

**Alamo Area Council of Governments
Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday October 16th, 2024 – 1:30pm
AACOG Titan Building
2700 NE Loop 410, Suite 101 San Antonio, Texas 78217**

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ray Kallio for Judge Rochelle Camacho2. Andrew Cardiel3. Mark Chadwick4. Walton Daugherty5. Casey Ebrom for Shelby Dupnik6. Vance Meade for Eric Epley7. Greg Rodgers for Brandon High8. Judy Lefevers9. Jerremy Hughes for Eric Maloney10. Steve Olfers	<ol style="list-style-type: none">11. John Overstreet12. Todd Perna13. Justin Calhoun for Braxton Roemer14. Chris Lopez for Peter Sakai15. Cindy Stafford16. Michael Starnes17. William Thomas18. Mark Trevino19. Louis Lopez for Aaron Von Muldau
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MEMBERS ABSENT:

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Donovan Agans2. Manuel Casarez3. Brady Constantine4. Tony Gross5. Gary Haecker6. Donald Keil7. Jeff Kelley8. Judge Kyle Kutscher	<ol style="list-style-type: none">9. Samuel McDaniel10. Scott Moreland11. Michael Morlan12. Bryan Norris13. Curtis Roberson14. Sammy Sikes15. Judge James Teal
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AACOG STAFF PRESENT:

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

1. Meeting called to Order.

Mark Chadwick called the meeting to order at 1:35pm.

2. Roll Call.

A quorum was established with nineteen (19) members present.

3. Public Comments

None

4. Consider and act upon the approval of the September 18, 2024 minutes.

A **motion** was made by **William Thomas** and seconded by **Andrew Cardiel** to approve the minutes.

All Approved, Motion Carried.

5. Discussion and appropriate action on membership items:

A. Alternate update:

- Appoint Henry Hayes, City of Helotes, replacing Marian Mendoza as alternate to Scott Moreland.

A **motion** was made by **Andrew Cardiel** and seconded by **Walton Daugherty** to approve the membership item.

All Approved, Motion Carried

- Appoint John Perry, City of Schertz, as second alternate to Brandon High.

A **motion** was made by **Todd Perna** and seconded by **Cindy Stafford** to approve the membership item.

All Approved, Motion Carried.

6. Presentations:

A. **Monthly National Weather Service Update-** Paul Yura-

Cooler days coming but humidity coming back. No fire danger. There will be new winder advisory's this year.

Winter Weather Advisory-travel impacts are minimal. Overpasses affected.

Winter Storm Warning-travel impacts are significant, major roads affected. This is when we really aren't sure how much ice we will get, and they will probably close schools.

Ice Storm Warning-widespread power outages likely. Significant ice (freezing rain) accumulation. This will close everything down. Very rare here.

New ones are Cold Weather Advisory- wind chill advisory

Extreme Cold Watch/Warning- extreme cold and wind chill

B. **AACOG Interoperable Communications Update-** Robert Adelman

AARIN-Alamo Area Radio Interoperability Network.

- Goal is to improve land mobile radio interoperability in the AACOG service area, and in adjacent areas where AACOG responders operate.
- Create an operational foundation that can be leverage by AACOG agencies to enhance or replace existing land mobile radio capabilities.
- Enhance PSAP and dispatch center backup capabilities.
- Accelerate the adoption of multiband (VHF, 700/800MHz) radios.

This is to support law enforcement agencies inside and outside of our counties.

Objectives are:

- Deploy a P25 700 MHz interoperability layer with AACOG dedicated interoperability talk groups supporting law enforcement, fire, medical, emergency management, and PSAP operations.
- Interconnect AACOG jurisdiction and member agency existing land mobile radio systems to AARIN.
- Install backup radio dispatch console capabilities supporting AACOG 9-1-1, Bexar metro 9-1-1, Medina County 9-1-1, and Kerr County 9-1-1.
- Replace AACOG's on-premises WAVE platform with WAVE PTX powered by Critical Connect.
- Deploy multiband (VHF, 700/800 MHz) radios to help AACOG member jurisdictions and agencies operationalize AARIN and neighboring systems.

AARIN is based on a formalized partnership with TxDOT (ILA 47-3XXF7001) and other regional entities.

7. Program Updates:

A. DVE Grant update- we received funding again for next year. If you are interested in the basic grant evaluation reporting course, then let AACOG staff know.

8. Discussion and appropriate action on subcommittee reports.

A. Emergency Management- NA

B. Fire/Hazmat/WMD- N/A

C. Law Enforcement/Fusion Center-

We met Oct 7 and will meet again in Nov. We asked for additional members and have 3 more members now. We have a total now of 5 which was discussed at the last meeting. We talked about priorities. Keeping them the same. Bomb squad sustainment is important. SAPD has the most regional team. SWAT changed to SWAT/CNT because they always have negotiation teams coming in. We have active shooter complex terrorist attack, preparedness intel gathering, law enforcement services, training and preparedness.

D. Interoperable Communications- nothing more

E. Hospital/EMS/Medical-

Looking at triage staging, patient tracking and other communications. The other thing is calls with EMS & hospital leaders about saline crisis because of the hurricane. We still don't know how long or bad that will be.

F. Public Health- N/A

9. Upcoming Events, Trainings and/or Exercises

1. Wilson County- inviting everyone out on Monday Oct 28th for the groundbreaking ceremony for our new emergency operations center.
2. SA Airport is doing an air exercise same time as STRAC event.
3. Medina County- will be having a national Spartan event on Nov 23-24th. They are expecting around 4,000 people.

10. Items to be placed on next meeting agenda.

None

11. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday November 20th, 2024, at 1:30pm.

12. Adjournment.

A **motion** was made by **Todd Perna** and seconded by **Cindy Stafford** to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

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