

**Alamo Area Council of Governments  
Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 2:00pm  
2700 NE Loop 410, Suite 101  
San Antonio, Texas 78217**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Andrew Cardiel</li> <li>2. Patrick Lewis for Manuel Casarez</li> <li>3. Walton Daugherty</li> <li>4. Shelby Dupnik</li> <li>5. Mark Bennett for Eric Epley</li> <li>6. Jeff Fincke</li> <li>7. Jeanie Alvarez for Roger Garcia</li> <li>8. Philip Glass</li> <li>9. Ray Hacker</li> <li>10. Nolan Byrd for Gary Haecker</li> <li>11. Rebekkah Schriener for Leann Hosek</li> <li>12. Ray Kallio</li> <li>13. Jeff Kelley</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14. Summer Hall for Kade Long</li> <li>15. Jerremy Hughes for Eric Maloney</li> <li>16. Christopher Monestier</li> <li>17. Les Metzler for Steve Olfers</li> <li>18. Matt Malone for Dan Pue</li> <li>19. Jason Rutherford for Carey Reed</li> <li>20. Braxton Roemer</li> <li>21. Edwin Baker for Johnny Stahl</li> <li>22. Michael Starnes</li> <li>23. Danny Taylor</li> <li>24. William Thomas</li> <li>25. Mark Trevino and Jeffrey Dean</li> </ol>
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**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. David Gonzalez</li> <li>2. Tony Gross</li> <li>3. Justin Klaus</li> <li>4. Kyle Kutscher</li> <li>5. Chris Lopez</li> <li>6. Keith Lutz</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Sam McDaniel</li> <li>8. Sammy Sikes</li> <li>9. James Teal</li> <li>10. Chris Thompson</li> <li>11. Nelson Wolff</li> </ol>
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**AACOG STAFF PRESENT:**

<p>Marcela Medina – Public Safety Manager Justin Monarez – Homeland Security/Criminal Justice Coordinator Matthew Reyes – Homeland Security Planner Laura Richardson – Public Safety Specialist</p>
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**1. Meeting called to Order.**

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

**2. Roll Call.**

A quorum was established with twenty-eight (25) members present

**3. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**4. Consider and act upon the approval of the April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 minutes.**

A **motion** was made by **Walton Daugherty** and seconded by **Ray Hacker** to approve the minutes.

**All Approved, Motion Carried.**

**5. Consider and act upon the approval of new committee members.**

**1.** Nominating Chris Lopez to replace Scott Lampright as Judge Nelson Wolff's alternate.

A **motion** was made by **Shelby Dupnik** and seconded by **Jeff Kelley** to approve the membership item.

**All Approved, Motion Carried.**

**2.** Nominating Michael Morlan to replace Chris Lopez as the primary representative for BCOEM.

A **motion** was made by **Danny Taylor** and seconded by **Shelby Dupnik** to approve the membership item.

**All Approved, Motion Carried.**

**3.** Nominating Jason Dempsey from UTSA as Sam McDaniel's alternate.

A **motion** was made by **Ray Kallio** and seconded by **Walton Daugherty** to approve the membership item.

**All Approved, Motion Carried.**

**Presentations:**

**6. American Public Works Association, Texas Chapter – Julio Colunga**

Julio Colunga of Fair Oaks Ranch presented on the Texas Chapter of the American Public Works Association. He described the work that the group undertakes in other urban areas in Texas, and called for action on integrating public works into emergency management planning activities. The committee agreed to establish a working group to generate ideas and to discuss the possibility of creating a regional mutual aid agreement specifically for public works.

## **7. Monthly National Weather Service Update – Paul Yura**

Matthew Reyes presented for Paul Yura on upcoming weather forecasts and long-term patterns for the rest of spring and into the summer.

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

### **A. Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources**

N/A

### **B. Emergency Management and Community Preparedness**

N/A

### **C. Emergency Response - Fire**

N/A

### **D. Emergency Response - Law Enforcement**

Johnny Siemens – The chairs are working to assess major incident response capabilities so as to inform planning efforts in the future – specifically those related to SWAT.

### **E. Interoperable Communications**

Robert Adelman – Some Wave Network gateways failed temporarily but are now back online. The committee is working with AACOG and TXDOT to tag and inventory radio equipment from the last SERI grant project.

### **F. IT/Fusion Center**

Jeff Fincke – The committee did not meet prior to REPAC.

### **G. Hospital/EMS/Medical**

Mark Bennett – EMS has not met since the last REPAC and the Hospitals are set to meet after REPAC. STRAC is working on planning efforts related to radiological response.

### **H. Public Health and Agriculture**

N/A

### **I. Strategic Planning**

Jeffrey Dean – FEMA released the NOFO and information on UASI funding. San Antonio will be asking to reprogram a FY2022 SHSP grant to hire an outside firm to conduct an assessment and plan related to domestic violent extremism in the region. The THIRA will be due later this year so that will be a major focus for the region in the coming months.

## **9. Program Updates**

**A. Reallocation for FY2021 was approved** – The OOG approved the request from AACOG to repurpose unspent FY2021 SHSP dollars to fund bleed kits and pocket guides for the region. The HLS staff is working on getting bids to spend those funds by the end of June.

