

01/11/16 - DRAFT SUBJECT TO CHANGE

#	Session Title	Session Description	Subject Matter
1	Is Your Plan Truly Current?	When is the last time you reviewed your Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plan? When is the last time you tested it, whether part of it or the entire plan? Are things as you expect them to be? This session will look at some areas you and your team routinely look at to ensure you don't have a "D'oh!" moment when you least expect (or want) it.	Emergency Management
2	Mother's Day Tornado-Lessons Learned	This presentation will focus on the lessons learned from the Van Zandt County tornado that struck on Mother's Day 2015. We will discuss the emergency response from locals and region. We will discuss and elaborate on the response from TDEM and FEMA. The Operations Chief for the incident as well as the county judge of Van Zandt County will be on hand to discuss the incident.	Emergency Management
3	AMBER, Blue, Silver & Endangered Missing Persons Alert Basic Course	*Attendees must register for this course through www.preparingtexas.org * Learn how law enforcement activates alert resources for specific missing person cases at available local, regional and state networks. Attendees will receive a certificate of course completion, along with three hours of TCOLE credit.	Law Enforcement
4	The Contract Awakens	You awarded a contract successfully, and now you are accountable to making the words on paper become a reality for your program. But now what? Do you get to be hands off and just let the vendor run your contract? Or, should you hold the vendor accountable to every word on the page? This session will discuss how DPS manages and monitors contracts and provide helpful hints for audience members.	Contracts/Rules/Legal
5	Managing Mental Health Emergencies On and Off the Streets	This session explores situational awareness in regards to mental health emergencies, to include deescalation techniques and managing and understanding personality disorders. The session also explores escalation, recognizing burn-out in first responders, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and the concept of resilience.	Emergency Management
6	Trauma Review for Preventing Mortality in Disaster Response	Law enforcement officers and disaster responders often work in a high stress environment, with increased occupational risk for penetrating trauma and vehicular incidents. This novel trauma review methodology uses military and trauma medicine best practices applied to law enforcement and disaster response personnel. This methodology will also be of use for reviewing traumatic events for victims.	Public Health/Medical/EMS/Mass Fatality

7	Ebola Incident in Dallas County-It Could Happen Again in Your Community	This presentation will discuss how Dallas County and its state and federal partners responded to the recent Ebola Incident. Topics of discussion will include: EOC Management, monitoring potentially exposed persons, media coverage, public education & outreach, "Bentley the Ebola Dog," working with private sector hospital and the medical community, HAZMAT/special risks and lessons learned.	Emergency Management
8	Oil and Gas Spills, Releases and Incidents	This session will discuss the role of the Railroad Commission in regulating oil and gas activities and how the agency responds to emergencies, spills, releases and other incidents. The talk will include a discussion of how to locate specific information from our Public GIS map viewer. The presentation will include examples of cleanups from across Texas.	Emergency Management
9	Identifying Resources for Developing County Animal Issues Plans	This interactive and hands-on session will take place at the Texas A&M VET exhibit & will guide planners through the process of accessing animal-related emergency planning resources & provide a hands-on experience to demonstrate the challenges that must be overcome in limiting animal suffering and protecting animal welfare during disasters. Jointly hosted by TAHC & TAMU VET. Two hour session.	Agriculture/Animal Health
10	Using the Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps to Build Local Resources	This session will present the process for establishing a veterinary medical reserve corps including the availability of the Texas A&M VET as the housing agency for local VMRCs.	Agriculture/Animal Health
11	Integrated Response to Active Shooter Events	Integrated response to active shooter events is critical to provided victims with appropriate levels of care as quickly as possible. This session utilizes the most up to date data available to derive the three critical components of integrated response. These are civilian/police provided points of wounding care, rescue task forces, and integrated command. Each component is discussed in detail.	Emergency Management
12	Don't Name Them: The Importance of Not Glorifying Active Shooters	Active shooter events often garner extensive media coverage and this coverage often focuses on the shooter. This session argues that this coverage is harmful and can contribute to additional attacks. This session presents police chiefs, PIOs, and other officials with considerations about what and when information should be released. Practical guidance is given.	Government Official (Elected/Appointed)
13	ESF-6/ESF-8 Emergency Sheltering Best Practices for Emergency Managers	This workshop will discuss proven emergency sheltering best practices for both general population sheltering (including provision of FNSS) and medical sheltering. Strategies covered will be centered upon inclusion, integration and the use of whole community principles to foster local engagement and enhanced resiliency at the local level.	Emergency Management

14	State of Texas Medical Shelter Toolkit Refresher Workshop	This workshop highlights the structure and content of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Medical Shelter Toolkit. The presentation content is designed to provide local emergency management and public health officials with the tools required to operationalize new or existing medical sheltering plans by focusing on proven operational tactics.	Emergency Management
15	State of Texas Functional Needs Support Services (FNSS) Tool Kit Workshop	This one hour workshop will define the framework & content of the Texas Functional Needs Support Services (FNSS) Tool Kit, as found in the April 2015 update by the Texas Disability Task Force on Emergency Management. This tool kit is recognized nationally as the standard for emergency shelter planning tools, featuring operational recommendations that are integrated, inclusive & impactful.	Emergency Management
16	Individual Assistance Overview	The Individual Assistance Overview session will share aspects of the IA Sequence of Delivery (local, state, and federal) as a guide in understanding the role of the Individual Assistance Program. Participants will engage in a discussion on various aspects of IA to include Joint IA PDAs, Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) and grant programs for disaster survivors	Emergency Management
17	WebEOC in Daily Use: A Panel Discussion	WebEOC is not just for use in disasters. A panel of presenters will discuss how their agencies use WebEOC every day. Discussion topics will include how WebEOC programs are implemented, to include planning, training, daily use, and use in disasters. The panel members represent a wide range of disciplines and agencies, from local jurisdictions to state agencies.	Communications
18	What's New for LEPCs in Texas	This presentation would be an update on the tools, training, and grants that are available to Texas LEPCS.	Emergency Management
19	Federal, State and Local Stakeholders Panel-Public Assistance Delivery in Texas	This interactive session will be actively moderated and include stakeholders from the federal, state and local sectors. Topics for discussion will include stakeholder feedback, suggestions for improvement, major achievements/challenges and lessons learned as it relates to the delivery of FEMA Public Assistance grants in the state of Texas.	Emergency Management
20	SRIA Debris Pilot Program Lessons Learned	With a focus on the implementation for DR-4223, this session will highlight the unforeseen challenges encountered, recommend policy adjustments, and lessons learned prior to the end of the pilot program in June 2016, with an eye to improving the program for eventual permanent implementation.	Emergency Management

