

# BEXAR COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes for November 13, 2015

## **OPENING:**

### **I. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:10 a.m. by the LEPC Chair Harold Lovejoy. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

### **II. Attendance:**

See attached list.

### **III. Citizens to be heard:**

None.

### **IV. Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the October 9, 2015 meeting were distributed to attendees.

Walt Daugherty made a motion to accept the minutes as written; the motion was seconded by Mike Broeker. Motion was approved.

### **V. Financial Report:**

John Hageman provided the information on the financial statement he created as of October 24, 2015. A copy of the full financial report was emailed out and is attached.

To summarize using current balances John received today, the outstanding savings balance is \$7903.55, and checking balance is \$14,851.28. As of today, the contribution check from Randy Grimes on behalf of Flint Hills – Kock Co. for \$3000.00 has been deposited, Bexar Metro 911 check for \$12,450 was deposited, and the checks from Schertz and Terrell Hills FD have cleared.

John Hageman stated that all 2015 A&M fire training school reimbursement checks have cleared, and he announced that he received a contribution check from Willie Davis on behalf of HEB for \$1000.00.

### **VI. Old Business:**

Mike Broeker commented on the October 6, 2015 Airshow exercise. He stated that the exercise was successful overall, but some internal issues were found. Additionally, the airshow on October 31 – November 1, 2015 went well.

## VII. Committee Reports:

- a. HazMat Watchdog Committee: (Mike Parsons, William Johnston, Patrick Lewis, Emily Thompson, Ronnie Hernandez, Johnathan Jones, Charlie Metzger)

Mike Parsons, SAFD Hazmat, presented an incident map of their runs since August. Mike discussed each incident as he highlighted them on the map. Majority of the incidents were diesel responses. Mike will look into having all of the incidents from this year added to a map for the next meeting.

- b. Training Committee: (Walt Daugherty, Patrick Lewis, William Johnston, Stan Moczgmba)

Walt Daugherty advised that he will apply to Bexar Metro 911 for next year's funding of \$16,000 right after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year.

Henry Gonzalez, NuStar, mentioned that he obtained information regarding millions of dollars that is available for first responder grants relating to pipelines and terminals, and suggests that anyone interested should look into it. Information can be found on the DOT PHMSA website, or [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

Dr. Bauer asked if there is any interest in offering advanced life support courses. Mike Parsons said that people have inquired about them and there is interest. Dr. Bauer said he will work on renewing his trainer certification and get back with Dr. Fernandez. The courses have been held at the EOC in the past. Funding is needed to cover course costs.

Mike Parsons noted that STRAC recently had their Annual Decon Rodeo and the SAFD assisted and evaluated. He said that the training was good, and received positive evaluations. There's obvious improvement over the years.

Mike Parsons advised on the DHS funded Crude by Rail Emergency Response class he recently attended in Pueblo, CO.

Patrick Lewis stated that HOTZONE seemed to be well received this year. He is still trying to reconcile hotel receipts. Some responders had to return early due to rain and flooding.

- c. Facility Operator Liaison Committee (RMP/Tier II): (Greg Batts, Willie Davis, Frank Salinas, Lynn Lindsay, Abe Gallogos, William Johnston, Steve Diaz, Joe Thaxton)

None.

- d. Exercise Committee: (Henry King, Roger Pollock, Paul Tarter, Willie Davis)

Ronnie Hernandez, SARA, advised on their emergency spill exercise conducted on November 12, 2015 involving the San Antonio River at US Hwy 281 & Grayson Street. Exercise started at 10 am, and the debriefing meeting followed the conclusion of the exercise. Calumet, SARA, SAFD Hazmat, SAPD, and TCI participated. Evaluators noted that communication among different agencies was good and overall the exercise went well. Getting the booms across the river is something to work on.

Veronica Williams, SAWS, mentioned that there will be a chemical exercise on December 7, 2015 at Dos Rios with SAFD. Additionally, they will be working with SAFD (and hopefully Bexar County & Leon Valley) and perform field visits of the SAWS sites.

Mike Broeker advised that JBSA will be conducting a table-top Antiterrorism, Force Protection Condition, and CBERNE exercise on December 17, 2015. Planning for only military involvement.

