Regional Disaster Finance Program
Finance Presentation
The Regional Disaster Finance Coordination Program:

- Is a new, innovative, proactive program.
- Is designed to give local jurisdictions the financial tools needed to help recover from a disaster before a disaster occurs.
- Facilitates collaboration and communication between disaster responders and financial managers prior to an emergency occurring.
- Helps to develop financial guidelines for jurisdictions to follow during an event, which aid in seeking reimbursement when the event has ended.
Why Focus on Local Jurisdictions

Federally Declared Disasters in Texas from 1989 - 2014:

- Total - 287
  - Emergency Declarations – 13
  - Major Declarations – 40
  - Fire Management Assistance Declaration (FMAG) – 234

- De-obligation of Project Funding
- FEMA and OIG Audit Findings (Two separate entities)
- IPRA – Proper Records Management
- Local Reimbursement Reconciliation Issues
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*T-600 Course*

The T-600 course is an in-depth analysis of the financial capabilities of each jurisdiction during a disaster or emergency. It will:

- Analyze the accounting practices of individual finance departments during disasters and emergencies by reviewing accounting systems.
- Identify gaps in policies and procedures when accounting for a disaster or emergency.
- Establish financial standard operating procedures (SOPs) to be used during a disaster.
- Exercise financial SOPs.
Oversight/Staff

A part of the Field Response Section, this program is overseen by a state coordinator and will employ eight finance coordinators stationed throughout the state:

- One each in DPS Regions 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6
- Two in DPS Region 2
- One at DPS Headquarters in Austin to assist state agencies
- All are hired except for Region 4
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*Topics Covered*

- Accounting System
- Time
- Procurement
- Contracts
- Equipment
- Risk Management
- Review of ICS structure
- Review of the finance section in ICS structure
- Review state reimbursement forms
- Overview by emergency manager on operations
- Resource tracking
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Topics Covered

- Establishing Finance Section
What is Tracked

- Repairs
- Personnel Cost
- Commodities
- Food
- Travel Cost
- Other
- Equipment Cost
- Leases
- Contracts
- Fuel
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Capstone Exercise

It is important to exercise the policy and procedures that have been established to:

- Identify gaps
- Revise procedures to correct gaps

This course can be tailored to fit the needs of your jurisdiction
Accomplishments for Team

- Students trained – 1,527
- Student hours – 11,000
- Courses completed - 51
- Deployments - 32
- Days deployed – 102
- Deployed to May Severe Weather, October Severe Weather, December Tornadoes and Historic Papal Visit
Deployments

- Meet with City Manager or County Judge, Finance Personnel, Department Heads or County Commissioners, Emergency Management Coordinator, District Coordinators
- Establishing Finance Procedures to be used during the event
- Train the Finance Personnel on Daily Burn Rate and what cost to capture
- If jurisdiction does not have a process to calculate costs, then spreadsheets and training is also provided.
- Overview of current contracts and contract process, especially with regards to debris removal.
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