



Texas Emergency Management Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting notes from 2/25/2014

EMAT Symposium

ATTENDANCE

Ronnie Bates	Charles Bauer	Mike Beimer
David Coatney	Leonard Deonarine	Dale Little
Crystal Lyons	Stephen Mild	David McCurdy
Sharon Nalls	Bob Royall	Sarah Somers
Denise Walker	Shari Ramirez – MacKay	Lauren Allen
Suzannah Jones	Stephanie Thompson	

CHAIR REPORTS – Bob Royall and Sarah Somers

Meeting started with a report from Chair Bob Royall.

- Due to recent disasters, including the fertilizer plant explosion in West, within the state, government is very interested in how chemicals are transported. Be aware and continue to train your jurisdictions and prepare.
- Ongoing struggles with LEPC representation

Chair Sarah Somers' report followed.

- Three accomplishments in statewide mutual aid:
 1. Removed requirement for regional plan
 2. Removed requirement to 30 days
 3. Added a provision to bill each other only after the first 12 hours
- Education is needed to explain mutual aid and how it works.
- More training on recovery is needed at the jurisdictional level.
- Suggest "just-in-time" recovery training with local officials.
- It was noted that the First Responder's Advisory Council (FRAC) is discussing recovery training.
- Councils and committees should combine efforts to maximize resources, including time.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (SB 1556 AND SB 171) – Suzannah Jones

Senate Bill 171

- A workgroup will be established to research the viability of a uniform application form for assistance after disasters.
- Chief Kidd or designee will chair the workgroup.
- Workgroups being organized now.
- TEMAC lead for whitepaper on 171: David McCurdy

SB1556

- Establish school safety certification program.
- TX School Safety Center in conjunction with the mandated School Safety Task Force (chaired by Chief Kidd or designee) designated to create program on certifying school districts.
- A committee member will be designated to create a whitepaper. Guidelines will be provided by TDEM.
- TEMAC leads for whitepaper on 1556: Denise Walker and Steven Mild

NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATE

Chief Kidd chairs the committee that is working on four potential recommendations. Once complete the National Advisory Council will vote to send forward.

1. Regional FEMA response workshops
2. Private sector engagement for patient care
3. Regional inventory for mutual aid agreements
4. Credentialing

ELECTION OF 2014 CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR

Bob Royall and Sarah Somers

*Chairs will solicit volunteers to help with duties