**B. Met with CPS Energy** – The HLS staff met with CPS Energy at their headquarters to discuss partnering for emergency planning and trainings related to utilities and infrastructure.

**C. Changes in future SHSP deobligations** – In the future, deobligated SHSP funds will no longer be returned to the COG to be spent. Instead, the PSO will use those funds to fund contemporary projects that would not have been funded otherwise and not necessarily within the same region from which those funds originated in. So, SHSP grantees need to ensure that they are spending all of their funds so that the region does not lose them.

**D. Working with CISA** – The HLS staff is working with Luu Do from CISA to conduct a risk and vulnerability assessment on the Titan Building. They also connected Karnes County to CISA for a cybersecurity assessment.

**E. Working with DPS on mass casualty exercise** – The HLS staff met with DPS to begin the process of planning a mass casualty exercise that will most likely be centered on the Poteet Strawberry Festival in Atascosa County. The goal is to have other rural jurisdictions participate in the exercise so that they can learn from the experience as well.

#### **10. FY2022 SHSP Grantee Presentations:**

**1. Bexar County – 2964306 – Regional Preparedness and Resilience Project**

BCOEM will present on the status of this project in June.

**2. Bexar County – 4212001 – BCSO Leica System**

BCSO will present on the status of this project in June.

**3. Bexar County – 4213101 – WMD/HAZMAT Team Enhancement Project**

William Johnston presented on the status of the project. The project's equipment changed to better suit the needs of the team and to enhance interoperability.

**4. New Braunfels, City of – 4226901 – Nbfd Emergency Response and Rescue Equipment**

Jennifer Gates presented on the status of the project. Nbfd is waiting for FEMA's approval on a Watercraft Waiver Request Form that the OOG helped them submit. Because of this, purchases are still pending.

**5. Olmos Park, City of – 4220101 – Mobile Field Force Deployable Interoperability Gateway**

Robert Adelman presented on the status of the project, which has been completed and is pending final close-out. The city spend \$32,691 and returned \$251 to the OOG. All equipment has been received and inventory operations are underway. The city is working with STRAC on CUBIC Vocality coordination.

**6. San Antonio, City of – 2963807 – AET – Law Enforcement Regional Response Capabilities**

Jeffrey Dean presented on the status of the project for SAPD. Some funding will be redirected due to supply chain issues, and the price of the bomb robot increased dramatically. All project have prior approval, but COSA will as for an extension until July 31, 2023.

**7. San Antonio, City of – 4100802 – DVE – Information Sharing**

Jeffrey Dean presented on the status of the project for the Southwest Texas Fusion Center. He noted the many jurisdictions that this project supports operationally through the Fusion Center, as well as the many trainings that the STFC is offering.

**8. San Antonio, City of – 4322301 – EC – Regional Cybersecurity**

Jeffrey Dean presented on the status of this project, which supports a contract for a cybersecurity analyst. \$36,683.98 has been expended to date.

**9. STRAC – 3897103 – Regional Interoperable Communications Coordinator – Year 6**

Mark Bennett presented on the status of this project, which supports the work of Jeff Wendling for the 2022 calendar year. \$16,666 has been spend to date.

**10. STRAC – 3895403 – WAVE Network Upgrade**

Mark Bennett presented on the status of this project, which is nearing completion. \$101,008.64 has been spent to date.

**11. STRAC – 2963907 – WebEOC Training and Admin**

Mark Bennett presented on the status of this project, which supports the work of Barrett Hanks as the WebEOC administrator. \$82,650 has been spent to date.

**Old Business:**

**11. Discussion and appropriate action on creation of Subcommittee Guidelines**

The committee discussed changes that were proposed by Jeff Fincke and agreed to accept all of those that do not conflict with the existing language in the REPAC bylaws.

A **motion** was made by **Edwin Baker** and seconded by **Shelby Dupnik** to approve the proposed guidelines.

**All Approved, Motion Carried.**

**New Business:**

**12. Discussion and appropriate action on FY2022 SHSP Grant: 2999607 – COSA**

Partner Forces virtually presented their proposal to utilize the existing SHSP funding to conduct a community risk assessment for the region that will focus on domestic violent extremism. The funds that will be repurposed total \$145,000.

A **motion** was made by **Mark Bennett** and seconded by **Shelby Dupnik** to approve the repurposing of these funds.

**All Approved, Motion Carried.**

**13. Discussion and appropriate action on establishing and combining subcommittees**

The committee discussed the four proposals on reconfiguring the REPAC subcommittees. After much deliberation, the Chair indicated a desire to withhold voting on the matter until more time could be spent discussing the proposals.

A **motion** was made by **Jeff Kelley** and seconded by **Danny Taylor** to table the matter until June.

**All Approved, Motion Carried.**

**Closing Items:**

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

1. TDEM Conference in San Antonio, May 31 – June 4
2. TEEEX Infrastructure and Safety Summit in San Angelo, June 20 – 24
3. TEEEX Courses in Pleasanton and San Antonio, May – August

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

- A. Subcommittee reconfiguration
- B. Presentation on AARRS

**14. Next Meeting Date: June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 2:00pm – at AACOG Titan Building**

**15. Adjournment.**

A **motion** was made and seconded to adjourn.  
Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.