis.houston@dallas.gov, or Justin Cox at jcox@nctcog.org.

EOD

- Next meeting is October 15, 2024 at 1 PM located at NCTCOG.
- If you have any questions, please contact Marcie Bruner at mbruner@nctcog.org.

HazMat

- The HazMat WG met on September 20th. They've decided to submit their SHSP project for multiple iterations of 3 separate trainings.
- Next meeting is TBD.
- If you have any questions, please contact Marcie Bruner at mbruner@nctcog.org.

Interoperability

- The next meeting date is TBD.
- The new Interop Chairs are John Chaney with Irving and Michael Baldwin with Weatherford.
- The GY2023 RICP and gap analysis is complete, we are working now to finalize the document.
- GY2022 SERI: Irving/Grand Prairie received \$1 Million on the SERI grant. That project is complete.
- GY2024 SERI: The Parker County SERI Grant was approved at \$1.75million. We expect to receive the money around mid-October 2024.
- If you have any interop questions, please contact the chairs John Chaney at jchaney@cityofirving.org, Michael Baldwin at mbaldwin@weatherfordtx.gov, or Amanda Everly at aeverly@nctcog.org.

Public Education

- The next Public Education Working Group meeting will be held on November 12th, 2024, via Microsoft Teams and at the NCTCOG.
- Marina Bustillo and Megan Womack were voted in as the (two) chairs positions. Rafael Hernandez was voted in for the secretary position. Laura Sifuentes was selected to be the working group's REPAC Liaison.
- Active Shooter Video Project Proposals have closed, and evaluators were identified to begin the Proposal Scoring Process. Subcommittee Planning Meetings are currently in progress.
- If you have any questions regarding Public Education, please contact Marina Bustillo at mbustillo@gptx.org, Megan Womack at megan.womack@waxahachiepd.org, Rafael Hernandez at rafael.hernandez@co.ellis.tx.us, or Taylor Conti at tconti@nctcog.org.
- Social media - Remember to follow us and use our social media accounts:
 - Twitter – KnowWhat2Do - @KnowWhat2Do
 - Facebook – KnowWhat2Do

Public Works Emergency Response Team

- The next PWERT Meeting is TBD.
- If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Everly at aeverly@nctcog.org.

Training and Exercise

- The next T/E Working Group meeting will be held on December 4th, 2024, via Microsoft Teams & at the NCTCOG.
- Lisa Tatum Brown and Paige Saucer were selected to be the new chairs for the working group.
- The Cyber/EOC/Fusion Workshop was delivered to the region on August 15th, 2024, at the Ruthe Jackson Center. Presentations/speaker's contact are posted on the EM Dashboard.
- The Cyber/EOC/Fusion TTX Planning Meetings are still in progress. The Delivery Dates for the virtual (3) TTX will be the week of October 8th- October 10th, 2024. Players will be categorized by their Fusion Center's Area of Response; players do not have to participate for all three days.
- The Metro X Exercise Planning Meetings have been finalized with FEMA's National Exercise Program. (NEP). Proposals have closed, evaluators were identified to begin the Proposal Scoring Process.
- Sport & Special Event Security Series is being shared to bring various courses throughout the regional facilities in preparation for the World Cup in 2026.
- There are multiple classes that are currently open for registration. Please see our training calendar for registration information - <https://www.nctcog.org/ep/resources/training-and->

[exercises.](#)

- If you have any questions, please contact the Scott Tarzwell at starzwell@mail.smu.edu, Lisa Tatum Brown at librown@plano.gov, Paige Saucer at paige.saucer@dentoncounty.gov, or Michael “Mikey” Hernandez Jr. at mhernandez@nctcog.org.

SWAT

- SWAT WG met on September 6th and agreed to submit 2 projects for GY25 SHSP projects.
 - The first project will be for the tactical headsets and will hopefully complete the remaining jurisdictions still on the list.
 - The second project will improve SWAT Team’s ability to function in low light environments by adding thermal night vision goggles to each of the teams capabilities.
- Next working group meeting is TBD.
- If you have any questions, please contact Marcie Bruner at mbruner@nctcog.org.

USAR

- Next working group meeting is TBD.
- If you have any questions, please contact Marcie Bruner at mbruner@nctcog.org.

PSURT/UAS

- The next UAS meeting is September 26th at 1pm.
- If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Everly at aevery@nctcog.org.

CASA WX

- The next CASA meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2024, at 9:30 AM at NCTCOG in the Regional Forum Conference Room and Microsoft Teams.
- We have been told that our request for Congressional funding has been “Moved forward” by Kay Granger to the Appropriations Committee. The amount approved at this point is \$4.5 million. We are waiting for more information and next steps. This would be Federal Funding in FY 2025.
- If you are interested in having a Webex CASA training for your jurisdiction or have any questions please contact Amanda Everly at AEverly@nctcog.org, William Wessel at WTWessel@tarrantcounty.com, or Chase Wheeler at CWheeler@GPTX.org.