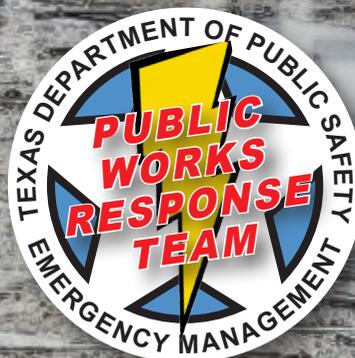


## Purpose

When a catastrophic event occurs and the citizens of Texas have their daily lives and local economy disrupted, an immediate and integrated public works response provides for quicker recovery of critical services and infrastructure.

# PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSE TEAM



[www.dps.texas.gov/dem/pwrt](http://www.dps.texas.gov/dem/pwrt)



## Texas Public Works Response Team Membership Application



### Mission

Established in 2007, the Public Works Response Team (PWRT) supports local jurisdictions in their response to a catastrophic event by providing critical public works services as needed to facilitate recovery.

### Team Composition

The Public Works Response Team (PWRT) is a state resource with multi-disciplined, multi-talented, and highly qualified members who support local response, rapid damage assessment, and recovery efforts. The PWRT is composed of members who are highly skilled and knowledgeable in public works activities such as Utilities (Electrical, Gas, Water, Wastewater, Storm Water, Environmental Safety and Compliance, Communications); Debris Clearance; Structural Safety; Transportation Systems; Traffic Engineering and Management; Fleet Services; and Parks and Recreation.

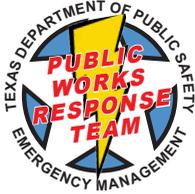
A PWRT individual member is a subject matter expert in any public works field or who has a working knowledge of all phases of municipal public works activities.

Public Works Resource Team(s) are composed of public works equipment and/or work crews who have the required certifications for the job duties performed on a daily basis within a municipal organization. The resource team shall consist of a supervisor, work crew and the necessary equipment needed to complete their assigned task.

Individual members and resource teams may be requested to respond on short notice to catastrophic events as designated by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM). Individual members and resource teams may respond as available to support any Texas jurisdiction that has experienced an overwhelming and catastrophic event.

### **Individual members and resource teams will consist of the following public works and engineering disciplines:**

- Administrative
- Bridge Engineering
- Communications
- Dam/Levee Engineering
- Debris (Clearance and Management)
- Electric Power Systems
- Electrician
- Engineering Services
- Environmental/Hazardous Materials
- Fleet Management
- Generator Power
- Heavy Equipment
- Highways/Roads Engineering
- Inspector
- Natural Gas
- Parks and Recreation
- Solid Waste
- Storm Water (Collection and Discharge)
- Structural (Buildings and Facilities, Codes)
- Traffic Systems/Signals
- Transportation Systems/Services
- Waste Water (Collection and Treatment)
- Water (Treatment and Distribution)
- Other



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### Response Support

The team's response effort is organized and functions in accordance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The PWRT is designed to support local jurisdictions in their initial response and recovery efforts at three levels:

Individual members and Resource Teams may be requested to provide support in the following areas:

1. Planning Support:
  - Technical assistance to facilitate re-entry
  - Technical assistance for recovery of essential services and critical infrastructure
  - Identification of local capabilities and resource needs
2. Operational Support:
  - Provide short-term augmentation of public works resources for quick emergency response
  - Collect and provide information to determine requirements for critical resources needed to support emergency response and recovery activities
  - Support local jurisdictions with public works activities including the activities of the Public Works Resource Team(s)
3. Liaison Support:
  - Act as point of contact for the Public Works Response Team to the State Operations Center
  - Provide local support to incident command

### Administration

The PWRT is a State asset deployed by the State Operations Center (SOC) under the direction of the Chief, Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), as required to support local jurisdictions in the event of a catastrophic incident. The operationally ready response teams are recruited from local jurisdictions and coordinated with other State Agencies. The teams are made from identified public works and engineering disciplines and will function under Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) and the Texas Statewide Mutual Aid System.



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### Required Training

Before becoming an active PWRT member, enhance your extensive experience and expertise by completing the following required online training at: [http://training.fema.gov/nrfres\\_IS.asp](http://training.fema.gov/nrfres_IS.asp)

- IS-800.B: National Response Framework, An Introduction
- IS-700.a: National Incident Management System
- IS-100: Introduction to Incident Command System (NOTE: IS-100.PW or any of the other IS-100 variants is acceptable)
- IS-200: ICS for the Single Resource and Initial Action Incidents

You also are encouraged to complete the classroom-based training required for leaders and district or state liaison positions. Those classes are:

- ICS-300: Intermediate ICS
- ICS-400: Advanced ICS

All members are required to submit proof of completion of required training courses by creating an account online and uploading the certificates at [www.PrepareingTexas.org](http://www.PrepareingTexas.org).

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** By signing up, what am I volunteering for?

**A:** By signing up, you are volunteering to receive PWRT program updates and training opportunities. Response to an emergency will come in an official request from the State Operations Center, and only if you are available.

**Q:** Will I be reimbursed for my deployment expenses?

**A:** Yes. All members will be reimbursed for deployment expenses and are required to enter into a memorandum of understand with the state prior to deployment.

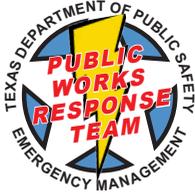
**Q:** How do I obtain a copy of the PWRT Memorandum of Understanding?

**A:** To obtain a copy of the PWRT Memorandum of Understanding, download a copy from the website: [www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/PWRT](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/PWRT).

For more information, contact:

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### Instructions:

#### CHECK ONE:

- Individual Member: Complete ONLY page 5
- Resource Team Point of Contact: Complete BOTH page 5 and 6.

**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **M. I.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **County:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_ **+4** \_\_\_\_\_

**Physical Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **County:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_ **+4** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ext:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Service Provider** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Secondary Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Certifications:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Area of expertise or Resource Team capabilities: Check all that apply

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Highways / Roads Engineering               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge Engineering                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Inspector                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Gas                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dam / Levee Engineering             | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Debris (Clearance & Management)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Power Systems              | <input type="checkbox"/> Storm Water (Collection & Discharge)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrician                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Structural (Buildings & Facilities, Codes) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering Services                | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Systems / Signals                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental / Hazardous Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Systems / Services          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fleet Management                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Water (Collection & Treatment)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Generator Power                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Water (Treatment & Distribution)           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy Equipment                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                               |

