Emergency Management....
Crisis Management Center

I'm not sure "everyone dies" is a great emergency plan.

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Emergency Management State Laws

• In Texas, mayors and county judges serve as emergency management directors, bearing the responsibility for maintaining an emergency management program within their respective jurisdictions in Texas. (Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code and Title 37, Part 1, Chapter 7 Texas Administrative Code.)

• Can declare a local state of disaster (Texas Gov. Code 418.108)

• May order the evacuation of all or part of the population from an area under their authority (Texas Gov. Code 418.108(f))

• May limit ingress and egress from a disaster area (Texas Gov. Code 418.108(g))
Did you also know?

• (a) Each county shall maintain an emergency management program or participate in a local or interjurisdictional emergency management program that, except as otherwise provided by this chapter, has jurisdiction over and serves the entire county or interjurisdictional area.

• (b) The county program is the first channel through which a municipal corporation or a joint board shall request assistance when its resources are exceeded. Requests that exceed the county capability shall be forwarded to the state as prescribed in the state emergency management plan. (Texas Government Code Chapter 418.102).
Commissioners’ Role

• Assist in policy-making
  * Consider policies that directly support a robust program/plan

• Plan for your precinct
  * Unique / varied needs
  * Assist w/ info for DSO

• Road & Bridge
  * Resources
And as a Court...

• Adoption of Budget / Approval of Purchases
  *Providing funding to projects/mitigation items
• Authorize contracts
  *Forming contracts pre-disaster
• County facilities / infrastructure
  *Providing emergency facilities & equipment, communications, backup power, EOC facilities
Why Not?

- Low probability / Infrequency
- Expense
- Lack of public support
Number of Declarations

- 20+
- 15-19
- 10-14
- 5-9
- 1-4

When Disaster Strikes!
PRESIDENTIAL & SBA DECLARATIONS
1961-2012

Texas Department of Public Safety
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
It Won’t Happen Here
Additional Concerns
ONE DOES NOT SIMPLY

WING IT IN AN EMERGENCY
Make a Plan!

• Basic Plan - All Hazards
• Access / Functional Needs (physical, emotional, medical, communication)
• Whole Community
• Review & Update
• Pets!!
All Disasters are local

Help is available!!
Emergency Management Coordinators

• Emergency Management Directors can appoint emergency management coordinators (EMCs) to manage local emergency management program. Notification to state required on DEM 147. This is now an annual requirement. (TX Admin Code, Title 37, Part 1, Ch. 7, Sub. A)
• Interpersonal Skills
• Problem Solvers
• Trustworthy
• Knowledge of the communities they serve
TDEM

• The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) coordinates the state emergency management program, which is intended to ensure the state and its local governments respond to and recover from emergencies and disasters, and implement plans and programs to help prevent or lessen the impact of emergencies and disasters.

• Finance/Administration; Operations; Preparedness; Field Response; Recovery & Mitigation
DISASTER DISTRICT COMMITTEES

- Identifies, mobilizes, and coordinates use of state resources within the District to respond to emergencies
- DDC Chair provides guidance & control for deployed state response resources
DISTRICT COORDINATORS

• District Coordinators: State-wide
• 24 DPS Disaster Districts
• Serve a dual role: Carry out emergency preparedness activities and coordinate emergency response operations.
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DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Legislation

HB 2305- Engrossed, sent to Senate & referred to Committee: Deals with developing a working group to consider and make recommendations on credentialing and training requirements for EMC’s

HB 2794- Engrossed, sent to Senate & referred to Committee: Deals with TDEM being moved from TXDPS to TAMUS

SB 963- Referred to Committee as of 3/1: Deals with contracting a certified emergency manager to a county during times of disaster.

HB 976- Left Pending in Committee as of 3/26: Requires school districts to have a person designated as the EMC.

SB 541- Referred to Committee as of 2/21: Requires a state emergency management planner in each State Agency.

HB 1307- Placed on General State Calendar as of 4/25: Deals with developing a Disaster Case Management System administered by TDEM where a citizen registers once for federal and state assistance programs.
SB 2352 - Deals with developing a state wide Disaster Alert System. Similar to amber or silver alerts. TDEM would administer the program.

SB 2300 - Deals with developing a disaster recovery loan program in regards to public assistance.

SB 1673 - Deals with Texas Extension Service administering a grant program that would provide money to employ certified emergency managers for jurisdictions with a population less than 10,000.

HB 4214 - Committee report sent to Calendars as of 4/22: Relating to matters concerning governmental entities, including cybersecurity, governmental efficiencies, information resources, and emergency planning.

HB 1307 - Placed on General State Calendar as of 4/25: Deals with developing a Disaster Case Management System administered by TDEM where a citizen registers once for federal and state assistance programs.
SB 2357-Considered in public hearing 4/23: Adds EMC to the training requirements of 3 hours or less currently in law; amends 418.02 to include catastrophic debris management to emergency management program; allows commissioners court to require electronic submission of bids/proposals under Local Govt code 262.0225 Subsection (c-1).

HB 3290-After formal meeting, Committee substitute considered and reported favorably as of 4/17: Relating to establishing public school campus special threat response plans.

SB 986-Engrossed, sent to House & referred to Committee on 4/24: Related to updating state contract management guide to include contract mgt standards & info for contracts related to emergency management.
HB 2325- Engrossed, sent to Senate & referred to Committee as of 4/17: Relating to providing information and communication regarding and during a disaster; 9-1-1 text; disaster mobile app & local emergency assistance registry plans

HB 91-Engrossed, sent to Senate & referred to Committee as of 4/16: Relating to establishment of the disaster identification system for a declared state of disaster.

SB 982- Engrossed, sent to House as of 4/23: requires the TDEM to develop a plan to increase the capabilities of local emergency shelters for the care of specialty populations during a disaster & to increase the awareness of local volunteer networks, including the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC).
HB 2330- Engrossed, sent to Senate & referred to Committee as of 4/24: Relating to a study of an intake system and state case management system for state and federal disaster assistance.

HB 4196-In House Committee as of 3/25: Relating to the definition of an authorized emergency vehicle.

HB 1294-House Committee sent to Calendars as of 4/23: Relating to requiring certain persons to receive emergency management training. Just adds EMC to current three hour or less.

HB 2195- Passed to engrossment as amended as of 4/24: Relating to an active shooter emergency policy for school districts.

HB 2340- Engrossed, sent to Senate & referred to Committee as of 4/24: Relating to emergency and disaster management, response, and recovery.
HB 1932 - Engrossed, sent to Senate & referred to Committee as of 4/18:
Reported favorably as substituted: Relating to the inclusion of catastrophic
debris management in county emergency management programs.

HB 3616 - Comm. report sent to Local & Consent Calendar as of 4/23:
Relating to the establishment of a task force on faith-based programs that
provide assistance during a disaster.

SB 1772 - Engrossed, sent to Senate & referred to Committee as of 4/23:
Relating to a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of
the appraised value of certain property damaged by a disaster.
Just remember!!

“It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.”
Howard Ruff
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

www.dps.texas.gov/dem

ANY QUESTIONS?