- e. Membership Committee: (Greg Batts, Willie Davis, Kyle Coleman)

Hal Lovejoy reminded the committee that elections are coming up in February.

- f. LEPC Website: (Henry Gonzalez, Chair)

None.

- g. THIRA Annex Q: (Jeff Dean, Chair)

None.

- h. Community Outreach Committee: (Frank Salinas, Chair)

None.

#### **VIII. New Business:**

There was discussion among the members about the first responder grant opportunities now available. Jeff Dean and Mike Parsons offered to look over the PHMSA grant information and see if it's even a possibility.

Mike Parsons discussed getting a rail commodity study done. He suggested that the LEPC request information concerning what is coming in on the rail lines from the hazmat

managers of each railroad company in our area. The study information would be similar to the commodity flow study done by TEEEX.

**IX. Announcements:**

John Hageman announced that he received a contribution check from Willie Davis on behalf of HEB for \$1000.00.

Dr. Bauer announced that the STRAC annual conference is April 28-29, 2016. The four tracts will be Disaster, Trauma, Cardiac, and Stroke. The schedule is still being worked on.

Ronnie Hernandez, SARA, mentioned that Calumet played a big part and was an important component of the recent SARA exercise. SARA and Calumet have had an understanding for over a year now relating to spill responses in the river shed, and the partnership is working great.

- X. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:26 a.m. The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 11, 2015 at the Southwest Research Institute (SWRI) starting at 10:00 a.m.

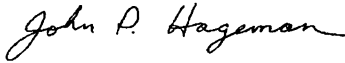
## BEXAR COUNTY LEPC FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### SUMMARY OF MONTHLY OPERATIONS\*

<b>Starting Balances</b>	Savings \$ 7,903.55 3 Year Cert. of Deposit \$ 25,349.46 Checking \$ 12,758.21	<b>\$ 46,011.22</b>
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	Metro 911 \$ 12,450.00	<b>\$ 12,450.00</b>
<b>Dividends and Interest</b>	Savings \$ 0.00 CD Monthly Interest \$ 25.62 Checking \$ 1.77	<b>\$ 27.39</b>
<b>Checks and Fees</b>	370 Hal Lovejoy \$ 908.70 371 Helotes FD \$ 620.00 372 Leon Valley FD \$ 1,655.00 373 Alamo Heights FD \$ 1,840.00 377 Universal City FD \$ 2,760.00	<b>\$ 7,783.70</b>
<b>Transfers, etc.</b>	None \$ 0.00	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>New Balances</b>	Savings \$ 7,903.55 3 Year Cert. of Deposit \$ 25,375.08 Checking \$ 17,426.28	<b>\$ 50,704.91</b>

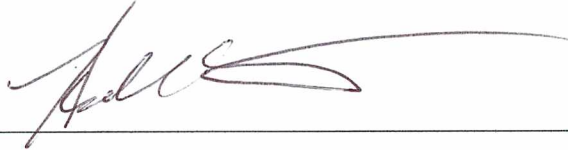

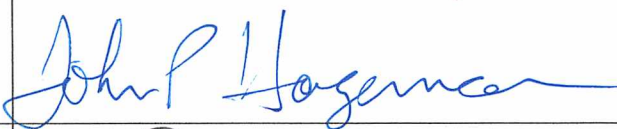

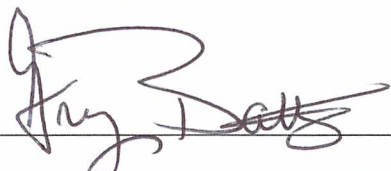
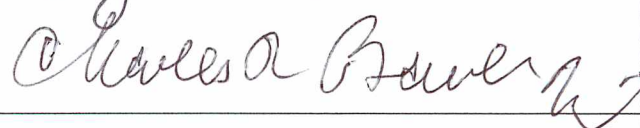
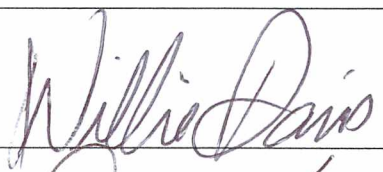
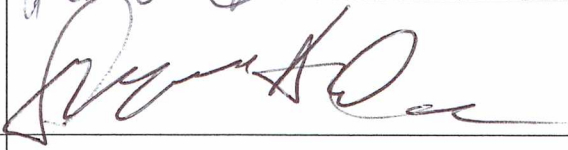

