**Alamo Area Council of Governments**

**Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, July 19th, 2023 – 2:00pm**

**2700 NE Loop 410, Suite 101**

**San Antonio, Texas 78217**

 **MEETING MINUTES**

***MEMBERS PRESENT:***

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| 1. **Donovan Agans**
2. **Andrew Cardiel**
3. **Patrick Lewis for Manuel Casarez**
4. **Mark Chadwick**
5. **Walton Daugherty**
6. **Angela Morgan for Eric Epley**
7. **Jeffery Fincke**
8. **Tony Gross**
9. **Ray Kallio**
10. **Jeff Kelley**
11. **Daniel Kramer**
12. **Bryce Houlton for Judge Kyle Kutscher**
 | 1. **Judy Lefevers**
2. **Jerremy Hughes for Eric Maloney**
3. **Samual McDaniel**
4. **Christopher Monestier**
5. **Eddie Haynes for Scott Moreland**
6. **Michael Morlan**
7. **Les Metzler for Steve Olfers**
8. **Sammy Sikes**
9. **Michael Starnes and Rachelle Littlefield**
10. **Cindy Stafford for Chris Thompson**
11. **Devon Wilborn**
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***MEMBERS ABSENT:***

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| 1. **Edwin Baker**
2. **Shelby Dupnik**
3. **Philip Glass**
4. **Gary Haecker**
5. **Justin Klaus**
6. **Dan Pue**
 | 1. **Braxton Roemer**
2. **Judge Peter Sakai**
3. **James Teal**
4. **William Thomas**
5. **Mark Trevino**
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***AACOG STAFF PRESENT:***

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| Marcela Medina – Public Safety ManagerLaura Richardson- Public Safety SpecialistCami Goldspink- Criminal Justice Planner |

**1. Meeting called to Order.**

Jeff Fincke called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

**2. Roll Call.**

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

**3. Public Comments**

1. Erik Anderson with LCRA spoke. He stated that their grant is now open and for anyone interested they can apply for up to $50k through July 31st. Also the radio system: Gillespie Co & City of Fredericksburg added more capacity to prepare for the eclipse coming up.

2. Jeffrey Dean who retired spoke about how he appreciated his past 17 years with the committee.

**4. Consider and act upon the approval of the June 21, 2023 minutes.**

It was noted that Jeffery Fincke’s name was misspelled.

A **motion** was made by **Tony Gross** and secondedby **Walton Daugherty** to approve the minutes with above correction.

**All Approved, Motion Carried.**

**5. Consider and act upon the approval of Membership.**

1. Nominating **Cindy Stafford** to replace Chris Thompson as the primary member for Wilson County.

A **motion** was made by **Sammy Sikes** and secondedby **Michael Starnes** to approve the above membership item.

**All Approved, Motion Carried**

**6. Presentations:**

**A. Monthly National Weather Service Update – Paul Yura**

It will still be very hot with very little chance of rain. Invites were sent out for a new chatroom on the National Weather website. You will also get an invite for the flood mapping and to maybe host meetings. We have several months to prepare.

**B. Texas State Guard Brief-LTC Michael H. Moore, CO 4th Battalion, 6th Brigade,**

**TXSG**

* We are the Texas State Guard and not federally funded.
* We are volunteer only with no pay, only per diem.
* We have 4 Brigades aligned with DPS/TDEM Regions.
* We do not self-deploy. The Governor has to request our assistance.
* We are the first response before the National Guard.
* Have MRP-Mission Ready Package Mobilizations.
* Have Command & Control, Communication & Cyber, Movement & Maneuver, and Medical Packages.
* (2005-2023) Mobilizations- 117 deployments of over 8,500 State Guardsman
* We have community involvement toy drive called The Young Heroes of the Guard.

**C. District 7 Fire Rescue Director, Resiliency & Peer Support- Denise Thompson**

* We support the first responders. This includes peer support to all AACOG area first responders and leadership consultation.
* CISM Training-over 300 in AACOG Region.
* Recommend POC for each county
* Team members trained in each county
* Appointed and supported as part of the regional team
* Have quite a few initiatives coming up the next couple years

**D. FirstNet Solution Consultant- Stephen Pundt**

This is the program’s 6th year.

* FirstNet has central portal with local control and application center
* Cell sites are displayed as operational or not operational
* Has CRD-Compact Rapid Deployable- A rapidly deployable COW for emergency and routine cellular and internet communications. This can fit on a trailer hitch.
* There is also a mini CRD available. This can be hand-carried.
* The Resource guide is available on the website. This covers: Deploying with FirstNet, Understanding the FirstNet Deployable Program, Using the Network Status Tool, Using the Uplift Request Tool, FirstNet Devices and Applications for Everyday Use, Using a FirstNet Device Cache, Incorporating FirstNet into your Communications Plans, Network Experience Engagement Program Download

**7. Program Updates**

**A. Monthly HSGD Conference Call-** This is tabled to next meeting since staff is at a meeting with the OOG.

**B. THIRA Update- Deyanira Flores**

There are THIRA workshops scheduled for Aug 28 & 29. Working on scenarios. This will cover flood, cyber-attack, complex coordinated terrorist attack, train derailment, 30-day loss of power, wildfire, and the eclipse. Will send out an agenda once finalized. Look at your subject matter experts come to the workshops.

**8. Discussion and appropriate action on subcommittee reports.**

*Due to time constraints, Jeffery Finke asked if anyone had anything that they needed to talk about. No one did so this was tabled to the next meeting.*

1. **Emergency Management**
2. **Fire/Hazmat/WMD**
3. **Law Enforcement/Fusion Center**

 **D.  Interoperable Communications**

 **E. Hospital/EMS/Medical**

 **F.  Public Health**

**Closing Items:**

**9. Upcoming Events, Trainings and/or Exercises**

Schema will be meeting on 7-24-23 at 2:00pm at Schertz Civic Center

**10. Items to be placed on next meeting agenda**

No items were identified to be added to the next meeting agenda.

**11. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday August 16th, 2023 – 2:00pm – at AACOG Titan Building**

**14. Adjournment. Adjourned at 3:00pm.**

A **motion** was made by **Sammy Sikes** and seconded to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.

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