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### **Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee Meeting 9:30 AM, Wednesday, May 8, 2024 HOTCOG – 1514 S. New Road, Waco, Texas**

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

##### **A. Guest recognition –**

- *Chris Meyers (HOTRAC)*
- *Alica Wilson (Bosque OEM)*
- *Tim Jeske (Waco OEM)*
- *Wayne Stovall (HOTCOG)*
- *Andy Davis (HOTCOG)*
- *Lana Gudgel (HOTCOG)*
- *Lacy Schilling (TDEM)*
- *Jennifer Goff (TDEM)*
- *Martin Widfeldt (TDEM)*
- *Lauren Serrato (TDEM)*
- *Matthew Weeks (TDEM)*

##### **B. Member introductions –**

- *Robert LaFoy*
- *Kirk Turner*
- *Chris Carey*
- *Heather Wheeler*
- *Buffy Walde*
- *Michael Graham*
- *Brian Messman*
- *Jeff Watkins*
- *Rob Bergerson*
- *Danny Guerra*

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

A quorum was present.

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

Proof of posting was provided.

#### **IV. Public Comment**

Wayne Stovall announced HOTCOG has received sixty cases of Emergency Response Guidebooks. HOTCOG will be distributing the ERGs throughout the following month.

#### **V. Sub-Committee Reports**

##### **A. Interoperable Communications Committee**

- Andy Davis provided a report over the last ICC meeting that was held in April. The Texas SWIC Coordinator was present to provide an overview of projects and services. In addition, regional radio plans were discussed and updated such as the RSOP and RICP.

#### **VI. Chair's Report**

None

#### **VII. HOTCOG Staff Reports**

##### **A. SHSP Updates**

- Wayne Stovall gave an update on when the expected announcement would be for 2025 grant awards. The OOG-PSO is expected to have a direct meeting with HOTCOG to review the conditional regional funding amount later in the day.

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**B. SERI Updates**

- Wayne Stovall gave an overview of projects that were sent for funding to the OOG. There is no updated information on the SERI 2025 Grant application. HOTCOG is still waiting for an announcement of award date and project selection from the OOG.

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

**A. Discussion of GETS/WPS**

- Andy Davis presented the GETS/WPS program and how it could benefit the region if more government employees participated.

**B. Review, Discuss, and Approval of February EPAC Meeting Minutes**

- Michael Graham motioned to approve, Kirk Turner seconded the motion, no discussion, the motion carried.

**C. TDEM Program Presentations**

- DC Martin Widtfeldt and Incident Support Task Force (ISTF) personnel provided a list of resources that TDEM can provide during times of disaster. TDEM personnel highlighted the importance for county governments to declare a disaster to receive disaster funds. ISTF explained the use of the pSTAT and iSTAT to document damage. ISTF Coordinator Lauren Serrato gave a walk through of how to use the pSTAT system after the EPAC meeting concluded.

**D. Upcoming Training Opportunities**

- Lana Gudgel and Andy Davis provided a flyer with opportunities for training in the region throughout the summer from both the HS and CJ program.

**E. Communications & Scoring Sheet Surveys**

- Andy Davis announced the release of two surveys meant for EPAC members to assess the scoring meeting and communication meeting.

**IX. Announcements or Future Business Items**

None

**X. Next EPAC Meeting**

**9:30 AM, Wednesday, July 10, 2024**

**XI. Adjournment**

Kirk Turner motioned to adjourn, Michael Graham seconded, the motion carried.