



**COMMISSIONERS COURT  
COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA DATE : July 9, 2012\_\_

CONSENT OR REGULAR: \_\_Consent\_\_\_\_

CONTRACT REFERENCE NO

(IF APPLICABLE): \_\_N/A\_\_\_\_\_

**SUBJECT:** Approval of the El Paso City/County Office of Emergency Management Quarterly Report. There are no monetary matters to be approved or authorized.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION OF TOPIC:** To include statutory requirement, operational impact, or performance goal.  
This is for a regular submittal of the Commissioner's Court Quarterly Report.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact or action is requested.

**PRIOR COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION (IF ANY):**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of Quarterly Report.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY APPROVAL**

The attached document has been given legal review by the El Paso County Attorney's Office on behalf of the County of El Paso, its officers, and employees. Said legal review should not be relied upon by any person or entity other than the County of El Paso, its officers, and employees.

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

LEGAL REVIEW:

LEGAL REVIEW NOTES (If Applicable):

DATE:

SUBMITTED BY:

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## Quarterly Report El Paso County Commissioner's Court

Office of Emergency Management

July 9, 2012

Presented by:

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Emergency Management Coordinator  
El Paso City/County Emergency Management

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Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator  
El Paso City/County Emergency Management

It is the responsibility of the Office of Emergency Management to protect public health and safety and preserve property from the effects of hazardous events. We have the primary role in identifying and preventing hazards, preparing for and responding to, and managing the recovery efforts from emergency situations that affect our community.

This report will cover the accomplishments in public preparedness presentations, training, and planning for April 2012 thru June 2012.

OEM conducted an Intermediate and Advance Incident Command System courses to representatives from Police, Sheriff, Fire Department, Health Department, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, 911 Communications and other members of the community. Over 50 students participated. Emergency Management conducted three different presentations to some of our community partner agencies. The Office of Emergency Management also conducted a Texas Disaster plan training to the police recruits at the El Paso Police Academy. OEM also conducted tours of the Emergency Operations Center to the FBI's Crisis Management Team, Police Recruit Training class and a Criminal Justice class from Canutillo High School.

The Mobile Command Vehicle was inspected and delivered to the Office of Emergency Management. This Vehicle was purchased through Homeland Security grants through OEM and is available for both El Paso City and County. OEM coordinated Mobile Command Vehicle Operational training for first responders to include the El Paso County Sheriff's Office and also

developed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for activation, use and maintenance fees of the Mobile Command Vehicle.

Representatives from the Office of Emergency Management is working with the El Paso Fire Department and Ft. Bliss for a MOU on medical response as William Beaumont Medical Center is shutting down ambulance service at night. Emergency Management participated in three emergency exercises this quarter. OEM participated in the Table-Top exercise at UTEP simulating an Active Shooter incident. It involved the coordination of local, state and federal resources. This Table-top exercise is in preparation for a Full-Scale exercise that will occur in August. The Office of Emergency Management followed up the Table-Top Exercise by conducting an After-Action Report and submitted that report to the State. Our office is assisting with a National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) Full-Scale exercise with U.S. Army at Ft. Bliss testing our jurisdiction's capabilities of bringing medical patients during an evacuation of a coastal community in Texas because of a Category 5 hurricane. The Full-Scale exercise consisted of a medical surge of patients to our jurisdiction, triage, treatment and transport of patients. The exercise also tested our jurisdiction's capability to track patients and the local hospital's ability to handle a surge of patients. Lastly, OEM participated in an Active Shooter exercise at the Mission Early College High School located at 10700 Gateway East Blvd.

The Office of Emergency Management participated in various workshops within the El Paso jurisdiction to work and assist emergency management partners. OEM participated in Traffic Management Team Stakeholders' Workshop to assist identify local needs and solutions addressing mobility issues. OEM also attended a Border Security Roundtable Session with addressing Homeland Security Threats in our border. OEM attended a Fire Response Coordination Meeting hosted by the Texas Forest Service. The target audience was local fire service personnel to include Emergency Service District 1 and 2 in the El Paso County to address fire threats to include drought and reporting responsibilities.

The Office of Emergency Management along with El Paso Police Department and El Paso Sheriff's Office have been working together to develop Incident Action Plans (IAP) for major events outlining agency responsibility at major events to include a medical, safety, and communications plan. OEM developed an IAP and helped coordinate the

Emergency Operations Center for UTEP during the VIVA Chavez fight at the Sun Bowl.

During the last quarter members of the El Paso office of Emergency Management attended the Texas Emergency Management Conference and the UASI Conference where El Paso OEM presented to governmental officials about the need for sustainability on Department of Homeland Security grant funds for our region. OEM also attended the Regional Disaster Workshop held in El Paso to discuss capabilities and initiatives pertinent to our community.

Our office has begun the process for Emergency Management Accreditation Program in hopes to establish an accredited program. This entails a long list of initiatives that have to be established and met. To include developing a Training and Exercise Plan (TEP), a Threat Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) for our region. The creation of a Strategic Plan for our office is currently being developed. Our office will soon start the development of a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) for the County and County Departments.

The Office of Emergency Management continues to meet monthly to plan and prepare for various types of emergencies that may affect the City and County of El Paso with:

- BLOWATCH Advisory Council
- Community Crisis Consortium
- El Paso Traffic Management Team
- Extreme Weather Task Force
- FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force
- JOIC and Fusion Center Meetings
- Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Public Health Advisory Committee
- Terrorism Committee
- West Texas Damage Prevention Council
- West Texas Safe Schools Coalition

If there are any questions please contact the Office of Emergency Management or Lt. Ricardo Gonzalez at 915-838-3260.