**Alamo Area Council of Governments**

**Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 19th, 2023 – 2:00pm**

**2700 NE Loop 410, Suite 101**

**San Antonio, Texas 78217**

**MEETING MINUTES**

***MEMBERS PRESENT:***

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| 1. **Andrew Cardiel** 2. **Patrick Lewis for Manuel Casarez** 3. **Walton Daugherty** 4. **Vance Meade for Eric Epley** 5. **Jeffrey Fincke** 6. **Ray Kallio** 7. **Jeff Kelley** 8. **Bryce Houlton for Judge Kyle Kutscher** 9. **Judy Lefevers** 10. **Jerremy Hughes for Eric Maloney** | 1. **Scott Moreland** 2. **Les Metzler for Steve Olfers** 3. **Mick McMickle for Braxton Roemer** 4. **Sammy Sikes** 5. **William Thomas** 6. **Cindy Stafford for Chris Thompson** 7. **Jeffrey Dean for Chief Mark Trevino** 8. **Devon Wilborn** |

***MEMBERS ABSENT:***

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| 1. **Donovan Agans** 2. **Edwin Baker** 3. **Mark Chadwick** 4. **Shelby Dupnik** 5. **Philip Glass** 6. **Tony Gross** 7. **Gary Haeker** 8. **Justin Klaus** | 1. **Daniel Kramer** 2. **Sam McDaniel** 3. **Christopher Monestier** 4. **Michael Morlan** 5. **Dan Pue** 6. **Judge Peter Sakai** 7. **Michael Starnes** 8. **Judge James Teal** |

***AACOG STAFF PRESENT:***

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

**1. Meeting called to Order.**

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

**2. Roll Call.**

A quorum was established with eighteen **(18)** members present.

**3. Public Comments**

Blanca Garcia with LCRA had 2 announcements. Wilson county went live 2 weeks ago. Please check your radios when you are out there. Hays County switched over also. Please check your radios in that area as well. Please let them know if you cannot connect.

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

A **motion** was made by **Bryce Houlton** and secondedby **Scott Moreland** to approve the minutes.

**All Approved, Motion Carried.**

**Presentations:**

**6. Monthly National Weather Service Update – Paul Yura**

Paul went over the rain that was forecasted for this week. El Nino watch for late summer. Should help with our drought conditions after summer.

**7. Partner Forces- Katherine Kendrick**

Went over the San Antonio Regional Risk Assessment Briefing. (SARRA). This is a community-level self-assessment of risk posture based on industry standards, federal expectations, and custom South Texas requirements.

* SAOEM and AACOG developed the project in partnership with Partner Forces to develop personalized risk assessment tool.
* The SARRA aims to provide a data-driven snapshot of the region’s resources and capability gaps and to inform grant awards.
* SAOEM and AACOG targeted 22 priority communities and received 18 responses.

The 2023 SARRA results were a 4.0+. It revealed that:

* Homeland security response capabilities in communities throughout the region are adequate.
* Any large-scale event would generate additional response and support from the City of San Antonio or other communities with mutual agreements.
* Larger urban areas face more preparedness complicating factors than smaller, rural communities.

It showed the top man-made threats, technological and natural hazards. It showed that the perception was a major issue. The perception of ability to manage major disasters went down dramatically as you move from the urban centers to the rural areas. The actual ability hasn’t changed much and is pretty good. We felt like you could accomplish an actual reduction in risk by focusing more on training and planning rather than accumulation of stuff.

**8. San Antonio Office of Emergency Management- Deyanira Flores**

Went over the Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program. It works with all the area but started with 6 pre-qualified consultants. Funding allocated for 2020 & 2021.

Current Projects:

Food/Water Supply Chains/Shelter and Long-Term Loss of Power

PETS Plan- must provide a place for pets in emergencies.

THIRA- finalizing agreement, tentative start date is first week in May.

Debris Management Plan- tentative start date is May 1st. Task order in progress.

Scenario was about a loss of power and how it affects everything. Firs thing was trying to get the state grid back up. You had to figure out how to get food, water and shelter.

Core partners were many COSA departments along with CPS, SAWS, JBSA, San Antonio food bank, American Red Cross, Salvation Army and private sector such as HEB, Walmart, etc.

They figured out that fuel would be a major concern for vehicles and generators.

How many first responder agencies have backup generators?

Next steps are to consolidate working groups and begin drafting a plan.

**9. Program Updates**

1. Monthly HSGD Conference Call:

Join the Texas Information Sharing and Analysis Organization (TX-ISAO) https://dir.texas.gov/information-security/tx-isao

A free, cyber intelligence sharing group.

Holds monthly meetings with guest speakers.

Sends regular alerts and bulletins about cybersecurity threats.

Hosts a secure web portal for members to share information with each other.

Cyber Awareness Training for Law Enforcement

1. 2023 Grantee Project Updates- Scheduled for May Meeting
2. Domestic Violence Extremism Project Update-Assembled a team of 5 people with a wide range of expertise. They will be out in the counties putting together information for training later.
3. Regional Resiliency Assessment Program (RRAP) updates- they did a presentation to the area Judges in March, the 9-1-1 PSAP supervisors and IT and the utility companies in April.

THIRA/SPR Updates:

* 1. Update on progress- The kickoff is May 17.

We are in the process of hiring another planner.

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

1. **Emergency Management**

N/A

1. **Fire/Hazmat/WMD**

N/A

1. **Law Enforcement/Fusion Center**

N/A

**D.  Interoperable Communications**

Robert Adelman – Community funded infrastructure project. Project was tweaked & refined and ended up being $14.2 million after removing some things. It was designated a priority project and approved to move to the next level for consideration.

The RIC- Wendling is starting to update the strategic plan. He may reach out to your communication people for gaps.

**E. Hospital/EMS/Medical**

Vance Meade – Discussion on new pushbacks when responding to viruses especially railcars. Looking at ice chest, ice packs etc. to get out sooner.

Completed SAMC hospital exercise- 438 patient actors, will send out to all area hospitals. Next hospital event is Decon rodeo May 18th. 3 or 4 hospitals so far. It is a skills-based all day event. Hazmat team will be judging.

**F.  Public Health**

Sammy Sikes –Participated in SAMC also. Brought in medical examiner office also. Had 50+ fatalities and looked at where they went etc. Want to look at rural areas and what their role is as well.

Flu and COVID numbers are low.

Marburg-Public health is watching but not monitoring. CDC recommends monitoring for 28 days. Most likely people will rule out a number of other stuff first. Nothing in the states.

Monkey pox is coming out again and they are pushing vaccinations.

**Closing Items:**

**11. Upcoming Events, Trainings and/or Exercises**

1. Nothing

**12. Items to be placed on next meeting agenda**

No items were identified to be added to the next meeting agenda.

**13. Next Meeting Date: May 17, 2023 – 2:00pm – at AACOG Titan Building**

**14. Adjournment.**

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

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