**Alamo Area Council of Governments**

**Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 18th, 2023 – 2:00pm**

**2700 NE Loop 410, Suite 101**

**San Antonio, Texas 78217**

**MEETING MINUTES**

***MEMBERS PRESENT:***

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| 1. **Ray Kallio for Judge Rochelle Camacho** 2. **Andrew Cardiel** 3. **Mark Chadwick** 4. **Walton Daugherty** 5. **Shelby Dupnik** 6. **Vance Meade for Eric Epley** 7. **Jeffery Fincke** 8. **Tony Gross** 9. **Jeff Kelley** 10. **Mark Cheatum for Justin Klaus** 11. **Brandon High for Daniel Kramer** 12. **Bryce Houlton for Judge Kyle Kutscher** | 1. **Judy Lefevers** 2. **Samual McDaniel** 3. **Matt Jimenez for Christopher Monestier** 4. **Michael Morlan** 5. **Les Metzler for Steve Olfers** 6. **Braxton Roemer** 7. **Chris Lopez for Judge Peter Sakai** 8. **Sammy Sikes** 9. **Michael Starnes** 10. **William Thomas** 11. **Devon Wilborn** |

***MEMBERS ABSENT:***

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| 1. **Donovan Agans** 2. **Edwin Baker** 3. **Manuel Casarez** 4. **Gary Haecker** 5. **Eric Maloney** 6. **Scott Moreland** | 1. **Todd Perna** 2. **Dan Pue** 3. **Cindy Stafford** 4. **Judge James Teal** 5. **Mark Trevino** |

***AACOG STAFF PRESENT:***

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| Marcela Medina – Public Safety Manager  Justin Monarez – Homeland Security/Criminal Justice Coordinator  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-three **(23)** members present.

**3. Public Comments**

None

**4. Consider and act upon the approval of the September 20, 2023 minutes.**

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

**All Approved, Motion Carried.**

**5. Consider and act upon the approval of membership items:**

1. Nominating Patrick Lewis as alternate for Todd Perna for Universal City.

A **motion** was made by **Walton Daugherty** and secondedby **Bryce Houlton** to approve the membership item.

**All Approved, Motion Carried.**

2. Nominating Jason Cooper as Judge James Teal’s alternate for McMullen County.

A **motion** was made by **Tony Gross** and secondedby **Andrew Cardiel** to approve the membership item.

**All Approved, Motion Carried.**

**6. Discussion on nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair 2024-2026.**

Jeffery Fincke -Nominated for Chair: Jeff Kelley, Bryce Houlton and Mark Chadwick.

No other nominations were made. Any nominations need to be sent to AACOG staff.

**7. Presentations:**

**A. Texas Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) Office-Aaron Slaughter**

Texas SCIP adopted on 7/13/23, the Texas report on Interoperability to the Texas legislature was released on 8/31/23 and the TxICC Annual Conference is on November 12-13th, 2023 In New Braunfels. Also discussed was planning for the solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 and The Texas Interoperable Radio Interconnect System (TIRIS)

**B. Deputy CISO and State Cybersecurity Coordinator (DIR)- Tony Sauerhoff**

Explanation of the different tools DIR provides when it comes to Cyber Security incidents. Wanted to explain that they are here to help if needed and how they can help.

**C. Monthly National Weather Service Update- Paul Yura**

Was not able to make the meeting.

**8. Program Updates**

**A. THIRA update- (Deyanira Flores)**

Going to be sending out a capabilities survey to emergency managers in the region. Partner Forces will be available for any help regarding the survey. Will be sent out in a week or so.

**B. Monthly HSGD Conference Call**

Cyber Security month use your RFA’s and think before you click. Asking if anyone will share their prioritization score sheets as many are looking to revamp theirs.

**C. Grant application status**

Grant applications sent out. Applications open from 10/18/23 to 01/12/24 Subcommittee review 01/15 to 02/01 and REPAC review up to 02/21

It was asked if the supplemental questions in the application were disqualifiers and the answer was no. The questions were asked based on conversations in the past about lack of participation in all the things that lead up to bringing more money to the region. The questions are to get the committee used to answering them and possibly used as disqualifiers in the future for lack of participation. The questions are based on the Participation in Subsequent related activities portion of the Methodology.

**D. Workshop plan**

It is going to be held virtual and recorded. Attendance will be tracked by imputing their name and email into the chat.

**E. FY2023 SHSP Grantee Presentations due next month**

Individuals who have active grants that are not fully expended need to present to REPAC where they are at with the grant.

**F. Jeffrey Dean recognition**

An award was given for recognition of his 17 years of service to REPAC and AACOG.

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

1. **Emergency Management-N/A**
2. **Fire/Hazmat/WMD-N/A**
3. **Law Enforcement/Fusion Center-N/A**
4. **Interoperable Communications-**

**Robert-** Beginning stages at connecting all the systems by using Critical Connect. Also working towards having all of AACOG apart of TIRIS.

**E. Hospital/EMS/Medical**

**Eric-** Completed the Tri- Annual Airport Exercise.

1. **Public Health- N/A**

**10. Old Business- NA**

**11. New Business- NA**

**12. Closing Items-**

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

There were none noted.

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

Rescue task force training next Tuesday 10/23/23. An email will go out requesting 8 or 9 more volunteers-attendees gain 6 TCOLE hrs.

Contact Justin if interested.

**c. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday November 15th, 2023 – 2:00pm**

**13. Adjournment.**

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:12pm.

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