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**Homeland Security Advisory Committee**

**Monthly BVCOG (Region 13) Meeting**

1350 February 22nd, 2022

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| Committee Chairman | Shelly Butts – Emergency Management Coordinator  Madison County Office of Emergency Management | | | |
| Committee Vice Chair | Erik Maiorano- Emergency Management Coordinator- Robertson County | | | |
| Type of Meeting | Monthly HSAC Meeting with Virtual Option | | | |
| BVCOG Staff Members in Attendance | Cagan Baldree – Public Safety Planning Manager  Addison Walker – Homeland Security Planner | | | |
| HSAC Guests in Attendance | Jason Ware- Brazos Co. Deputy EMC, Marshall Mohr- AgriLife Extension, Courtney Moltzer - Snook ISD, Rob Santarsiero- BCSO, Lauren McGrath- Bryan Fire Deputy EMC, Dan Reilly- NWS, Steven Higgins- Robertson Co. EMS, Bruce Milliman- College Station PD Intel, Sahai Fleurant- American Red Cross | | | |
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| Homeland Security Advisory Committee Members in Attendance | | | | |
| Brazos County | | | | |
| Eric Buske |  | Patrick Corley | **Present** |
| Peggi Goss |  | Leslie Lutz | **Present** |
| Amanda Fox | **Present** | David Dibello | **Present** |
| Michele Meade | **Present** | Steve Aldrich |  |
| Paul Martinez |  | Rick Wagner | **Present** |
| Curtis Darby | **Present** | Arthur Davila |  |
| Rodney Sigler |  | Scott Smith |  |
| Santos Navarette |  | Tradd Mills |  |
| Jeanelle Gottlob | **Present** | Rich Giusti |  |
| Burleson County | | | | |
| Charles Barnes |  | Dennis Gaas |  |
| Gene Hermes |  | Bill Perry | **Present** |
| Duane Strange | **Present** | Jake Sullivan |  |
| Grimes County | | | | |
| Katherine Dornak (Lee) |  | Martha Smith | **Present** |
| Jason Katkoski |  | David Lilly | **Present** |
| Neal Wendele | **Present** | Sinda Phelps | **Present** |
| Ryan Rutledge | **Present** |  |  |
| Leon County | | | | |
| Byron Ryder |  | Jerrod Jones |  |
| Jim Carrigan | **Present** | Bobby Walters |  |
| Linda Richardson | **Present** | Victor Smith | **Present** |
| Jim Scott |  | Jackie Morrow |  |
| Kyle Workman |  | Jimmy Gifford |  |
| Jason Sullivan | **Present** | William Bud Trammel |  |
| Madison County | | | | |
| Bobby Adams |  | Richard Morris |  |
|  |  | Shelly Butts | **Present** |
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| Robertson County | | | | |
| Adam Gallagher | **Present** | Karen Box | **Present** |
| Diana Ferrell |  | Rosa Hoyt |  |
| Erik Maiorano | **Present** | Gerald Yezak |  |
| Chuck Hairston |  | Joe David Scarpinato |  |
| Nester Leamon | **Present** | Dr. Stacey Allen Cude | **Present** |
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| Washington County | | | |
| Roger Williams | **Present** | Kevin Deramus |  |
| Dustin Majewski |  | Larry Neveux |  |
| John Chancellor | **Present** | Bryan Ruemke | **Present** |
| Don Koester | **Present** | Trey Holleway | **Present** |
| James Huffty | **Present** | Brian Sheffer | **Present** |

