

**Alamo Area Council of Governments
Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday April 16th, 2025 – 1:30pm
2700 NE Loop 410, Suite 101
San Antonio, Texas 78217**

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. Donovan Agans	13. Jerremy Hughes for Eric Maloney
2. Michael McLaughlin for Alyssa Campos	14. Samuel McDaniel
3. Manuel Casarez	15. Michael Morlan
4. Mark Chadwick	16. Steve Olfers
5. Brady Constantine	17. Justin Garcia for Todd Perna
6. Walton Daugherty	18. Curtis Roberson
7. Vance Meade for Eric Epley	19. Sammy Sikes
8. Darren Brinkkoeter for Tony Gross	20. Kenneth Miller for Cindy Stafford
9. Brandon High	21. Michael Padilla for James Teal
10. Mark Cheatum for Jeff Kelley	22. William Thomas
11. Bryce Houlton for Kyle Kutscher	23. Mark Trevino
12. Judy Lefevers	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

1. Justin Calhoun	7. Bryan Norris
2. Judge Rochelle Camacho	8. John Overstreet
3. Andrew Cardiel	9. Mike Pansza
4. Gary Haecker	10. Judge Peter Sakai
5. Donald Keil	11. Aaron Von Muldau
6. Scott Moreland	

AACOG STAFF PRESENT:

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

1. Meeting called to Order.

Mark Chadwick called the meeting to order at 1:32pm.

2. Roll Call.

A quorum was established with twenty-three (23) members present.

3. Public Comments

N/A

4. Consider and act upon the approval of the February 19, 2025 minutes.

It was noted that Jeffery Fincke did not second the adjournment. We will also add the ranking sheet as an attachment to the minutes.

A **motion** was made by **Bryce Houlton** and seconded by **Michael Padilla** to approve the minutes with above corrections.

All Approved, Motion Carried.

5. Discussion and appropriate action on membership items:

Alternate Update:

1. **Jacob Colunga**, Alamo Colleges, to replace Jason Dempsey as the alternate for Samuel McDaniel.
2. **Carmen Mero**, Stockdale Marshals Office, to replace David Rice as alternate to John Overstreet.

Item #2 was withdrawn.

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

All Approved, Motion Carried.

6. Presentations:

A. Monthly National Weather Service Update- Paul Yura

Not much rain in the forecast. Will be warm with not a lot of humidity so fire danger should be low. Better chance for rain over Easter weekend and in the hill country. Better chance of rain Saturday night which might affect campouts.

B. AT&T- Steve Pundt

The Firstnet program with AT&T:

1. First Responder Network Authority- under the Department of Commerce, this independent authority is designated to oversee the construction and operation of the NPSBN.
2. 25-year contract- Has 5-year build plan with 20 years of reinvestment.
3. Accountability-FirstNet Authority inspects and partners with AT&T teams nationwide.
4. Reinvestment-\$40B from AT&T invested in FirstNet network throughout 25-year partnership.
5. Oversight-GAO, PMO, Congress and States all have direct input into the development of Firstnet.
6. Roadmap Domains-6 areas of investment, grant dollars and expansion.

Have 180+ Dedicated Deployables:

FirstNet-dedicated deployables, such as Satellite Cells on Light Trucks, are mobile cell sites that link to FirstNet via satellite. They don't rely on commercial power availability to provide first responders with the connectivity they need – when they need it.

FirstNet assets:

- Can support both planned and unplanned events
- Are Band 14 enabled
- Provide voice (including Voice over IP, VoLTE), data messaging, First Priority® (QPP)

In addition, the FirstNet Response Operations Group, led by a team of former first responders, works with agencies to determine the appropriate asset – or solution – based on the situation.

7. Program Updates:

A. Discuss RIC-WAVE Engineer, Web EOC Staff

Discussion was had that the 2 positions that are covered under this should be voted to be funded first like we do for AACOG. These are regional items that most people use. This will be placed as an action item on the next agenda.

CERT Program-

Has 300+ volunteers on the program. It focuses on Training, Community Outreach, Disaster Simulations, Activations via BCOEM or if requested by partners or stakeholders and assisting other partners, jurisdictions, stakeholders if needed.

They have monthly meetings and training along with an E-Bulletins.

B. THIRA-SPR Update-

In Collaboration with AACOG the THIRA development process will start in May with an anticipated date of November. It is a 3-step assessment completed every 3 years. There will be meetings happening right before REPAC meetings.

1. What threats and hazards can affect our community.
2. If they occurred, what impacts would those threats and hazards have on our community?
3. Based on those impacts, what capabilities should our community have?

C. Decommissioned Trailer-

AACOG received this trailer back from DPS because they got new ones. They had it in El Paso. It is over 20 years old. It could be a shared resource in the region but it needs a lot of work on it which will cost money. It would have to be stored in a jurisdiction. Discussion was had whether it was worth it or not to try and repair it. We have other resources in our region already for the same thing. The majority decided it was best to sell the trailer. We could use the money for items needed in the region such as multiband radios, etc.

A **motion** was made by **Sammy Sikes** and seconded by **William Thomas** for AACOG to research to sell the decommissioned trailer.

All Approved, Motion Carried.

8. Discussion and appropriate action on subcommittee reports.

A. Emergency Management-

Watch the bills affecting law enforcement and EMS. House Bill 33 and Senate Bill 2862 are ones to watch. The other related to emergency shelters is House Bill 3858. Get with your legislative committees.

B. Fire/Hazmat/WMD-

We will have a meeting on Apr 25.

C. Law Enforcement/Fusion Center-N/A

D. Interoperable Communications-

We have the \$5 million grant that allows us to continue down the road of infrastructure and building out towers. Portable radios that goes to all partnerships for a better communication system that will hopefully result in a statewide system.

There will be a tower in Atascosa County and also focusing on Pleasanton.

In Kerr County, the \$7.2 million trunking system is still moving forward.

E. Hospital/EMS/Medical-

Angela Morgan has resigned her position. The main contact if anyone needs input will be Kyle Jacobson. We have a tabletop exercise we are doing with the state at the end of May. Basically they are doing a scenario for Worldcup that will be in 2026. They are trying to get the whole state involved and we are participating.

F. Public Health-

We are part of the Worldcup scenario. We will fully stand up the regional medical operation centers, so those will be stood up throughout the entire state along with medical operation centers.

Measles is still out there and growing. Latest numbers is 561 reported cases, 58 hospitalizations, 2 deaths which were both in unvaccinated children. There have been NO cases in Region 8.

9. Upcoming Events, Trainings and/or Exercises

1. TDEM conference- End of May 27-30 in Dallas.

10. Items to be placed on next meeting agenda.

The 2 items we talked about previously.

11. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday May 21st, 2025, at 1:30pm.

12. Adjournment.

A **motion** was made by **William Thomas** and seconded by **Sammy Sikes** to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 2:36pm.

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**