\*Bank statement ending October 24, 2015

### PROJECTED INCOME AND EXPENSES

<b>Planned Assets</b>	Flint Hills - Koch Co. \$ 3,000.00	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>
<b>Planned Liabilities</b>	374 Schertz (industrial) \$ 3,735.00 376 Terrell Hills FD \$ 1,840.00	<b>\$ 5,575.00</b>
<b>Transfers, etc.</b>	None \$ 0.00	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Projected Balances</b>	Savings \$ 7,903.55 Year Cert. of Deposit \$ 25,375.08 Checking \$ 14,851.28	<b>\$ 48,129.91</b>
<b>Submitted by:</b> John P. Hageman, LEPC Treasurer	<b>Signature:</b> 	<b>Date:</b> Nov. 13, 2015

Bexar County LEPC  
Voting Member Sign-In

DATE: 11/13/15

NAME	SERC CAT	SIGNATURE OR INITIALS
Harold Lovejoy, Chair	CP	
Walt Daugherty, Vice Chair	CV	
John Hageman, Treasurer	FO	
Emily Thompson, Secretary	LEG	
Greg Batts	FO	
Charles Bauer	HO	
Erwin Brown	FO	
Kyle Coleman	EM	
Willie Davis	FO	
Jeff Dean	EM	
Steven Diaz	CG	


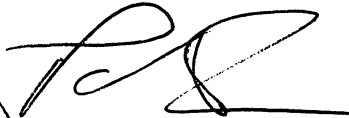


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Miguel Falcon	HO	<i>Miguel G. Falcon</i>
Miguel Fernandez	HO	
Abe Gallegos	FO	
Frank Gautier	EM	
Henry Gonzalez	FO	<i>Henry M. Gonzalez</i>
Randy Grimes	FO	<i>Randy Grimes</i>
Paul Harvey	TP	
Ronnie Hernandez	LEG	<i>Ronnie Hernandez</i>
Randy Jenkins	FF	
William Johnston	FF	
Ruth Jones McClendon	SLO	
<i>For</i> Henry King	EM	<i>Michael Broecker</i>

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Billy Lawson	FF	
Patrick Lewis	FF	
Craig Manifold	EMS	
Charles Metzger	TP	
Michael Parsons	FF	
Roger Pollok	HE	
Tom Roach	LE	
Frank Salinas	FO	
Lawrence Trevino	EM	





# EMR-ISAC

Emergency Management & Response-Information Sharing & Analysis Center



## Highlights:

Impersonation of First Responders and Military

Codes Must Account for Classroom Barricades

Justice: New Office Focuses on Domestic Terrorism

USFA Professional Development Series

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# The InfoGram

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## Impersonation of First Responders and Military

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) recently released a fact sheet "Impersonation of First Responders" (PDF, 275 Kb). The 2-page brief cautions of the possibility of terrorists using the public trust of fire, EMS, and law enforcement personnel to their advantage by donning uniforms and using emergency equipment and vehicles to help them carry out attacks.

This method has been used successfully overseas, and thwarted plots in France and Belgium this year show the interest in using this scheme is still real. Emergency responders can help ensure they are not successful by utilizing the following security steps:

- Install anti-theft or keyless entry devices on all apparatus;
- Use vehicle tracking systems;
- Install recorded video surveillance systems on all vehicle parking lots;
- Report all stolen or missing uniforms, credentials, and insignia;
- Be able to quickly identify a cloned versus a legitimate vehicle or uniform.

The public accepts the presence of emergency workers without a second look, enabling terrorists or extremists impersonating first responders to access areas they normally wouldn't be allowed in. Even if the uniform is generic – no department patch, fake badge – if they look like the real thing, people take their authenticity for granted.

(Source: DHS Emergency Services Sector)

## Codes Must Account for Classroom Barricades

In April, we wrote that the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) was studying life safety code enforcement and school safety measures in the age of active shooter events. The issues concerned locks and other security measures in place to protect building occupants from assailants and how they would affect life safety and fire codes. Current codes do not truly address this issue.