21	The Responder Emergency Manager	Methodologies in emergency management are widely varied; this is illustrated in the specialties within the field. This presentation will focus on the issues and relationships involved for the "Responder Emergency Manager." Emphasis will be given to being an on-scene resource for incident commanders, being the eyes to look at the big picture for the incident commanders, & thinking outside of the box.	Emergency Management
22	Zen and the Art of Stress Management	Stress is subjective; but you know it when you feel it. It can be physical and/or emotional. This session will explain some of the physiology of stress reactions and techniques individuals can use anywhere to help reduce their stress. Participants will also learn how to recognize heightening stress in others. Resources will be provided.	Education
23	Crisis Communication: Emergency Managers as Change Agents	This session demonstrates how emergency information managers can use evidence-based communication strategies to implement change in their communities whether that be increases in preparedness, participation, or protective action. The session will present information that is practical for both beginners and those with some experience in communicating with the public.	Public Information/Media
24	Mental Health Crisis Services: An Evaluation of Current Characteristics and Recommendations	Local mental health authorities deliver mental health crisis services. However, mental health authorities have not yet identified a best practice model. Existing research does not clearly identify best practice models and lacks recommendations for improvement and development. Hospitals and jails are currently populated with consumers who may be better served by mobile crisis units.	Public Health/Medical/EMS/Mass Fatality
25	Strategic Funds Management	Expand your disaster recovery landscape across multiple federal grant programs and learn how the programs can work together to maximize funding sources available to state and local jurisdictions.	Emergency Management
26	Best Practices in Section 428 Compliance	Two years after implementation, review the impacts of the Public Assistance Program Alternative Procedures across multiple disasters.	Emergency Management
27	Best practices in Pre-Disaster Contracting	Don't wait until recovery to implement procurement practices required for federal grants.	Emergency Management
28	Amateur Radio in Action: Case Studies	Amateur Radio has been a valuable resource to emergency management professionals since 1935. Its ability to provide communications while completely off of the grid allow it to maintain communications in the severest of events. This presentation looks at several case studies and discusses how Amateur Radio has been used to provide communications during major events.	Communications

29	Damage Assessments & Economic Impact	State requirement to provide an Economic Impact Statement for a Governor's request for a Presidential declaration. Provide and discuss a checklist for county officials to collect needed information to the Texas Division of Emergency Management prior to submitting a disaster declaration.	Emergency Management
30	Documentation Checklist for Public Assistance Grant	Obtaining and maintaining the proper documentation for Public Assistance grants as it relates to pre-event, request for public assistance, project formulation, grant Reimbursement and close-out.	Emergency Management
31	RadResponder: Community Initiatives and Technology Innovation	RadResponder is the whole community solution for data management and systems integration. RadResponder integrates personnel, all detection equipment, databases and GIS platforms to provide an interoperable and networked approach to radiological emergency management. Communities are adopting RadResponder to manage radiological emergencies by integrating technology and adopting CONOPS and procedures.	Emergency Management
32	Developing an Animal Issues Committee for Local Jurisdictions	Developing an Animal Issues Committee for local jurisdictions to use during disaster situations.	Emergency Management
33	Leveraging Academic Service Learning Through Partnerships in Emergency Management	This session will present opportunities for academic institutions and students in emergency management programs to engage in practitioner-centric and field conducted projects. Specifically, the utilization of students and faculty as resource force multiplier will be overviewed with most common challenges and solutions highlighted and practical cases presented.	Emergency Management
34	A Resource for Continuity of Operations Plans for Your Livestock Owners	Planning with local jurisdictions has improved efforts to evacuate and shelter companion animals, yet there has been little information for livestock owners. Continuity of Operations Plans can keep livestock operations in the community. This presentation will introduce resources that livestock owners may be directed towards so all animals in a jurisdiction may be covered through a disaster.	Agriculture/Animal Health
35	Red Cross Sheltering in Texas	An overview of the American Red Cross including mission, governmental authorities, and scope of services. The workshop will focus on mass care activities and in particular disaster sheltering and feeding and cover sheltering philosophy, activities, activation procedures, and points of contact throughout the state	Voluntary Organization
36	Hydrogen Sulfide in the Oil and Gas industry	This session is an overview of the Railroad Commission of Texas regulations in regards to the specifics of Hydrogen Sulfide, safety training and compliance; including jurisdictional boundaries, reporting requirements, complaint filing and contact information.	Regulatory

37	"STOP THE BLEED!"	DHS is advocating training via their "Stop The Bleed" initiative. We will discuss why this intervention is so important prior to arrival of EMS, it's background and safety, including protection from bloodborne pathogens. All attendees will then receive an explanation, demonstration and break out to three stations for hands on training in a practical application in the techniques of stopping big bleeds.	Public Health/Medical/EMS/Mass Fatality
38	FirstNet Public Safety Broadband Update	The RFP to build a nationwide, broadband network exclusively for public safety is on the streets! Hear from FirstNet and Texas Public Safety Broadband leadership on how the process to procure the network is moving forward, what we can expect in the coming year and what this game-changing network will mean to Texas responders.	Communications
39	RRC Oil and Gas GIS Viewer	This session provides step by step instructions to use the Railroad Commission GIS Public Viewer found on the RRC website. The user can locate wells, pipelines and surveys and find information about them. The GIS Public Viewer is used as a tool by the RRC throughout the state during emergency situations.	Emergency Management
40	Best Practices in Large Animal Technical Rescue	The goal of the interactive hands-on session is to increase the awareness level for the need to plan for and develop teams with specialized training in large animal technical rescue. The standard of care and best practices on large animal technical rescue will be demonstrated through a standardized, active learning, integrated team approach.	Agriculture/Animal Health
41	Including Your Pets in the Family Disaster Preparedness Plan	This interactive session will highlight the importance of including family pets and livestock in the family disaster preparedness plan. The primary objective is to increase evacuation compliance by providing guidelines to assist families with evacuations during emergencies and large-scale disasters. This session will be based on lessons learned from previous state declared disasters.	Family Track
42	Lost Person Search Management	Search & Rescue incidents require a mix of investigations, analysis, management and documentation. The integration of these factors is best accomplished by trained search managers. This session will introduce the various capabilities and discuss the benefits and expectations for such. Answering the question, "Why do I need a trained and experienced search manager for my next lost person search?"	Search & Rescue

