**Alamo Area Council of Governments**

**Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 17th, 2024 – 2:00pm**

**2700 NE Loop 410, Suite 101**

**San Antonio, Texas 78217**

**MEETING MINUTES**

***MEMBERS PRESENT:***

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| 1. **Ray Kallio for Judge Rochelle Camacho** 2. **Andrew Cardiel** 3. **Manuel Casarez** 4. **Mark Chadwick** 5. **Walton Daugherty** 6. **Shelby Dupnik** 7. **Vance Meade for Eric Epley** 8. **Jeffery Fincke** 9. **Darren Brinkkoeter, for Tony Gross** 10. **Jeff Kelley** 11. **Brandon High for Daniel Kramer** 12. **Bryce Houlton for Judge Kyle Kutscher** | 1. **Judy Lefevers** 2. **Jeremy Hughes for Eric Maloney** 3. **Christopher Monestier** 4. **Scott Moreland** 5. **Michael Morlan** 6. **Steve Olfers** 7. **Todd Perna** 8. **Sammy Sikes** 9. **Kenneth Miller for Cindy Stafford** 10. **Rachelle Littlefield for Michael Starnes** |

***MEMBERS ABSENT:***

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| 1. **Donovan Agans** 2. **Edwin Baker** 3. **Gary Haecker** 4. **Justin Klaus** 5. **Samual McDaniel** 6. **Dan Pue** | 1. **Braxton Roemer** 2. **Judge Peter Sakai** 3. **Judge James Teal** 4. **William Thomas** 5. **Mark Trevino** 6. **Devon Wilborn** |

***AACOG STAFF PRESENT:***

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| Marcela Medina – Public Safety Manager  Justin Monarez – Homeland Security/Criminal Justice Coordinator  Laura Richardson- Public Safety Specialist  Mitchell Mensinger- Homeland Security Planner |

**1. Meeting called to Order.**

Jeff Kelley called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

**2. Roll Call.**

A quorum was established with twenty-two **(22)** members present.

**3. Public Comments**

None

**4. Consider and act upon the approval of the November 15, 2023 minutes.**

A **motion** was made by **Jeffery Fincke** and secondedby **Bryce Houlton** to approve the minutes.

**All Approved, Motion Carried.**

**5. Consider and act upon the approval of membership items:**

1. Nominating **Curtis Roberson** to replace Phillip Glass as the primary representative for The City of Pleasanton.

A **motion** was made by **Sammy Sikes** and secondedby **Michael Morlan** to approve the membership item.

**All Approved, Motion Carried.**

**Presentations:**

6. Monthly National Weather Service Update- Paul Yura.

Temperatures will stay cold and then warm up. More rain is coming next week. Proposes severe weather training now before the season starts.

**7. Program Updates**

**A. Monthly HSGD Conference Call-**

Holding steady with the same RBE. Around $1.4 Million.

SWIC sent out newsletter about 2024 eclipse. If you haven’t received it then let them know.

**B. THIRA Update- (Deyanira Flores)**

The final was submitted in December. This is her final week with this grant. There are new people on the team now. Victoria Echeverri and James Mendoza are with City of SA OEM. Email Chief Lodge if you want a copy of the final document.

**C. DVE Update**

On track to spend all money. The DVE Team had trained close to 700 schools officials, police officers, hospital staff and places of worship on the National Threat Evaluation and Reporting Course, also known as the “Pathway to Violence” course. They also have helped the Fusion Center increase the number of FLOs from the rural area.  More importantly, the information they have passed on have helped mitigate three instances where there was potential threat of an active shooter.

**D. Subcommittee meeting dates**

Setting up dates to review projects. Law enforcement committee needs other members.

We may have to do a separate REPAC meeting to go over these applications if we can’t get members to review these beforehand. Staff reached out to other subcommittee Chairs to review.

**E. Jeffery Fincke recognition**

AACOG staff presented him with an award for his many years of service on the REPAC committee.

**8. Discussion and appropriate action on subcommittee reports.**

1. **Emergency Management-Meeting tomorrow at 9:00am**
2. **Fire/Hazmat/WMD-Meeting 2-3-24 at 9:00am**
3. **Law Enforcement/Fusion Center-N/A**

Looking for new members in this group. Only one person who cannot score presentations by himself. Please get with staff if you can be on the sub-committee or want to help score presentations at the meeting. Meeting date will TBD once we have enough people.

1. **Interoperable Communications-meeting tomorrow at 1:30pm**
2. **Hospital/EMS/Medical-N/A**.
3. **Public Health- Meeting 2-5-24 at 10:00am.** There has been an increase in Covid with 50-84 ages. Flu season is in full force. There was an outbreak of salmonella but none here. Working on rewrite for mass fatality response guide. The last one was done in 2013. Doing different classes also**.** Long-term plan**:** We will take plan out by COGS to 28 county region. Eventually do a full-scale exercise.

**New Business:**

1. **Discussion and appropriate action on:** 
   1. Changing the REPAC Bylaws section 8.9 regarding agenda dissemination from one week to three business days.

There was a discussion about getting agenda items late. There will now be a set deadline to submit any agenda items a week ahead of the meeting so staff can get the agenda posted within 3 days of the meeting as required. The by-laws will be looked at in July and we can discuss at that time if they need to be changed.

* 1. Consider and act upon the approval of the 2024 REPAC meeting calendar**.**

There was a motion made by **Jeffery Fincke** and seconded by **Sammy Sikes** to approve the calendar.

**All Approved, Motion carried.**

**Closing Items-**

1. **Upcoming Events, Trainings and/or Exercises**
2. Sikes: NTSB class at AACOG on March 7-8. Dealing with mass fatalities.
3. Fincke: FBI crisis team will do a tabletop exercise. TBD Feb 29 or Mar 4 along with venue.
4. Kelley: TDEM disaster finance class at the end of this month. Big demand for that now. Will have another one in 2-3 months.
5. Sikes: We are hosting NGT341 class which is disaster preparedness for healthcare organizations. At STRAC Feb 21-22.
6. **Items to be placed on next meeting agenda.**

None

1. **Next Meeting Date: Wednesday February 21st, 2024 –9:00am, lunch provided.**

**13. Adjournment.**

A **motion** was made and seconded to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 2:38pm.

Glossary:

1. AACOG – Alamo Area Council of Governments
2. CISA – Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency
3. DSHS – Department of State Health Services
4. DVE – Domestic Violent Extremism
5. GIS – Geographic Information Systems
6. HSGD – Homeland Security Grants Division
7. JTTF – Joint Terrorism Task Force
8. LETPA – Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Act
9. NPA – National Priority Area
10. NSEDC – National Special Events Data Call
11. NSGP – Nonprofit Security Grant Program
12. OOG – Office of the Governor
13. RMOC – Regional Medical Operations Center
14. SAOEM – San Antonio Office of Emergency Management
15. SERI – Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure (grant)
16. SHSP – State Homeland Security Program
17. STEAR – State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry
18. STFC – South Texas Fusion Center
19. STRAC – Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council
20. TARC – Texas Association of Regional Councils
21. TEEX – Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service