The final report from the December 2014 meeting was published in May and identified priorities in changes to regulatory codes including: addressing conflicts between security and safety; enabling code exceptions for lockdown events; and developing new door-locking procedures and technologies.

The InfoGram is distributed weekly to provide members of the Emergency Services Sector with information concerning the protection of their critical infrastructures.

The process to change the codes is underway and will likely be made in the next term. The NFPA states "security is in *addition* to the other building and operational elements that help to keep the educational environment safe," and stresses the role first responders play in coordination and cooperation. They also stress security itself should not be seen as a substitute for overall life safety measures.

(Source: *NEPA*)

## Justice: New Office Focuses on Domestic Terrorism

More Americans have died from attacks carried out by domestic extremists in the past few years than by international terrorist groups. Despite foreign terrorism taking the lead after the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks, focus is shifting back to domestic terrorism and extremism, and the Justice Department created a new office to focus on the issue.

"The Domestic Terrorism Council will assist federal prosecutors nationwide who are working on domestic terrorism cases," stated a Department of Justice official. The office will look for legal gaps that need closing in order to address these threats while coordinating prosecution of domestic terrorists, as it differs from the way foreign terrorists are prosecuted.

Most homegrown violent extremists and domestic terrorists fall into the categories of radical anti-government, racist, anarchist, and other extreme beliefs. Recent cases in this category include the racially-motivated church shooting in South Carolina and the targeted murders of two Las Vegas police officers last year by anti-government extremists.

The new office will work with the Domestic Terrorism Executive Committee. Originally created after the Oklahoma City bombing, it was disbanded after the September 11th attacks and revived in April 2015, the 20 year anniversary of Oklahoma City. Both offices will work to discuss insights from cases and trends.

(Source: *DOJ*)

## USFA Professional Development Series

A recent Coffee Break Training series, "Professional Development in the Modern Fire Service," from the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) focuses on the importance of continuing education and training in the fire service.

The series reminds us that all responders are ultimately responsible for their own safety and personal and professional development help toward that goal. Education and training, whether new ground or a refresher of common practices, not only makes the work second-nature to you but also helps establish you as an expert. If all members of the department operate with this in mind it creates a stable core of knowledge and experience which ultimately improves the whole.

Part one (PDF, 96 Kb) of this series focuses on professional development in general. Part two (PDF, 95 Kb) talks about formal education and the ways it is beneficial, and part three (PDF, 94 Kb) talks about training and questioning habits.

(Source: *USFA*)

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First responders provide the first line of defense for nearly all critical infrastructure sectors and the general public during natural disasters and other physical emergencies. However, malicious actors, both international and domestic, seeking to exploit the public trust first responders have earned, have sought to impersonate first responders in order to do harm to the American people, exploit site vulnerabilities, or destroy critical infrastructure. Malicious actions include the acquisition of authentic or fraudulent uniforms, equipment, vehicles, and other items that may be associated with law enforcement, fire, and emergency services personnel.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, it is imperative emergency services organizations maintain an awareness of the current threat environment and continue to remain vigilant.

Terrorist propaganda, from organizations such as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), encourage supporters to engage in local acts of violence. The following examples highlight that extremist propaganda is resonating with audiences in our homeland and that these types of events could extend to the first responder community.

- In February 2015, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) arrested an individual indicating interest in joining the U.S. military to provide information on U.S. military operations against ISIL and potentially target law enforcement officers or U.S. soldiers.<sup>2</sup>
- In March 2015, the FBI arrested two Illinois residents for conspiring to provide material support and resources to ISIL and planning to use U.S. Army uniforms to enter and attack a local military facility.<sup>3</sup>



First Responder Emblems  
(Courtesy of [firefightersupport.org/taking-care-of-each-other](http://firefightersupport.org/taking-care-of-each-other))

Highlighted threats of first responder impersonation internationally include:

- Belgian police raided a house in January 2015 and uncovered police uniforms, weapons, and fraudulent identification documents, raising concern that the suspects may have been seeking to impersonate law enforcement.<sup>4</sup>
- French authorities disrupted a potential terrorist plot in April 2015 after responding to a call at a residence in Paris. A subsequent search of the resident's vehicle and home turned up multiple firearms, ammunition, bulletproof vests, police armbands, notes on potential targets, and other suspicious items suggesting the individual may have been planning to attack a church.<sup>5</sup>