43	Section 406 Mitigation	The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act provides FEMA the authority to fund the restoration of eligible facilities that have sustained damage due to a presidentially declared disaster. Restoration of damaged facilities includes funding of additional measures that will enhance a facility's ability to resist similar damage in future events.	Emergency Management
44	Cooke County Individual Safe Room Grant Project	Present the Individual Safe Room Grant Program from the local/county level from application through to project completion. Includes examples of how we dealt with all of the facets of the program.	Emergency Management
45	Best Practices for Disaster Spiritual Care	In 2014, National VOAD ratified the first set of guidelines for disaster spiritual care programs, based largely on the 2009 Points of Consensus. While related to disaster behavioral health, disaster spiritual care is a unique discipline. In your role as emergency managers, the guideline should help you assess the quality of spiritual care providers and their programs.	Disaster Spiritual Care
46	How Does Financial Reporting and Single Audit Affect Your Grant Funding?	As oversight for Federal Disaster and Mitigation grants has become more prescriptive, pass through entities rely more heavily on financial reporting to ensure funds are managed properly and to protect federal funds from waste, fraud and abuse. Audit findings become a contributing factor to assessing risk in eligibility and post award monitoring.	Grant Management
47	Yes, Damaging Winds Can Do That!	Preliminary Damage Assessments can be troublesome, if not downright difficult. Most people believe they have been hit by a tornado, when severe weather strikes. Speakers from the National Weather Service will discuss damage indicators which occur during severe weather, focusing on the difference between tornado damage and the inappropriately named "straight line" winds.	Agriculture/Animal Health
48	Back to the Future - Using Historical Weather Events to Predict Future Behavior	With GIS data and information, it is possible to "play back" historical weather data in what appears to be real time. We will review this concept as it related to the North Central Texas Integrated Warning Team Workshop, where we replayed data from the May 5, 1995 (Mayfest storm), yet most in the audience believed this was a "routine" event.	Weather
49	The Ups & Downs of Elevation Projects in Flood Mitigation Assistance	Overview of the Flood Mitigation Assistance program and elevation projects. Discuss the grant ad procurements processes as well as the financial accountability. Review lessons learned from current projects that are ongoing in Texas.	Emergency Management

50	EM Preparedness Based on Collaboration with NWS Before 2015 Texas Floods	NWS collaboration with EM partners *prior* to the onset of hazardous weather is crucial to protecting life and property. Collaboration includes e-mail "blogs", webinars, on-site support, and individual phone calls. In 2015, information from NWS was used to make critical decisions to deploy resources prior to floods across the state; several examples of how information was used to prepare Texans.	Communications
51	Utilizing GIS to validate STEAR data	The STEAR data is a large database containing evacuation and transportation assistance records. The presentation is to discuss methods and practices for using GIS to simplify the process of analyzing the accuracy of STEAR records	Other
52	Diversity of Care Delivery Across the Nation in Disasters	This session examines the different models of alternate care delivery across the U.S. during disasters and how these diversities in care models have created inconsistencies in mass care provision. Given the variety of alternate care definitions and structures, the presentation seeks to provide best practices for delivery of care to those with medical and access and functional needs in disasters	Public Health/Medical/EMS/Mass Fatality
53	Planning for Animals in Disaster	This session will examine the complexities involved in including animals in mass care planning, response and recovery across the spectrum of emergency management. Current trends and considerations for animal evacuation, rescue, sheltering and reunification will be discussed, as well as guidance for planning for emotional support animals (ESA), service animals, pets, exotics and livestock.	Agriculture/Animal Health
54	Older Adults in Disasters - Lessons Learned from the 2015 California Fires	This presentation examines the disproportionately negative impact of disasters on older adults and provides recommendations for enhancing planning, response and recovery for these individuals. Lessons learned from incidents such as the 2015 California Butte County fires and the 2014 Wedgwood fire will give real world examples of failures and successes.	Emergency Management
55	TDEM Exercise Program	Exercises are supposed to increase the readiness of the State of Texas. Overview of our vision for the future TDEM Exercise Program; followed by an open discussion with participants to find out what assistance we, as a state program, can bring to the locals to help them achieve their goals.	Emergency Management
56	Writing a Good After-Action Report and Improvement Plan	Tips and hints on the value of an effective and concise After-Action Report and Improvement Plan, specifically, how to collect your data, data analysis, writing recommendations and improvement planning.	Emergency Management

57	The Missing Piece to Recovery: Understanding Case Management's Role	In this interactive session learners will be provided with lessons learned from integrating Immediate Disaster Case Manager's into the emergency operations and recovery process. The IDCM program is a unique tool in the national toolbox, which supports federal, state, local and tribal jurisdictions during disasters and jump starts the recovery process for survivors.	Disaster Case Management
58	Helping Those in Need Recover: A Case Management Model for EM Field	BCFS EMD Immediate Disaster Case Management Program will provide learners with a case management model to implement during emergencies and disasters with a primary focus on survivors recovery and building resilience in communities. The model proves to be effective in holistic care due to its ability to be flexible and scalable.	Disaster Case Management
59	The Permian Basin Cyber Regional Resiliency Assessment	During 2015 DHS conducted an Regional Resiliency Assessment Program (RRAP) on the cyber vulnerabilities of Permian Basin oil production. This session will discuss the mechanics of the study, discuss the study's findings and discuss the 18-month follow-on activities.	Cyber Vulnerabilities
60	DISASTER Preparedness and Incident Management	The discussion will center around the use of NFPA Code 1 and NFPA 101 to prepare your facility for a disaster, the importance of implementing NFPA 1600 and NFPA 1561 and creating an incident management team to handle any emergency at your facility	Fire Service
61	Air National Guard Region 6 Regional Medical Planning Team	Introduction to the mission, capabilities, and team composition of the FEMA Region 6 Air National Guard Regional Medical Planning Team. In addition to the mission/composition presentation, there will be a discussion of recently conducted operations (Air-X/SFE Exercise 2015) and future ops - Lower Rio Grande Valley AE exercise, Rio Grande and New Madrid fault planning efforts.	Emergency Management
62	Lessons Learned from the Central Texas Integrated Warning Team Workshop	Communicating hazardous weather information is challenging, especially with multiple organizations involved. The 1st Central Texas Regional Integrated Warning Team Workshop in November 2015 discussed this challenge with emergency managers, the media, & National Weather Service as well as how these groups can provide a consistent weather message. Lessons learned will be discussed in this session.	Weather
63	Assessing Critical Infrastructure Using the Rapid Assessment Tool	Participants will be introduced to the statewide strategy for conducting assessments of critical infrastructure in Texas using a common methodology. Participants will be introduced to the assessment instrument and will learn how the information collected in the assessments is used to support the homeland security and emergency management mission.	Emergency Management and Homeland Security

