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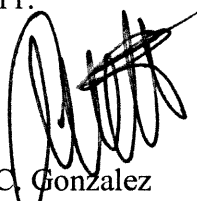


DATE: December 9, 2011

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: **City of Dallas Emergency Management Overview**

Attached is briefing material on the City of Dallas Emergency Management Overview to be presented to the Members of the Public Safety Committee on Monday, December 12, 2011.



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First Assistant City Manger

Attachment

CC: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Dallas City Council
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City of Dallas Emergency Management Overview

Public Safety Committee
December 12, 2011





Purpose

- Brief the Public Safety Committee on the department's
 - Role and responsibilities
 - Plans for major incidents and events
 - Funding
 - Facilities, equipment, and technology
 - Partners
 - Programs



Goal

- Ensure that the City is prepared to protect its citizens and to recover from the effects of an emergency or disaster. We do this by:
 - Producing emergency plans
 - Providing for appropriate technology
 - Developing partnerships with hospitals, non-profits, businesses, and volunteers
 - Developing regional relationships to assure a large scale capability

City Code – Chapter 14B

- Office of Emergency Management (OEM) established to make preparations to protect citizens and to recover from the effects of an emergency or disaster
- Emergency and/or Disaster is damage, injury, loss of life or property from severe weather, fire, chemical spills, aircraft crash, power outage, explosion, etc.



History of Emergency Management

- Civil Defense Agency created in the 1950's
- Late 70's, FEMA created with State and Local mandates to develop an Emergency Management agency in order to receive disaster funds
- Over time, focus turned away from nuclear war to natural and manmade disasters
- Now have a strong relationship with Federal and State Emergency Management programs
 - Fund nearly 1/3 of our department's budget



Four Phases Of Emergency Management: What We Do

○ Prepare:

- Write Plans
- Build Partnerships
- Educate Citizens
- Train city employees
- Exercise plans

○ Respond:

- Activate the EOC
- Coordinate City's Response
- Gather Information
- Manage Resources

○ Recover:

- Restore vital services
- Restore community as close as possible to its original state

○ Mitigate: Identify Threats

- Work with city departments and allied agencies to reduce threats and problems



OEM Organization and Staffing

- Currently staffed with 6 positions:
 - 1 Assistant Director
 - 4 Emergency Management Specialists
 - 1 Senior Office Assistant
- Interns – we often allow interns from various Universities to volunteer in our office



Key Programs and Projects

- Planning
 - Master Emergency Operations Plan
 - Hazard Analysis
 - Mitigation Plan
 - Special Events – i.e. NBA All-Star and Super Bowl games
 - Pandemic Influenza (COOP Plan)
 - Standard Operations Guide
- Training
 - Monthly tabletop disaster exercises
 - National Incident Management System (NIMS)
 - Regional, State, and Federal training and exercises



Key Programs and Projects

- Emergency Operations Center is activated during major incidents with the following capabilities
 - Police and Fire dispatch
 - Radio contact with all city departments
 - High audio-visual
 - Multiple computers and telephones





Key Programs and Projects

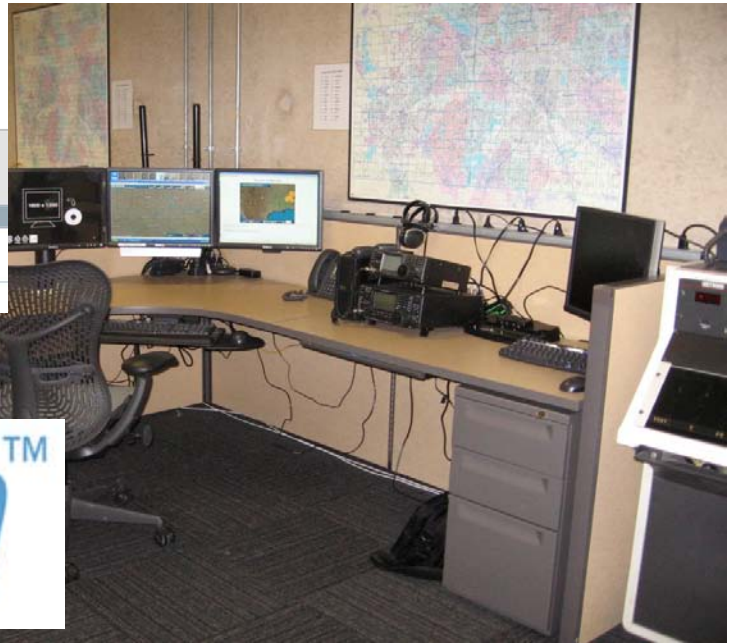
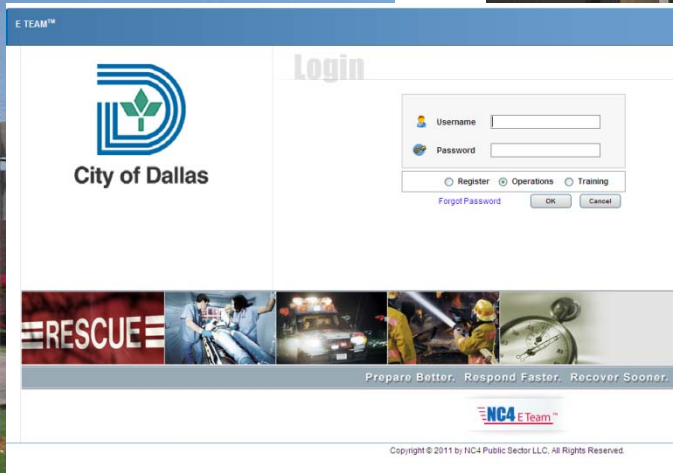
- Emergency Responses
 - Six hurricane shelter operations since 2005
 - Multiple severe weather activations ranging from heavy rains, high winds/tornados, ice storms, and heat waves
 - Southwest Industrial Gas acetylene fire
 - Storms and flooding events
 - Major apartment fires
 - Recent influenza issues
 - Monitor many Police and Fire incidents ranging from Hazardous Materials, Large Fires, and Ongoing Felonies
 - Monitor major special events – such as the NBA All-Star Game and the Super Bowl Game





Key Programs and Projects

- High Tech Projects
 - Outdoor Warning Sirens
 - Reverse 911
 - E-Team software
 - Weather software and HAM radio capability



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Key Programs and Projects

- Health & Medical Programs
 - Metropolitan Medical Response System
 - Strategic National Stockpile
 - Chempack
 - Biowatch
 - Dallas Medical Operations Committee
 - H1N1 Flu contact point / committee
- Volunteer and Private Sector Programs
 - Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)
 - Dallas Emergency Response Team (DERT)
 - Non-profit agency partnerships (Red Cross, Volunteers North Texas, Salvation Army, North Texas Food Bank, many others)



Key Programs and Projects

- Homeland Security Programs
 - Coordinate Police, Fire, and other Departments on plans and exercises
 - Monitor regional grant committee (REPAC)
 - Chair the Regional Public Education Committee (KnoWhat2Do)
 - Implement UASI grant programs
 - Sit on FEMA Region 6 Communications Committee
 - Sit on DHS National First Responder Committee
 - Participate in the national “Big Cities” Emergency Managers group
 - EOC recently renovated with Homeland Security funding



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Summary

- Central mission is to keep our community ready to respond to a catastrophic event
- Our key responsibilities:
 - Keeping emergency plans updated
 - Maintaining the EOC and its technology
 - Working with medical, businesses, non-profits, and volunteers to assure safety and preparedness
 - Working with the State and FEMA to assure our readiness and funding