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## **Heart of Texas Council of Governments**

### **Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee Meeting 9:30 AM, Wednesday, May 10th, 2023 1514 S. New Road, Waco, Texas**

#### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

*Meeting called to order by Chair, Tom Hemrick, at 9:30 AM.*

##### **A. Guest recognition –**

*Chris Meyer – HOTRAC  
Bill Feltenberger – Citizen  
Ray Marsh – Limestone County  
Jennifer Hurst – Region 7  
Chris Jackson – Hill County OEM  
Martin Widtfeldt – TDEM  
Rusty Meyers – TDEM  
Chris Ortiz – AT&T FirstNet  
Guy Dugas -AT&T FirstNet  
Gerald Taylor – AT&T FirstNet  
Frank Patterson – MCC*

##### **B. Member introductions**

<i>Tom Hemrick</i>	<i>Elizabeth Thomas</i>
<i>Alex Jakoboski</i>	<i>Robert LaFoy</i>
<i>Chris Cary</i>	<i>Kirk Turner</i>
<i>Nancy Cross</i>	<i>Buffy Waldie</i>
<i>Matt Groveton</i>	<i>Danny Guerra</i>

##### **HOTCOG Staff**

<i>Wayne Stovall</i>	<i>Harold Ferguson</i>
<i>Lana Gudgel</i>	

#### **II. Determination of Quorum**

*Mr. Hemrick stated that a quorum was present.*

#### **III. Proof of Posting**

*Mr. Stovall stated that there was proof of posting.*

**IV. Public Comment**

*Martin Widtfeldt with TDEM gave the latest information on the solar eclipse which will affect the area on April 8, 2024.*

**V. Sub-Committee Reports**

*No Reports*

**VI. Chair's Report**

*No Report*

**VII. HOTCOG Staff Report**

*Mr. Ferguson informed the committee of Homeland Security Grants submitted to the Office of the Governor and the changes made due to LETPA requirements. He also informed them of the SERI radio infrastructure projects currently underway.*

**VIII. New Business - Consideration of and/or Action On**

**A. Recognition of member awards and achievement.**

*Member Buffy Walde was recognized for leading her Mart High School CERT Team to win the FEMA Region 6 Community Preparedness Working Group Youth Award for 2023.*

**B. Presentation by AT&T / FirstNet Mobility Services.**

*Chris Ortiz and Guy Dugas from AT&T FirstNet gave a presentation on their new Mission Critical Push to Talk feature being offered for first responders through the AT&T FirstNet Program.*

**IX. Announcements or Future Business Items**

*Mr. Stovall discussed the regions need for IC 300, and Com -L training that HOTCOG was trying to facilitate for the region and asked for input on qualified persons who could teach these courses.*

**X. Next EPAC Meeting**

*Wednesday, July 12th, 2023, at 9:30 AM at the HOTCOG*

**Adjournment**