64	Post-Disaster Financial Recovery: What Every Emergency Manager Needs to Know	Post-disaster financial recovery is often referred to as the "disaster after the disaster." But it need not be so. FEMA's Public Assistance program regulations are complex and stringent, but the process can be effectively managed when local government agencies understand the process and take the necessary steps to be prepared. This session will share with attendees some of the critical knowledge	Emergency Management
65	What EMI's Virtual Tabletop Exercise (VTTX) Program Can Do or You!	The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) conducts a monthly series of Virtual Tabletop Exercises (VTTX) via a video teleconference platform. VTTX allows up to 15 communities from around the country to participate simultaneously to assess their current plans, policies and procedures while learning from the other connected communities as they provide their perspectives for similar situations.	Emergency Management
66	FEMA and Grant Program Directorate EHP Review Process	This session focuses on the process from the submittal of the Environmental and Historic Preservation Screening Form, project scoping and final EHP approval. The session will explain the review process between FEMA headquarters to the regions, what FEMA needs to know, would like to know and a discussion of extenuating circumstances which can delay project review.	Grants Programs
67	FEMA Environmental Reviews for Declared Disasters	The session will deliver an overview of the FEMA Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) review process for public assistance and hazard mitigation projects which result from a Presidentially declared disaster. This session will include an explanation of the process, importance of scopes of work and an in depth look at regulations and Executive Orders affecting timely reviews.	Government Officials
68	Successful Environmental Assessments for FEMA Grant Funded Projects	This session will focus on the understanding and successful writing/review requirements for FEMA funded projects which require an Environmental Assessment in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. An in depth look at the process from scoping to public notice posting and Section 508 compliance will be explained.	Government Officials
69	Preparedness Gets Personal: Developing Family Resiliency and Readiness	Family readiness is understanding our existing environment and ensuring adaptability to operate effectively in the unknown, especially for disasters. Building family resiliency through adaptive resources and an effective family care plan will help us get personal with preparedness and ensure our family members thrive before, during and after disasters.	Family Track

70	TX-TF1: 2015 May Floods	This session will share the information and lessons learned from the 29-day state wide deployment of TX-TF1 to the 2015 May Floods, including the North Texas Tornadoes and the Wimberley Flooding. This session will have members from the Texas SAR Overhead team and from the TX-TF1 Helicopter Rescue Program, US&R team, and Water Rescue team.	Search & Rescue
71	Wildfire Evacuation When Every Second Counts	Evacuation during a wildland Urban Interface fire is one of the most complex and challenging aspects of responding to wildfires. Its also where we experience the greatest threat to and loss of life during wildfire incidents. Often fires occur under extreme conditions, spread quickly and result in the need to rapid evacuation. Are your wildland fire evacuation and repopulation plans inplace?	Wildfire Evacuation Plans
72	Opening Doors: Utilizing American Sign Language in Emergency Situations	This workshop will focus on communicating with the deaf and hard of hearing during an emergency situation. Course instruction includes a basic overview of proper etiquette for communicating with the hearing impaired, in addition to covering basic American Sign Language signs to enhance overall communication and understanding during disaster response and recovery.	Communications
73	Public Health Lessons Learned Following a Nuclear Incident Response	Explore several operational medical lessons learned from DOD's response to the Fukushima nuclear incident and its applicability to today's emergency management environment. Lessons include challenges public health leaders may face in capturing and communicating potential radiation dose, re-establishing public confidence in locally/regionally produced products, and health risk communication.	Public Health/Medical/EMS/Mass Fatality
74	Reporting Pipeline Incidents	Railroad Commission of Texas pipeline safety State reporting requirements for gas and hazardous liquids pipelines. An overview of the Commission's pipeline safety regulatory functions, types of pipelines, and criteria for reporting pipeline incidents and accidents to the Commission.	Emergency Management
75	Austin's Joint Response Procedures for Suspicious Package Incidents	This workshop will outline the procedures that First Responders from the Austin Fire Department, Austin Police Department and the local FBI Office utilize when responding to reports of suspicious packages. It will include a brief history, the current procedures utilized, and the benefits of a joint response to these types of incidents.	Law Enforcement
76	Debris Management	Discuss the elements of Debris Management for pre and post incident. Discuss the advantages of a Debris Management Plan, eligibility considerations, regulatory guidelines and general contract guidelines.	Emergency Management
77	Procurement: Avoiding DHS-OIG Audit Findings	Uniform Administrative Requirements for FEMA grants as stated in 2 CFR 200 and 215 as well as 44 CFR Part 13.	Emergency Management

78	The Texas Lonestar WebEOC Project	The Lonestar WebEOC project supports state agencies and regional entities, including: DSHS HSRs, EMTFs, IMTs, DDCs, and other regional response entities. An overview will be given of the project progress to date, along with a timeline of future planned milestones.	Communications
79	Community Preparedness and the American Red Cross	While the role of the American Red Cross in response and recovery is well known, its role in community preparedness is less familiar. This session will outline ARC national/regional strategy and programs for increasing community resiliency.	Education
80	Formation of a Multi-County Long Term Recovery Group	The counties of Blanco, Caldwell, Guadalupe and Hays teamed together to form the first four-county Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) in Texas history after the May and June floods of 2015. The thought of the Blanco River Regional Recovery Team (BR3T) was that pooling resources together from multiple counties would benefit in aiding as many survivors as possible in the long term rebuilding process.	Voluntary Organization
81	Redefining Disaster Recovery: Resiliency	Understand the culture shift from recovery to resiliency as we explore and address unmet needs from previous disasters and vulnerabilities in future disasters.	Law Enforcement
82	Getting To Know How The Disaster District Committee Operates	Part 1 - Join us to to get to know the Disaster District Committee (DDC) roles and responsibilities and how the DDC coordinates and supports requests during an emergency or disaster. Part 2 - Panel Discussion to include Disaster District Chair(s), District Coordinator(s).	Emergency Management
83	Public Safety Broadband on FirstNet Spectrum is Working in Texas Today!	Although the nationwide network is only in the RFP stage, Harris County, Texas is leading the nation in public safety broadband deployment. Hear how Harris County, Brazos County and TxDPS are forging the way in build-out, adoption and cutting-edge applications on the most powerful public safety LTE system in the world, and how these lessons learned will enhance the FirstNet nationwide deployment!	Communications
84	Harris County Memorial Day Flooding	The presentation will give on overview of the flooding, the coordinated use of public messaging during the flooding, and the lessons learned from one of the most significant flood events to impact Harris County since April 2009. Including use of social media and strongly worded Flash Flood Emergency messaging	Weather
85	Difficult Conversations: Maneuvering Through the Maze	Fear paralyzes us when faced with conflict and begs us to avoid difficult conversations even when we know problems will continue to fester and worsen if not dealt with. This presentation seeks to empower leaders within an organization with tools to help them engage in those conversations where stakes are high, emotions run deep, and opinions may be opposing.	Law Enforcement