Serving and protecting the public requires Emergency Services personnel to maintain a high degree of vigilance to responder impersonation and the consequences that could occur if successfully exploited. Impersonation of a first responder presents not only a danger to public safety, but also a potential threat to the security of our homeland. Because homegrown violent extremists or terrorists may attempt to impersonate first responders through the acquisition of uniforms, equipment, or emergency vehicles, it is imperative that emergency services organizations continue to maintain threat awareness, report suspicious activity, educate personnel about information sharing resources, and utilize effective measures to prevent theft of emergency response vehicles and equipment.

<sup>1</sup> DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis, *Roll Call Release*, Serial number IA-0264-15, 18 August 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Mariana Regional Fusion Center, *Special Event Threat Assessment*, Serial number SETA-15-007, 16 July 2015.

<sup>3</sup> United States of America v. Hasan R. Edmonds and Jonas M. Edmonds [in-text], Criminal Complaint Case number 15CR 149, U.S. District Court Northern District of Illinois Eastern Division, 25 March 2015.

<sup>4</sup> DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis, *Roll Call Release*, Serial number IA-0264-15, 18 August 2015.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

## Best Practices

- Follow established suspicious activity reporting protocols.
- Coordinate information sharing activities with state and major urban area fusion centers.
- Maintain threat awareness by utilizing Federal, State, and local information sharing platforms.
- Routinely review organizational and facility physical security measures.
- Install within emergency vehicles a commercial anti-theft or keyless entry device, if possible.
- Institute use of an automatic vehicle locating/tracking system.
- Ensure emergency vehicle parking lots and maintenance facilities are under recorded video surveillance.
- Develop procedures to quickly identify a legitimately marked response vehicle from a cloned vehicle.

## Resources

- **National Network of Fusion Centers** – Located in States and regions throughout the country, fusion centers conduct analysis and facilitate information sharing to empower front-line first responders to understand local implications of national intelligence, thus enabling local officials to better protect their communities. (<http://www.dhs.gov/state-and-major-urban-area-fusion-centers>)
- **The Joint Counterterrorism Assessment Team (JCAT)** – Comprised of State, local, tribal, and territorial first responders and public safety professionals from around the country, the JCAT works alongside Federal intelligence analysts from the National Counterterrorism Center, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the FBI to research, produce, and disseminate counterterrorism intelligence. (<http://www.nctc.gov/jcat.html>)
- **Homeland Security Information Network - Emergency Services (HSIN-ES) portal** – HSIN-ES is used to communicate on suspicious activities, threats, and infrastructure vulnerabilities; prepare for and mitigate expected natural or manmade disasters; and collaborate on restoration and recovery activities following a serious incident. Email the DHS Office of Infrastructure Protection's Emergency Services Team at [essteam@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:essteam@hq.dhs.gov) to request access to HSIN-ES. Please include your first and last name along with an email address.
- **Emergency Management and Response-Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EMR-ISAC)** – The EMR-ISAC provides the Emergency Services Sector (ESS) with threat, vulnerability and critical infrastructure protection information and no-cost technical assistance consultation services to ESS leaders. (<http://www.usfa.fema.gov/index.html>)
- **First Responder Communities of Practice (FRCOP)** – The FRCOP is a professional networking, collaboration, and communication platform created by the DHS Science & Technology Directorate to support improved collaboration and information sharing among the Nation's first responders, other Federal, State, tribal, territorial, and local governments, and private sector stakeholders supporting homeland security efforts. (<https://communities.firstresponder.gov/web/guest>)
- **Technical Resource for Incident Prevention (TRIPwire)** – TRIPwire is a free online resource that collects, analyzes, and disseminates information on global explosives-related incidents, terrorist tactics, techniques, and procedures, and related protective measures. (<http://www.dhs.gov/tripwire>)
- **Physical Security Assessments.** Through the DHS Protective Security Advisor (PSA) Program, critical infrastructure stakeholders can request vulnerability assessments, training, and access to other DHS infrastructure protection resources. Contact your local PSA or [pscdoperations@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:pscdoperations@hq.dhs.gov).

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