1. **Call to Order** – Mr. Bryan Ruemke facilitated the meeting on behalf of Ms. Shelly Butts calling the meeting to order at 1350 hrs.
2. **Invocation-** The invocation was delivered by Mr. Lilly.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Introductions** – Introductions were made by all members and staff physically present.
5. **Action Items**
   1. **Consider for Approval of the November 30th, 2022, HSAC Meeting Minutes:** 
      1. Mr. David Lilly made a motion to approve the November 30th HSAC meeting minutes. Mr. David Dibello seconded the motion for approval. The motion for approval carried.
   2. **Consider for Approval of the January 25th, 2023, HSAC Meeting Minutes**
      1. Ms. Michele Meade made a motion to approve the January 25th HSAC meeting minutes. Mr. Bruce Millman (non-member) seconded the motion for approval. The motion for approval carried.
   3. **Consider for Approval of the FY 2024 Grant Prioritization**
      1. Mr. Jim Carrigan made a motion to approve the FY 24 Grant Prioritization meeting minutes. Ms. Michele Meade seconded the motion for approval. A County-by-County vote occurred. Ms. Meade voted in approval of the motion on behalf of Brazos County. Mr. Strange voted in approval of the motion on behalf of Burleson County. Mr. Carrigan voted in approval of the motion on behalf of Leon County. Ms. Butts voted in approval of the motion on behalf of Madison County. Mr. Maiorano voted in approval of the motion on behalf of Robertson County. Mr. Ruemke voted in approval of the motion on behalf of Washington County. Mr. Lilly voted in approval of the motion on behalf of Grimes County. The motion for approval carried.
   4. Ms. Maraya Lasinsky from the DHS Blue Campaign presented to the committee the different aspects of partnership with the Blue Campaign.
   5. Mr. Dan Reilly gave a presentation on Storm Ready for the committee members.
6. **Committee Reports**
   1. **Communications Subcommittee**:The subcommittee had a meeting February 22nd. Burleson County is planning on switching over their law enforcement and EMS to BVWACS on April 4th. Washington County is in the process of replacing some old radios and having to replace inventory. Robertson County is having a difficult time with communications, currently operating fire, law enforcement, and EMS on the same channel while also dealing with issues from the ice storm. Leon County is moving along with their Tower projects and talks of what they are doing with their current system. Brazos County is doing okay with communications. Mr. Strange informed that Ms. Gottlob will be creating the communications plan from BVSAR. Ms. Gottlob communicated that she has been tasked with revitalizing BVSAR and invited members to participate in order to get the BVSAR exercise up and running. Madison County is on rotation for replacing radios every 6 years. Grimes county is working on their annual inventory of working on BVWACS radios. There are currently only two counties that are not BVWACS Counties at the moment. Mr. Strange Communicated that there were new talk groups on the radios and to contact Thomas Gilbert for help with that. Next communications meeting is to be determined.
   2. **Intelligence Subcommittee- Mr. Rob Santarsiero:** Still moving forward with the Real Time Crime Center, but currently taking a tactical pause to reevaluate spending, but remain on track. Mr. Santarsiero reminded the committee this process would be a slow build out. On the Human Trafficking side, the Sherriff’s office budget piece is just about done and had to be redone due to inflation.
   3. **Strategic Documents Subcommittee:** Ms. Meade informed the committee the need to plan or start looking at the outdated MAAs**.**
7. **County Updates:** 
   1. **Burleson:** Other than communications, Burleson County declared for disaster due to the Ice Storm. One of the utility companies received significant damages form the ice storm. The County is not asking for debris removal but using normal operations to remove debris currently. Most issues from the ice storm were due to tree limbs falling on power lines.
   2. **Brazos County:** Currently in the middle of the 300 and 400 course. The courses were maxed out and will finish on March 2nd. The County did not have any affects from the ice storm.
   3. **Grimes County:** The buyout program is moving steadily towards completion with two closeouts last week and hoping to move forward with the other 4 soon. The issue is the owners need to have a place to move to before the buyout can be completed. The County Hazard Mitigation Plan is still in final review stage. Mr. Lilly should be receiving the final copy for review soon.
   4. **Leon County:** Leon County isstill working on the tower project. Currently working on backup generator, installing propane tank, and will soon add power. Mr. Carrigan will be having a discussion with Commissioners and Fire to move forward with P25 equipment which they should be able to patch through the new dispatch consoles. Mr. Carrigan presented to Commissioners Court to move forward with BVWACS. They are not taking the idea off the table yet, but difficult to see VFDs being able to afford the equipment without help. Leon County did declare a disaster for the ice storm and are working on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The upcoming focus for the whole year is interlocal agreements and MOUs for the different departments.
   5. **Robertson County:** Mr. Maiorano stated that the Sherriff’s Office is currently in the process of replacing all three dispatch consoles. The County also had one tower sight damaged by the ice storm effecting communications. The County is continuing to have conversations on the topic of BVWACS. The County did declare disaster for the Ice Storm. Robertson County had TDEM recovery teams in the County doing damage assessment and assisting local utilities and co-ops to do damage assessments to meet the thresholds. Communications issues continue to persist in the County.
   6. **Madison County:** Madison County did not declare disaster and did not have any County losses but did have electric losses.
   7. **Washington county**: Washington County is currently working on their Hazard Mitigation Plan and working on getting their LEPC up and working.
8. **Homeland Security Planner Updates- Addison Walker, BVCOG:**

Ms. Walker communicated changes to the National Priority Areas sharing that Enhancing Election Security now has a 3% minimum with the State looking to fund this minimum through the competitive NPA NOFO. The grant prioritization must be sent to the OOG by March 16th . Once the Board of Directors has given approval Ms. Walker will submit the list to the State. Ms. Walker reminded the Committee that if they currently have an active grant, the general and federal progress reports are due on March 15th. On March 3rd the HSAC Attendance record will be sent out to County Judges.

1. **Program Updates**
   1. Brazos Valley Communications Project- No updates given.
   2. Community Emergency Response Team- No updates given.
   3. Criminal Justice- No updates given.
   4. Capital Area of Texas Regional Advisory Council- No updates given.
   5. Hazard Mitigation: Cagan Baldree- Mr. Baldree communicated that the Harvey Mod was approved by the Board and should be submitted this week. The Harvey Mod should be on the same timeline as the CBDG MIT Mod. Mr. Baldree will begin sending out registration information for the active shooter course in May hosted by the RAC.
   6. Manager-. No updates given.
2. **Important Dates-** Ms. Walker summarized the following important dates:
   1. **2/9, 2/16, 2/23-** Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents
   2. **2/23, 3/2-** Advanced ICS Command and General Staff
   3. **3/15-** Grant Progress Reports Due
   4. **3/22-** March HSAC Meeting
   5. **5/2-5/3-** Active Shooter Course
3. **Public Comments**
   1. Mr. Reilly informed the members that on May 1st the Hurricane Hunters aircraft will be stationed at Ellington Airport. This will give an opportunity to meet national hurricane center personnel. A more detailed agenda is still being worked out and the event should run from 9am to 3pm. There will be an EMC only period in the morning and open to the general public in the afternoon.
   2. Mr. Baldree informed the committee that Mr. Ruemke, Ms. Walker, and himself attended a TDEM event hosted scoring academic research relevant to emergency management. Mr. Baldree encouraged the members to keep an eye out for potential future similar events and spoke highly of the event. Mr. Ruemke added on that the scored research will be receiving grant money to continue research or implement their study.
   3. Ms. Walker will send out via email the SkyWarn Course flyer for those to register.
4. **Adjourn at 1443 Hrs.-** Mr. Carrigan made a motion for adjournment. Mr. Lilly seconded the motion.