86	All Hazard Emergency Operational Planning For Schools	The All Hazard Emergency Operational Planning For Schools lecture will cover best practices following a large scale planning exercise RGV ISD revising their EOP. This will allow EMC's and school officials to identify all critical infrastructure and key personnel within their schools and communities. Identify the need for planning, development, training, exercise, implementation.	Emergency Management
87	Active Threat Preparedness: Developing a Program in Fort Worth	The city of Fort Worth developed a collaborative Active Threat program addressing preparedness for its public safety departments. This presentation describes the efforts and lessons learned creating & revising planning documents; implementing a multi-departmental training program; & developing multi-year exercise programs to maintain citywide readiness. Fire & Police staff will be present for Q&A.	Fire Service
88	Disaster Cost Recovery: Getting It and Keeping It	Ten years after a series of hurricanes, FEMA is deobligating \$275 million from cities and counties in Florida. 10 years after Hurricane Katrina, a DHS audit finds that a school in Louisiana owes the Federal government \$82 million dollars. How could these staggering losses be avoided? What do Texas cities and counties need to know to avoid this kind of fiscal disaster after the disaster?	Other
89	CEM®/AEM Preparatory Course and Exam	*Attendees must register for this course through www.iaem.com * The CEM ®/AEM Exam Prep Course is intended for professional emergency managers interested in obtaining the CEM ®/AEM designation. A Certified Emergency Manager is an individual who possesses the knowledge, skills and abilities to effectively manage a comprehensive disaster/emergency management program.	Emergency Management
90	Oil and Gas Incidents: Knowing Who to Call	Learn about the role of the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) in emergency response situations related to oil and gas activity. The session will clarify RRC jurisdiction over various aspects of oil and gas activity in Texas and how RRC can provide support to emergency responders in the case of an oil, natural gas, pipeline or alternative fuel related incident.	Emergency Management
91	Defense Support of Civilian Authorities (DSCA)	Session describes Defense Support of Civilian Authorities (DSCA) and the Defense Coordinating Officer/Element that works with FEMA to provide DoD support when requested by the state.	Military
92	Challenges Associated with Animal Decontamination During Disasters	This interactive, hands-on session that will be delivered at the Texas A&M VET exhibit and will provide county emergency managers and planners with a hands on understanding of the challenges associated with decontaminating animals. This will include the important resources needed, and the considerations for ensuring both animal and responder safety. This is a two hour session.	Agriculture/Animal Health

93	WebEOC STAR III	A review of the new features added to the WebEOC STAR III Board	Emergency Management
94	WebEOC Emergency Tracking Network	A review of the new features added to the WebEOC Emergency Tracking Network (ETN).	Emergency Management
95	Emergency Operations Planning-101	Where do you start when you want to create or revise an emergency operations plan (EOP)? This session provides an overview of the planning process, best practices, and ways to organize the content in your plan. A brief overview of state planning projects helps to identify potential pitfalls and keys to planning success.	Emergency Management
96	When EOPs Meet OEPs	Schools rely on several kinds of plans to support their emergency preparedness and response capabilities. This presentation will look into the similarities and differences between Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs) and Occupant Emergency Plans (OEPs) and how schools can use both to improve their emergency preparedness strategies.	Education
97	Public Information Through the Generations	From baby boomers to millennial, the mode and method of communication is as varied as the generations. No longer is there a one-size fits all message, or a single source for release of information. This new normal for crisis communication must be recognized and tailored to a new level of immediacy and of messaging. Bring your "electronic device" to this session as you will be part of the process.	Education
98	The Medium is the Message - School Mass Messaging	When schools communicate emergency messages to students, staff and the community, their messages have a long and lasting impact on overall emergency response. The concept of "as go schools - so goes the community" is rooted in public information and the many ways from phone trees to mass notification that schools community must be incorporated into overall community crisis communication.	Education
99	Choose Your Own Adventure - School Emergency Operations Plans	From strategic, to operational, and tactical planning this course looks into the similarities and difference in each of these planning types and why each is necessary for a comprehensive EOP. This training outlines the process for the development of district and campus emergency operations plans, hazard specific plans, functional annexes, and campus emergency operations plans.	Education
100	120 Hours Out - Is That Enough Time to be Ready?	This will give the basic outline for a 120 hour plan that leads up to landfall of a hurricane. Session will provide valuable information gained through promising practices gained from field experience.	Emergency Management
101	Evacuation Sheltering for Disasters - Acquisition to Demobilization	This presentation will give an outline on how to set up evacuation sheltering. Outline will start from building acquisition and follow through all the way to demobilization. The information provided will come from field experience and promising practices.	Emergency Management

