

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

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. Donovan Agans	13. Samuel McDaniel
2. Rachelle Littlefield for Alyssa Campos	14. Scott Moreland
3. Michael Hayes for Andrew Cardiel	15. Rey Torres for Michael Morlan
4. Jason Reese for Brady Constantine	16. Steve Olfers
5. Patrick Lewis for Walton Daugherty	17. John Overstreet
6. Vance Meade for Eric Epley	18. Curtis Roberson
7. Nolan Byrd for Gary Haecker	19. Chris Lopez for Judge Peter Sakai
8. John Perry for Brandon High	20. Colin Davis for Sammy Sikes
9. Ray Kallio	21. Cindy Stafford
10. Josh Johnson for Donald Keil	22. Mark Trevino
11. Jeff Kelley	23. Keith Goodell for Aaron Von Muldau
12. Bryce Houlton for Kyle Kutscher	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

1. Justin Calhoun	7. Brian O'Neill
2. Manuel Casarez	8. Mike Pansza
3. Mark Chadwick	9. Todd Perna
4. Tony Gross	10. Judge James Teal
5. Judy Lefevers	11. William Thomas
6. Eric Maloney	

AACOG STAFF PRESENT:

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

1. Meeting called to Order.

Jeff Kelley called the meeting to order at 1:35pm.

2. Roll Call.

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

3. Public Comments

None

4. Consider and act upon the approval of the June 18, 2025 minutes.

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

All Approved, Motion Carried.

5. Discussion and appropriate action on membership items:

A. Primary Update:

1. **Robert Guerrero**, Bexar County Sheriff's Office, as primary alternate to Aaron Von Muldau.

A **motion** was made by **Bryce Houlton** and seconded by **Scott Moreland** to approve the membership item.

All Approved, Motion Carried.

B. Alternate Update:

1. **Steven Boyd**, City of Kerrville Fire Department, as second alternate to Eric Maloney.
2. **Keith Goodell**, Bexar County Sheriff's Office, as second alternate to Aaron Von Muldau.

A **motion** was made by **Scott Moreland** and seconded by **Ray Kallio** to approve the membership items.

All Approved, Motion Carried.

6. Presentations:

A. **Monthly National Weather Service Update-** Jason Runyen

We are in the middle of surveys along the Guadalupe River, as well as doing other activities related to the extremely active weather we just experienced.

Mostly dry conditions are expected for the next 7 days. There is a slight chance for some precipitation of the Coastal Plains on Friday, but overall, things look pretty dry. The chance of rain will be around 5 percent or less each day.

A tropical disturbance is expected to move into the northeastern and north-central Gulf.

There is a 40 percent chance of cyclone formation. However, current trends suggest this will not affect us.

High temperatures will be in the mid to upper 90s. Lows will be in the mid to upper 70s. With all the recent rains, it will be very humid out there. Chances of rain periodically. Nothing major of concern.

B. Safeware Inc.-Kenneth Crawford

Safeware Inc., a trusted name in public safety since 1979, providing innovative emergency preparedness and response solutions to law enforcement, fire departments, EMS, hazmat teams, and government agencies across the U.S.

Through national cooperative contracts like OMNIA and Sourcewell, Safeware offers quick and reliable access to essential safety equipment and services—from protective gear to mobile command solutions—helping agencies stay mission-ready before, during, and after disasters.

Whether responding to hurricanes, pandemics, or chemical spills, Safeware is committed to keeping first responders safe and equipped when it matters most.

C. AWARE Monitoring Systems- Robert Levy

AWARE Monitoring Systems creates innovative products that provide active sensing, monitoring, and control capabilities in dynamic and challenging environments. We focus on providing solutions that enhance operational performance and safety yet simplify complexity so that our customers can focus on their bigger challenges.

Water Level Pressure:

- Measures pressure and converts to water level
- High accuracy
- Lowest maintenance pressure sensor on market
- Works well in normally wet and dry locations

7. Program Updates

A. THIRA/SPR Update

We are working on getting contracts signed. It is in the works, and we will start having meetings before REPAC soon.

B. AACOG relief supplies to support flood response efforts

AACOG was asked by other cogs on how to help with donations. We set up a list on Amazon online for people to donate items. We have received a couple chainsaws with donations. Lots of businesses want to help. We focused mainly on things they needed such as bug spray, work gloves, water boots, lots of items like that. We are transitioning to people giving monetary donations for the cleanup and rebuilding which is needed.

C. Attendance Updates

We reached out to them, and they understand better about making sure at least an alternate needs to be here. They will work on having more alternates added.

8. Discussion and appropriate action on subcommittee reports.

A. Emergency Management-

Nothing to report. We will have a Schema/subcommittee meeting first or second week in August. Be watching for that.

B. Fire/Hazmat/WMD-N/A

C. Law Enforcement/Fusion Center-N/A

D. Interoperable Communications- N/A

E. Hospital/EMS/Medical-

Getting ready for a meeting end of Oct for SAMSE. And then also obviously up in Kerrville providing lots of support and that includes peer support for the responders up there and we've got really good feedback on providing that.

F. Public Health-

We have a full activation of course. We've got staff deployed running the operations section as well as staff in the ESF 8 desk at the Unified Command. Latest report that I've gotten is that we had 107 confirmed fatalities and we're still missing 93 individuals.

You know, weather has really been prohibited to getting a lot of the teams out there to perform searches and recovery. But we are expecting another influx of fatalities as weather allows those teams to get back out there.

9. Discussion and appropriate action on REPAC policies and procedures

A. add CERT to the proposed policy #2 regarding project funding priorities.

Policy #2 Project Funding Priorities

In alignment with our regional homeland security objectives and the need to maintain essential technological and operational support for emergency coordination, the RIC, CERT and WAVE Network Engineer and the WebEOC Training and Administration projects shall be designated as top funding priorities in the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) allocations. These projects shall be designated as ranking 2, 3 and 4, behind Homeland Security Planning, in the annual REPAC funding allocations. This ensures continuity of operations, technical support, and situational awareness capabilities vital to the region's emergency response infrastructure. Changes in funding requests that result in increases for these projects must be approved by the REPAC during the ranking process.

There was discussion on adding the CERT program. They need to provide a bullet point justification, if you will, as to how the CERT program supports the regional program and all teams regionally. This was asked to be sent to Justin and Jeff.

This is one of the documents, the procedures that the governor's office uses to ensure that it kind of aligns with the goals and so just the overall concern is that you want to ensure that it's fully documented on how CERT serves the region. This is the only one that is questionable in description. You kind of see how it goes for the other ones.

A **motion** was made by **Scott Moreland** and seconded by **Bryce Houlton** to approve the wording as presented provided the CERT program has proven they are a regional program as requested.

All Approved, Motion Carried.

10. Upcoming Events, Trainings and/or Exercises

Southwest Texas Fusion Center has a fusion liaison program. In order to receive products or to become part of our information sharing network, you must go through an 8 hr class. We have 2 coming up on Aug 6 and Nov 5. These are 8 hr classes at the Public Safety headquarters downtown. We would like to try to expand our liaisons kind of throughout the region.

11. Items to be placed on next meeting agenda.

NA

12. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday August 20th, 2025, at 1:30pm.

13. Adjournment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:11pm.

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