

**Alamo Area Council of Governments
Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday January 15th, 2025 – 1:30pm
AACOG ART Training Room, Plaza Building
San Antonio, Texas 78217**

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Donovan Agans 2. Justin Calhoun 3. Andrew Cardiel 4. Manuel Casarez 5. Mark Chadwick 6. Brady Constantine 7. Walton Daugherty 8. Vance Meade for Eric Epley 9. Darren Brinkkoeter for Tony Gross 10. Jeff Kelley 11. Bryce Houlton for Kyle Kutscher 12. Judy Lefevers 13. Samuel McDaniel 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14. Scott Moreland 15. Rey Torres for Michael Morlan 16. Bryan Norris 17. Steve Olfers 18. John Overstreet 19. Mike Pansza 20. Justin Garcia for Todd Perna 21. Chris Lopez for Judge Peter Sakai 22. Colin Davis for Sammy Sikes 23. Kenneth Miller for Cindy Stafford 24. Michael Starnes 25. William Thomas 26. Mark Trevino
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MEMBERS ABSENT:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Judge Rochelle Camacho 2. Gary Haecker 3. Brandon High 4. Donald Keil 5. Eric Maloney 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Curtis Roberson 7. Judge James Tel 8. Aaron Von Muldau
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AACOG STAFF PRESENT:

<p>Marcela Medina – Public Safety Manager Justin Monarez- Criminal Justice/Homeland Security Coordinator Laura Richardson- Public Safety Specialist Cami Goldspink- Criminal Justice Planner</p>
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1. Meeting called to Order.

Jeff Kelley called the meeting to order at 1:37pm.

2. Roll Call.

A quorum was established with twenty-six (26) members present.

3. Public Comments

N/A

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

A **motion** was made by **Bryce Houlton** and seconded by **William Thomas** to approve the minutes.

All Approved, Motion Carried.

5. Presentations:

A. Monthly National Weather Service Update- Paul Yura-

Cold front will be coming in on Saturday night. Some areas Sunday night into Monday may get below freezing temperatures. Cold for sure but not sure on how much precipitation. Still only showing 20-30% right now but still too far out to tell. The southern counties towards coastal areas may be getting more than us.

B. National Emergency Management and Response-Alex O'Rourke

They are known across the state as a force multiplier. We support you in whatever aspects you need for your incident.

National EMR Mission: All-hazards emergency management partners dedicated to solving the most challenging problems before, during and after an emergency or catastrophic event.

Vision: To be the nation's leading partners at all levels of emergency management and response.

Values: Excellence, Speed, Trust, Grit

In less than 20 years, BCFS HHS EMD became a force multiplier providing emergency mass care sheltering to over 1,700 medical evacuees during Hurricane Katrina to operating more than 85% of the State of Texas ESF#8 COVID- 19 Response and maintaining operations for more than 1,089 consecutive days in 24- hour operational periods.

National EMR Divisions are:

1. Personnel Management
2. Preparedness and Response
3. Public and Private Partnerships

Capabilities are Preparedness, Response and Recovery

Preparedness:

- Gap Analyses
- Planning
- Training
- Exercises
- After Action Review

Response:

- Incident Management
- Mass Care

- Fatality Management
- Logistics & Resource Management

Recovery:

- Case Management
- Long Term Recovery Management
- Repatriation

Their Assets are Personnel, Fleet, Communications, Equipment and Supplies.

National EMR personnel have responded to every major disaster affecting the US in the last 25 years.

6. Program Updates:

A. SHSP Grants Update

The deadline for SHSP Project submission is this Friday Jan 17th by 5:00pm. All Final applications are due to OOG in eGrants on February 13th, 2025 by 5:00pm!

B. Subcommittee Project Evaluation Dates-

- **Law Enforcement:** January 27, 1:30-3:30 in Boardroom
- **Interoperable Communications:** January 21st, 1:30-3:30 in Boardroom
- **Hospital-Medical:** January 28th, 10:00am-12:00pm, Boardroom
- **Emergency Management:** January 27th, 10:00am-12:00pm, Boardroom
- **Fire:** January 27th, 1:30-3:30, San Antonio Room

The Public Health meeting is still pending and will be decided on once all applications are in.

C. State Implementation Plans- currently needing more information from the counties to help with the regional plan. Please let me know what you are doing or have coming up. Objectives can be anywhere in the region. If you can help with anything then please let us know.

OBJECTIVE 2.4: Reduce the vulnerability of the agriculture industry to natural hazards and manmade threats.

OBJECTIVE 2.2: Reduce the risk of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosives (CBRNE) incidents by enhancing control and early detection capabilities.

7. Discussion and appropriate action on subcommittee reports.

A. Emergency Management-

We will meet on Jan 27th and will combine Schema with the subcommittee's meetings.

B. Fire/Hazmat/WMD-N/A

C. Law Enforcement/Fusion Center-

Still working on regional plan. Will be replacing Louis Lopez due to retirement.

D. Interoperable Communications-N/A

E. Hospital/EMS/Medical-

We will meet Friday. The Health Care Coalition will be restructured. Will be local. There will be EMS, Emergency Management and Hospital groups now that will meet.

F. Public Health-

We had to combine our CRI group and local health departments. We want to grow the committee. We met last month and finalized our jurisdictional risk assessments. We used the THIRA to develop more public health focused risks as well and submitted for our grant deliverables. We will be working on a planning workshop in March.

8. Upcoming Events, Trainings and/or Exercises

1. Seguin- Feb 10 or 13 ICS 300 and Feb 13-14 is ICS 400. These are free.
2. Comal County has spring training events, and an email went out about those.

9. Items to be placed on next meeting agenda.

Michael Starnes will be replaced with Alyssa Campos.

10. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday February 19th, 2025, at 1:30pm.

11. Adjournment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.

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