102	What Can Citizen Corps do for You?	This session will describe the different aspects and functions of the different programs that make up the Citizen Corps program and the role Citizen Corps plays in the Homeland Security Strategic Plan as well as resources available to assist with starting a local program. It will also offer updates on the current direction of the state program and future goals.	Storm Water/Private Sect.
103	Post Disaster Damage Assessment - Lessons Learned	Post disaster damage assessment of buildings and structures to insure the public is aware of the dangers when re-entering damaged buildings and to obtain damage estimates for a disaster decoration. This session will provide actual how damage assessment was accomplished following West fertilizer plant explosion, tornado damage in Cleburne, and Van, Texas and the flooding in Garland and Wimberley.	Emergency Management
104	Four More Minutes to Help You Save Lives	This session will discuss the Collaborative Adaptive Sensing of the Atmosphere (CASA) radars. New technology of weather radar that can save lives and protect property. A network of radars has been placed in the North Central Texas region that is faster updating and higher resolution than the current NEXRAD radars. Find out how the radars are being used and how you can obtain them in your area.	Emergency Management
105	Developing and Growing An Interoperable Radio Communications System	Almost 100 government jurisdictions and private public safety organizations in six North Texas counties can communicate with one another through the Fort Worth Regional Radio System. Since 2011, these agencies have built one of the largest systems in the state, established an active governance structure for interoperability, and planned improvements to increase its value to its stakeholders.	Communications
106	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) - Beginning to End	Mitigation is any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate future risk to people and property from natural and man-made disasters. This workshop is designed to increase the interest and access to mitigation funding opportunities. The sections will address: Application Development, Project Implementation, Project Closeout and strategies to ensure compliance with grant guidelines.	Emergency Management
107	Local Hazard Mitigation Plans - A Necessary Precursor	Local Hazard Mitigation plans a vital part of emergency management. These plans provide insights into risks within jurisdictions. This workshop is designed to make the planning process simple.	Emergency Management
108	The Highway Safety Operations Center - How it Can Assist You	An overview of the resources and services provided by the Texas Highway Patrol's Highway Safety Operations Center (HSOC). Summaries of analytical projects that have been performed by the HSOC and a discussion of what the HSOC can offer, both internally within DPS, and to other agencies.	Law Enforcement

109	The Changing Role of Rescue Task Forces (RTFs) During Mass Shootings	With the chilling rise in mass shootings, law enforcement and fire/EMS agencies are forming RTFs with a more patient-centric approach to ensure victims onscene receive proper medical attention in a timely manner. For this concept to be effective, EMS and law enforcement need to train together and ensure a unified command. An incident management software tool can help facilitate this process.	Law Enforcement
110	Navigating the Uniform Grant Guidance	The session will provide an overview of the major changes under the Uniform Grant Guidance.	Emergency Management
111	Planning for Historic and Cultural Resources	History and culture can play an important role in a community's identity and economy. This session will present the federal planning guidance for ESF #11: Agriculture and Natural Resources and focus on the unique needs of cultural resources and historic properties. Expert advice from historical conservation representatives will be presented.	Emergency Management
112	Radiation Sources - We can find them and monitor them for you	The Texas Military Forces 6th Civil Support Team - Weapons of Mass Destruction has robust and unique capabilities for radiation source detection, monitoring, and mapping. This session will detail the team's capabilities using various tools, provide recent examples of the team's capabilities in use, and provide a demonstration of the capabilities available to requesting agencies free of charge.	Military
113	The Biological Agents of Bioterrorism and How to Stop Them	Bioterrorism has the capacity to initiate fear and chaos in a community, and it is often up ot emergency managers to disseminate information and mitigate fear. In this seminar, you will learn about the history of bioterrorism; how to recognize anthrax, smallpox, tularemia and other diseases caused by biological agents; surveillance techniques; and outbreak detection and interventions.	Public Health/Medical/EMS/Mass Fatality
114	Fanning the Flames	Think the crisis is bad now? Try sending media and elected officials to voicemail. How missteps in handling the two most powerful vehicles for information during a disaster can tank your reputation. Lessons learned for private industry and government agencies during the historic 2014 influx of unaccompanied minors from Central America, and other "good ideas at the time" that went awry.	Public Information/Media
115	Leveraging the New Local Planning Template to Create Robust EM Plans	Planners learn how to leverage the revised planning templates through a demonstration of TDEM's revamped planning template for local jurisdictions.	Emergency Management

116	Texas Suspicious Activity Reporting Network	This session will identify the Suspicious Activity Reporting process (SAR), how to identify behaviors and indicators with a potential nexus to terrorism and/or crime, and how to report SARs. This session will include a definition of the Texas SAR Network and identification of partners in the network. Examples of SARs received and how the data is being utilized will be presented during this session	Law Enforcement
117	Analysis of Local Finance Departments	This four hour session will focus on the accounting practices of individual finance departments. *Designed for Executive Leadership and their Finance personnel from a local jurisdiction or county.	Emergency Management
118	What's New and Coming Soon in the NWS Hurricane Warning Program?	National Weather Service forecasters will talk about some new aspects of the hurricane warning program and preview coming attractions. This will include storm surge watches and warnings and a proposal to issue watches and warnings prior to formation. NWS will also talk about Tropical Storm Bill and how much earlier watches and warnings may have been issued if the proposed procedures were in place.	Weather
119	Memorial Day Weekend Flood Event: Rural County Preparedness	The 2015 Memorial Day Weekend Floods impacted a large area of Central Texas. Caldwell County (population 39,000) prepared in advance of the flood and worked with federal, state and regional partners to respond to the emergent crisis. The weekend event consisted of a river wave, areal flood, flash flood, straight line winds, tornado and massive oil storage tank fire (touched off by lightning).	Emergency Management
120	Building Emergency Public Information Networks	People receive information from more sources and on more platforms than ever before. Emergency managers have no choice but to build a communications network that broadcasts on as many platforms as possible. HCOHSEM shares the progress they have made on this task and provides a blueprint for others who wish to do the same.	Public Information/Media
121	Social Vulnerability: A Preparedness Paradox?	This session will discuss how a paradox exists in both individual and household preparedness regarding populations who experience the highest levels of social vulnerability. A "one size fits all" preparedness paradigm may not be the most effective approach to reaching those who are most vulnerable, therefore policy solutions should consider targeted programs that meet specific community needs.	Emergency Management
122	Nutrition Made Easy. What the Heck is a Macronutrient?	Quick down and dirty lesson on nutrition in general. How to plan your meals around the three main macronutrients to reach your goals.	Public Health/Medical/EMS/Mass Fatality

