**Alamo Area Council of Governments**

**Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, September 20th, 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. **Judge Rochelle Camacho** 3. **Manuel Casarez** 4. **Mark Chadwick** 5. **Angela Morgan for Eric Epley** 6. **Jeffery Fincke** 7. **Tony Gross** 8. **Nolan Byrd for Garyt Haecker** 9. **Jeff Kelley** 10. **Louis Lopez for Justin Klaus** 11. **Brandon High for Daniel Kramer** 12. **Bryce Houlton for Judge Kyle Kutscher** 13. **Judy Lefevers** | 1. **Jerremy Hughes for Eric Maloney** 2. **Samual McDaniel** 3. **Christopher Monestier** 4. **Scott Moreland** 5. **Michael Morlan** 6. **Steve Olfers** 7. **Mick McMickle for Braxton Roemer** 8. **Colin Davis for Sammy Sikes** 9. **Cindy Stafford** 10. **Michael Starnes** 11. **Matthew Lodge for Mark Trevino** 12. **Devon Wilborn** |

***MEMBERS ABSENT:***

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| 1. **Edwin Baker** 2. **Andrew Cardiel** 3. **Walton Daughtery** 4. **Shelby Dupnik** 5. **Todd Perna** 6. **Dan Pue** | 1. **Judge Peter Sakai** 2. **Judge James Teal** 3. **William Thomas** |

***AACOG STAFF PRESENT:***

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| Marcela Medina – Public Safety Manager  Justin Monarez – Homeland Security/Criminal Justice Coordinator  Laura Richardson- Public Safety Specialist  Mitchell Mensinger- Homeland Security Planner  Cami 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-five **(25)** members present.

**3. Public Comments**

Blanca Garcia- Wants to make sure you got the information of what they are doing for the eclipse.

**4. Consider and act upon the approval of the August 16, 2023 minutes.**

A **motion** was made by **Bryce Houlton** and secondedby **Scott Moreland** to approve the minutes with above correction.

**All Approved, Motion Carried.**

**5. Presentations:**

* 1. Emergency Management Planning for the 2024 Total Eclipse-Dawn Davies, Night Skies Program Manager with Hill Country Alliance

The first one is Oct 14 and will last about 4.26 minutes for total eclipse. The entire time frame will be 10 hours. This is unique and happens every 18 months or so but it is rare that you can see them. You can’t view this one with naked eye. You need special glasses. The partiality zone is in yellow lines. This will be the last time to experience this for another century or so. First one is annular and the total eclipse will be in April.

We are expecting 800,000-1 million people visiting between Thur-Sun. There will be lots of research people here in the area conducting experiments as well. There will be a large draw on cell service, runs on gasoline and food too.

Have the Hill Country Eclipse Portal, Check it out.

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

There are some small chances of rain coming. We are hitting near record temps again this week.

**7. Program Updates**

**A. Monthly HSGD Conference Call-**no call due to TARC.

**B. THIRA Update-**

The 3 day workshop was completed.

We will need the subcommittee’s priority lists soon. We will be releasing the applications early. This way we will have more time to complete everything.

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

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

**Louis-** we will have meeting in Oct. We talked about priorities already. We will need a co-chair soon.

1. **Interoperable Communications-**

**Robert-** March we submitted 2 projects. Infrastructure was prioritized. It was 16 Million. The other was 7 Million for subscriber equipment. Goal was to provide some level of coverage in all counties by the end of the year. Bexar and Comal are online now. Guadalupe, Karnes and Atascosa are next.

**WAVE-** 90% of older radios have been replaced.

Texas SWIC will come down in Oct to do a presentation on operability.

**E. Hospital/EMS/Medical**

**Angela-** hospitals have capability to add MCI patients to an incident. Hospitals are working on their full-scale exercise which we are helping with.

**F.  Public Health- NA**

**Old Business-**

N/A

**New Business-**

N/A

**Closing Items:**

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

**AACOG** is hosting a class for Integrated Threat Response-Rescue Task Force Training at Academy Oct 24 from 8-5.

**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 October 18th, 2023 – 2:00pm**

**14. Adjournment.**

A **motion** was made by **Bryce Houlton** and seconded by **Scott Moreland** to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 2:47pm.

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