

Quarterly Report El Paso County Commissioner's Court

Office of Emergency Management
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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 October 2012 thru December 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 40 students participated. Emergency Management conducted two different presentations to some of our community partner agencies. The Office of Emergency Management also conducted WebEOC training to the El Paso Federal Bureau of Investigations in preparation for the Sun Bowl Game. OEM also conducted tours of the Emergency Operations Center to El Paso Federal Bureau of Investigations.

Emergency Management participated in four emergency exercises this quarter. OEM participated in the functional exercise at Del Sol hospital simulating a DECON disaster drill incident. It involved the emergency decontamination procedures for hospital emergency room. Our office

assisted with the El Paso International Airport Table-top exercise simulating an airplane crash and mass casualty incident. Also an exercise was coordinated for the UTEP Health Science with the school of nursing. Lastly, OEM participated in a National Full Scale with the Federal Bureau of Investigation involving local and federal resources.

The Office of Emergency Management conducted various workshops within the El Paso jurisdiction to work and assist emergency management partners. Office of Emergency Management also conducted training in Continuity of Operations (COOP) to area agencies. OEM participated in the Sports/Special Events Incident Management Course. Lastly, OEM participated in the Donations Management Course hosted by Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management.

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 assisted in coordination of the Sun Bowl Game and the AIRSHOW.

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. A Training and Exercise Plan (TEP) has been developed and continues to be updated as well as a Threat Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) for our region. The creation of a Strategic Plan for our office is currently being developed. OEM has developed a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) for the City of El Paso and its departments. Our office will soon start the development of a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) for the County and County Departments. El Paso OEM is assisting in the updating of the Region's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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.

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Good Afternoon,

Enclosed is the 2nd Quarterly Report 2013 Oct-Dec 2013 Quarterly Report for the El Paso County Commissioner's Court. I realize that we are schedule to report on the 4th of February but we have some scheduling conflicts involving some training that we will be hosting and cannot afford to miss or not participate, with that said, I would like to request to be placed on the February 25 El Paso County Commissioner's Court agenda if possible. Please advise on the possibility of this schedule adjustment for agenda report date. Again, thank you for your assistance to our office.

Regards,

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