123	Creating a Safe, Secure, Reliant and Resilient Water Supply: A Role for Innovative Technologies	Demands for water continue to grow as "communities: across America strive for "systems solutions: to their long term water needs that are safe, secure, reliable and resilient. These solutions are driven by innovative technologies to provide access to "new" water supplies across a continuum from reclaimed and brackish water to ocean desalination to air to water technology, among others.	Emergency Management
124	3D Simtable Technology; Developing Wildfire Mitigation & Planning Strategies	An introduction to 3D Simtable technology with respect to local wildfire mitigation and planning withing the city of Helotes in Bexar County, Texas. Simulation will include large-scale wildfire event originating in the Government Canyon State Natural Area with rapid progression into Helotes. Texas A&M Forest Service personnel will lead a discussion into wildfire mitigation and planning strategies	Fire Service
125	Natural Gas Vehicle and Station Awareness Training for First Responders	Over 8,000 natural gas vehicles (ngvs) currently operate in the State of Texas with over 86 public natural gas stations across the state and 36 more planned in 2016. Awareness of these compressed natural gas (CNG) and liquefied natural gas (LNG) vehicles and stations is critical for first responders.	Emergency Management
126	Get Ready-Stay Ready!	This presentation shares the latest plans for massive evacuation from coastal jurisdiction, sheltering hubs, and meeting basic Mass Care Needs. From the small community with a localized disaster to the state of Texas needing to move the masses into other states, it pays to "get ready and stay ready!" Intended for the new EMC and the seasoned veteran.	Emergency Management
127	Optimizing Partner Relationships for Effective DSCA Medical Response	Forging relationships with our Federal, State, Tribal, and Local partners is essential for timely and appropriate Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) medical support. Understanding our respective roles, capabilities, probable gaps and unique medical planning considerations enhances collaborative partnerships and integration of shared mitigation strategies for optimal emergency management.	Public Health/Medical/EMS/Mass Fatality
128	Before You Buy, Give Surplus a Try! Intro to State & Federal Property Programs	Learn about Texas' State & Federal Surplus Property Programs and how they can save your organization money. Property is available for transfer at 10% or less of the original purchase price. Examples of items commonly available through our program in include generators, vehicles, trailers, RVs/mobile command centers, furniture, medical equipment, heavy equipment, cranes, light towers.	Other

129	Public Health Emergency Planning: Get Organized, Get Started	How does your agency develop public health emergency plans? The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is taking a project management approach to planning. Planners will share challenges faced, knowledge gained, and the project management tool developed to guide planners through the plan development process.	Public Health/Medical/EMS/Mass Fatality
130	Re-defining Access and Functional Needs to Increase Community Resilience	As communities continue to evolve, so do the services that meet their needs and the lexicons that define these services. This session will explore FEMA's change in direction indicated by recently released definitions and trainings on individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs; and outline the paradigm shift from describing people to defining process and tasking.	Emergency Management
131	The New Whole Community Inclusive Planning National Training	Whole community inclusive planning is not a new concept but a commonly mentioned and frequently referenced phrase that appears to validate the cultural competency of the speaker and the message. This session will review the principles and strategies, their intended outcome, ways they have been successfully implemented, common misunderstandings, and key points from the new FEMA national training.	Family Track
132	Do Words Really Matter? - Bridging the Cultural and Linguistic gap	Growing in our profession means mastering its language and culture. This internal essential skill can become problematic when communicating with others outside our field. This session will explore the cultural and linguistic hot buttons and land mines often encountered by emergency managers that can be hazardous to effective communication and community partnerships; and bridging the gap to success	Communications
133	Preparedness for Individuals with Disabilities, Families, and Communities	Personal preparedness is an essential component to community resilience and whole community participation in planning. This session focuses on preparedness for community groups that have historically been disproportionately impacted. It will identify strategies and practices that can be incorporated into daily life to achieve personal preparedness, and the essential role of the emergency manager.	Other
134	Blue+Red=Purple: Intelligence gathering and Emergency Management	Gathering intelligence is not just a matter of situational awareness. Integrating intelligence from both law enforcement and fire service is an essential emergency management function that has a profound impact on the preservation of life and property. Combining the knowledge and experience of Big Red and Big Blue is essential if we are to competently address today's complex threat matrix.	Law Enforcement

135	Building the Emergency Management Profession	The Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management has developed a multi-level internship program with the dual goal of stimulating interest in the emergency management profession and discovering the future next generation of leadership in the field.	Emergency Management
136	Understanding Risk and Threat From Industrial Incidents	Having a complete understanding of the impacts from an incident is never more urgent than when an industrial accident occurs. Leveraging information you already have can help emergency managers and responders identify who is at risk, calculate the financial impact of the incident, and prioritize actions for first responders.	Emergency Management
137	Linking COOP to Emergency Management	Provide compelling reasons to establish collaborative relationships between emergency management and COOP implementations. We each have our swim lanes, but these lanes are in the same body of water. This session will discuss real life examples where it worked and where the linkage did not occur. The session will include recommendations on how to establish the relationships.	Other
138	Getting Things Done: AmeriCorps and Senior Corps Resources in Disaster	Learn how partnerships between government, local communities, and national service programs such as AmeriCorps and Senior Corps can "get things done" for Texas communities by leveraging the power of community volunteers and donations for disaster preparedness, response, and recovery to bring hope and solutions to communities facing a disaster.	Voluntary Organization
139	Television News and You: What to do When You see a TV Crew	This session will shed light on the internal operations of News Departments within local Television Stations, and explore the changing nature of News and how it impacts coverage. The session will explore how to develop relationships in your area with broadcasters, the nature and expectations of broadcast journalism, and give tips and tricks for going on camera.	Public Information/Media
140	FEMA G-272 Warning Coordination Course	*Attendees must register for this course through www.preparingtexas.org * The goal of this course is to enable to emergency management community to save lives and protect property through effective warning coordination and communication to the public.	Weather

141	Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in a Disaster	This course aims to introduce the keys to success in managing large numbers of spontaneous volunteers in disasters. Its underlying assumption is that much of the volunteer help is indeed needed, and that with basic Emergency Management coordination skills, the volunteer resources can often be put to effective use, making a positive difference in the affected community. Eight hour course with certification.	Emergency Management
142	EMCs and Dam Emergency Action Plans	Emergency Action Plans are required for over 1,200 dams in Texas. TCEQ solicits cooperation from local EMCs in assuring that EAPs identify resources and processes to respond to a dam emergency.	Emergency Management
143	High Frequency Radio Communications Concepts	High Frequency (HF) radio communications can provide to the emergency manager a contingency capability for long range communications when internet and satellite communications are not available. This capability can include ICS forms, spread sheets, radio e-mail, and photographs. The concepts of NVIS propagation including frequency selection and antenna design will be discussed.	Communications
144	Hablamos del Tiempo en Espanol, Texas?	NWS offices across Texas provide more information in Spanish to serve populations where English is spoken poorly or not at all. Dedicated NOAA Weather Radio transmitters, community centered hurricane hazard impacts, meetings with clergy, multimedia briefings, and social media posts are just a few examples how we're reaching out to some of the most vulnerable and least resilient communities.	Weather
145	An Integrated Approach for Animal Issues Planning	This session will introduce a new approach in planning to mitigate, prepare for, and respond to issues involving animals during disasters. This integrated direction will eliminate a "siloe" approach and result in planning for the full spectrum of issues involving animals that occur in virtually all disasters.	Emergency Management
146	Overview: Texas 10 Most Wanted/Texas Stash House Rewards Programs	The Texas Department of Public Safety, in partnership with the Office of the Governor, Texas Crime Stoppers program, identifies select fugitives and wanted sex offenders who pose the most significant threat to public safety in the state. Individuals who provide information leading to the arrest of one of these fugitives or sex offenders can earn a cash reward in the amount designated for each person.	Law Enforcement
147	Drones, Satellite, Lidar and Smart Material Technologies for Monitoring for Preparedness & Rapid Recovery	Advances in the drone, satellite, Lidar and smart materials technologies in recent years that can be used for monitoring for preparedness and rapid recovery after a disaster will be discussed. In addition to discussing the advantages and limitations of some of the new technologies the need to develop a comprehensive disaster models will be presented.	Education

