



**Dallas County**  
**Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and Regional Emergency Managers**  
**(REM)**  
**Minutes of the General Meeting**  
**December 1, 2022**

**Meeting Host/Location:**

Alan E. Sims Recreation Center, 310 E Parkerville Road Cedar Hill, TX 75104. A meeting agenda was posted, and the proper public notice was given in advance of the meeting.

**Meeting Attendees:**

Elliott Reed, Lisa Tatum Brown, Ferrule Rose, Ed Balderas, Sam Friar, Kevin Starbuck, Charles Elk, Ervin Taylor, Rafael Reyes, Damara Winfrey, Jordan Serrano, Rigoberto Crispin, Steven McDonald, Esmeralda Sanchez, Alfonso Patague, Nadia Avalos, Brad Kavanaugh, Sarah Haak, Danny Foreman, James, Pogue, Bernardo Salazar, Scott T. Forster, Denisse Martinez, Rachel Rueda, Maricarmen Palomares, Madison Sims, Scott Tarzwell, Lauren Sanchez, Jimmy Stanford, Damon Cunningham, Raymond Williams, Eddy Harris, Brian Ross, Chase Wheeler, Steve Abbott, Jen Edwards, Adam Traylor, Roy Chirayil, Ron Harrison, Matt Lamunion, Joan Wickershein, David Gonyea, Chris Youngman, Jennifer Dunn, Mistie Gardner, John Howard, Gabi Mantecon.

**Meeting:**

Mr. Bernardo Salazar called meeting to order at 1:31 p.m., Mr. Salazar started by thanking Cedar Hill for hosting and proceeds to tell the attendees to review the July 25, 2022, minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Lauren Sanchez and seconded by Elliott Reed. The minutes were approved as written by unanimous consent of the members present.

Lisa Tatum Brown leads the next task on the agenda— highlighting emergency managers new to Dallas County. Those that are new to their role for the last 6 months raise their hands and introduce themselves.

Bernardo leads into the first presentations.

CJ Alexander of Addison pre-recorded his presentation as he couldn't make the meeting. He discusses how fire integrates Tier II reports with its system. He uses a company named First Due for fire marshal inspections and for preplanning, which is used to find Tier II reports. CJ walks through the company's home page and uses various locations to show how the company's software can be used for preplanning

with Tier II facilities. CJ Continues to explain the responsibility of the fire Dept when they are pre-planning, in which the Fire Dept goes to the Tier II sites and verifies the information. If the Fire Dept identifies something that should be reported during the walkthroughs, they will talk to the facility representatives to get the information to put into their system. First Due doesn't have communications with the Tier II facilities. Ambulances, medics, and trucks have access to First Due and employees have access to it on their phones and tablets as they are going to a scene or site.

Lisa Introduces the next presenter, Mr. Samuel Friar from the North Texas Municipal Water District

Mr. Friar starts with an introduction and a brief background of the organization. The North Texas Municipal Water District serves 80 communities and have 13 member cities. Mr. Friar talks about conserving water as the area is growing so fast that it's hard to keep up with the demand of water. They spend a lot of time and money on infrastructure to update the pipelines. He briefly goes through the water treatment process, which is a highly regulated process so that everyone is safe.

He mentions the Wetlands reuse project-1,840 acres; largest man-made wetlands in the world and located by Seagoville, TX. This naturally improves the water quality it comes from, briefly goes through the water treatment process, which is a highly regulated process so that everyone is safe.

Lastly, as far as Emergency management; there 4 risk management sites for facilities. They have evacuation plans for the different chemicals that are used, employees complete the basic NIMS courses, classroom courses, and specialized trainings. There have been Hazmat qualified people in the facility for the last few years so there are responders working with fire departments. Its critical to stop any type of chemical release right away because of the proximity to infrastructure. There are Hazmat drills, tabletop exercises, and mobile command trailers to help mitigate problems.

Lisa introduced Maricarmen Palomares-Garcia from the City of Carrollton who will be making a presentation on Hazmat vulnerability analysis, a tool used by the people of Carrollton. The tool has a story map with different Hazards, an overview of the city, and its geography. The tool is meant for use by external residents to take ownership of preparedness. Will be used with GIS.

Lisa, thanks Maricarmen for her presentation.

Lisa moves to open discussion and asks about any current issues the emergency managers may have. She asks for the steering committee to stand and announces that the chair of the committee will be stepping down and that the steering committee will decide on how to bring in a new chair. She thanks the committee for putting the meeting together.

### **Subcommittee Briefings: Partners**

*Emergency, HazMAT and Public Safety:* A briefing will be made at next meeting.

*Disaster Medical Operations Center:* A briefing will be made at next meeting.

*Technology & Communications:* A briefing will be made at next meeting.

*Planning, Training & Exercise:* A briefing will be made at next meeting.

**Public Comments:**

Working on radiation emergency plan and submitted final draft to leadership. Around December 7<sup>th</sup> it will go to some committees for review and approval. The plan is for it to be finalized and pushed through to the board of directors by January 2023.

June 2023 is the anticipated date for the tabletop

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made Mr. Bernardo Salazar, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:03pm.

Submitted by

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