



# Regional Disaster Finance Program Finance Presentation



Texas Department of Public Safety

**DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

# Regional Disaster Finance Program

## *PURPOSE*

### 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*

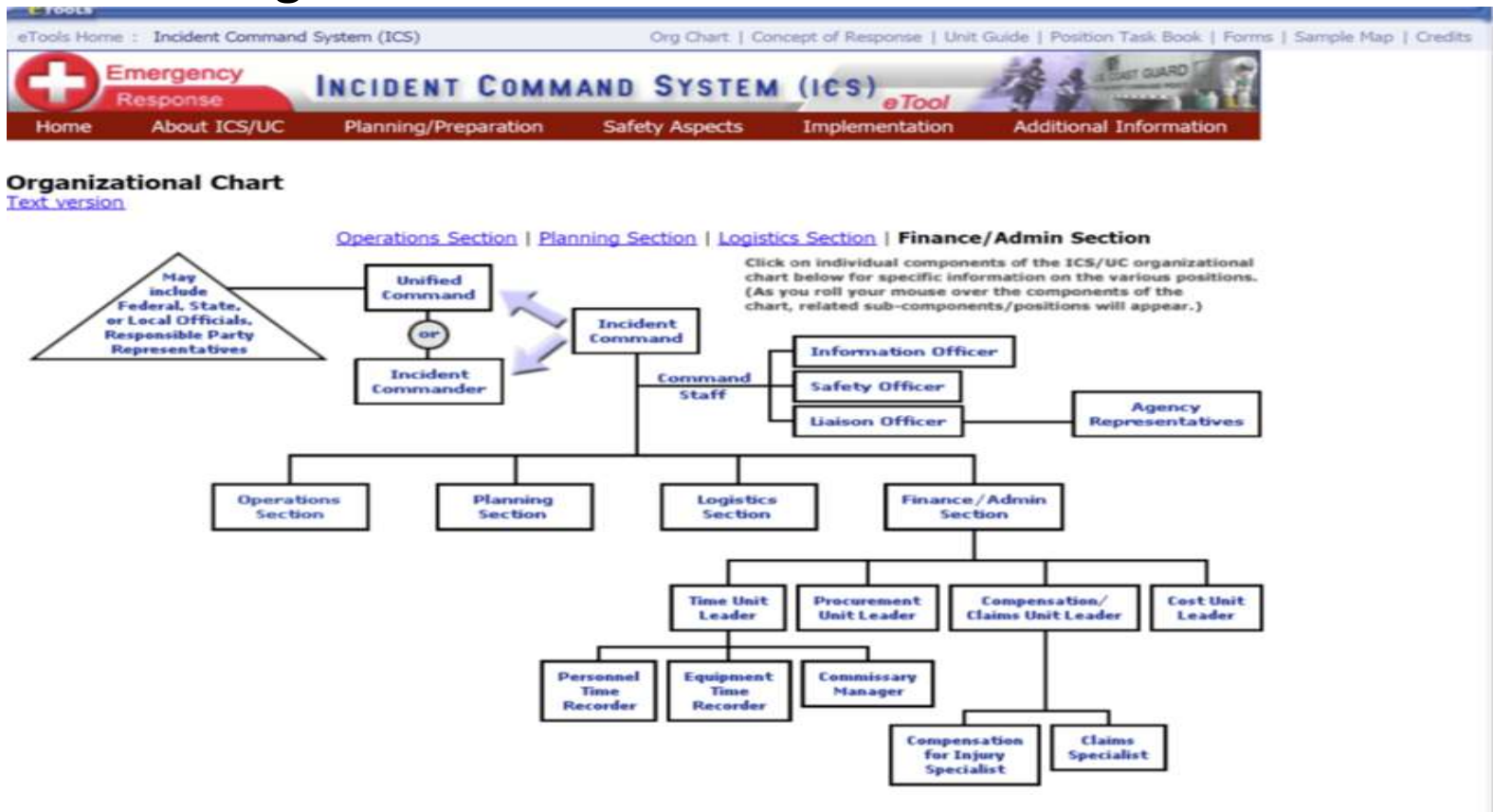
- Accounting System
- Time
- Procurement
- Contracts
- Equipment
- Risk Management
- Review of ICS structure
- Review of the finance section in ICS structure
- Review state reimbursement forms
- Overview by emergency manager on operations
- Resource tracking



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## Topics Covered

- Establishing Finance Section



# What is Tracked

Repairs

Personnel Cost

Leases

Other

Equipment Cost

Commodities

Travel Cost

Contracts

Food

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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# QUESTIONS



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