148	Creating Robust EOPs with the Revised Emergency Planner's Guide	The Texas Emergency Manager's Planner's Guide and The Planner's Toolkit have been revised to integrate with the new planning templates for local jurisdictions. This session will walk participants through the steps in the planning process, from beginning to completed plan.	Emergency Management
149	Uniquely Human in Emergencies: An Autism Spectrum Disorder Discussion	A review of Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and emergencies from individual preparedness to the role of emergency responders. ASD can cause significant social, communication and behavioral challenges during daily living; the need for rapid response in a dynamically changing environment can lead to confusion.	Education
150	Multi-Agency Reunification Service Planning	Reunification responsibilities cut across multiple ESFs, agencies and organizations and planning for it requires a multi-agency collaborative approach. This presentation will provide a perspective on the complexities of reunification planning, discuss available reunification tools and give an update on FEMA reunification planning activities.	Emergency Management
151	How Green Is My State? Satellite Observations of the Texas Drought	The University of Texas Center for Space Research uses satellite remote sensing to measure Total Water Storage (the water contained in aquifers, in soil moisture and in surface water) and to assess the impacts to vegetation caused by changing drought conditions from 2001 to the present. Wet and dry years can be compared for many dates across Texas for each of the 254 counties.	Weather
152	Why You Must Have an Emergency Plan On Paper	This session describes the reasons you must have the basics of your Emergency Plan on paper in a very condensed, easy to execute format. The new FEMA recommendations for the First Hundred Minutes are presented, and possible checklists are presented. In addition, the hazards of depending on electronic plans are discussed.	Emergency Management
153	River Forecasting: How to Interpret the Data and Why We Use Probabilities	There is a lot that goes into forecasting river flooding. This presentation will discuss how to interpret the river flood guidance products as well as introduce some new products that take into account probabilistic rainfall amounts.	Weather
154	Mental Health Considerations for Disaster Planning	History of mental illness are more likely to develop stress-related symptoms or a relapse of prior symptoms following a disaster. Those with a chronic mental illness may have difficulty tolerating psychological distress or a disruption in their social situation.	Education

155	Military Deployments and Emergency Management Planning	The US Military has learned a lot from deployments around the globe; these best practices are transferable into better Emergency Management Planning Procedures. A useful military tool to help this process is the Pre/Post Deployment Health (PDHA) and site assessments for monitoring any personnel health changes due to the deployment. This tool is also applicable to emergency management deployments.	Emergency Management
156	Tactical Marine Unit	Discuss daily operations and capabilities of the Texas Highway Patrol Tactical Marine Unit.	Law Enforcement
157	Emergency Management in the Maritime Realm	Introduce participants to the massive energy complex called the Port of Houston. While vital to the local, state, and national economies, it also serves as a petrochemical complex which brings emergency management and security challenges. What are some of these challenges and how do they impact surrounding communities and the state? Real life examples to be used to impart the message.	Emergency Management
158	The Value in Integrating Emergency Management and Death Investigation	This presentation will provide insight into the benefits of integrating emergency management concepts into forensic death investigative operations. The Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences recently integrated two divisions, Forensic Emergency Management and Forensic Investigations, in the interest of maximizing the efficiency of both daily and mass fatality operations.	Public Health/Medical/EMS/Mass Fatality
159	State of Texas SAR Resources	This session will share information about the resources and capabilities of TX-TF1 and its ESF-9 response partners, which are available to the state during natural and technical disasters.	Search & Rescue
160	Best Practices for Emergency Preparedness in Higher Education	Tragic shooting events across the country, implementing concealed carry legislation, and the demands for near-real time information (Internet, texts, and social media), have placed incredible demands for emergency preparedness. This session highlights best practices, examples of implementation, and leveraging campus resources to enhance plans, exercises, notification and information systems.	Emergency Management
161	Texas A&M VET & TX-TF1: Supporting US&R Canines During Deployments	This session will provide the listener with lessons learned from the experiences gained by the Texas A&M VET during their multiple deployments with TX-TF1 in support of their S&R canines. The presentation will also provide key issues search dogs encounter and the importance of providing VET support of the dogs during deployments.	Agriculture/Animal Health
162	The Texas A&M VET and the 2015 Memorial Day Flood Event	This session will provide the listener with lessons learned from the experiences gained by the Texas A&M VET during their 12 day deployment to the Memorial Day flood event in Wimberley TX. The presentation will also provide an update on the growth and activities of the TAMU VET since last year.	Agriculture/Animal Health

<p>163</p>	<p>AWR-310 - Natural Disaster Awareness for Community Leaders</p>	<p>*Attendees must register for this course through www.preparingtexas.org* Community leaders have the opportunity to enhance their community's ability to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against all forms of disasters. This course will help to enhance understanding of natural disasters, risk assessment in the context of disaster management, prevailing emergency management procedures and operations, and the different vulnerability factors that exist within their local community. This course will also provide community leaders with an understanding of the necessary plans and tools needed in planning for natural disasters, and will help them to better understand and identify the personnel best equipped to address response and recovery requirements in the case of an actual disaster.</p>	<p>Emergency Management</p>
<p>164</p>	<p>AWR-319 - Leveraging Tools for Conducting Damage Assessments</p>	<p>*Attendees must register for this course through www.preparingtexas.org* The scope of this course is to provide a review of damage assessment, the importance of providing quick and accurate assessments, and an opportunity to review and practice with tools to assist in conducting damage assessments. The course will also review various disaster damage assessment processes, collaborating agencies, and resources. Participants will discuss and develop a damage assessment action plan in order to ensure that resources are in place for an adequate response, followed by a hands-on exercise using various tools and software to collect damage assessments.</p>	<p>Emergency Management</p>