

March 4, 2021

Regional IMT Program (MS TEAMS Virtual Meeting)

Steering Committee Members / Team Leads / Training Specialists

In attendance:

Steering Committee:

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Team Lead or Designee	(see list below)	All AHIMTs
Rogers	Les	TFS - ICT2
Karns	Jared	TFS - Planning and Preparedness (not present)
Lawson	Rhonda	DPS - Major
Shuey	Eric	TDEM
Noakes	Justen	HEB EMC (not present)
Hannemann	Paul	TFS (non-voting)
Mahlum	Gabe	TFS (non-voting)
Reese	Jon	TFS (non-voting)
Fikes	Chelsea	TFS AHIMT Business Coord. (non-voting) (not present)
Duncan	Guy	TFS (non-voting)

Team Representation:

<b>Team Name</b>	<b>Team Member at Meeting</b>
Alamo Area IMT	Dean Watson
Brazos Valley IMT	Teresa Medearis
Capital Area IMT	Meg Seville
Capital Area IMT	Karen Maxwell
Capital Area IMT	Michael Hemby
Capital Area IMT	Aubury Holmes
Capital Area IMT	James Gabriel
Corpus Christi IMT	None Present
El Paso IMT	None Present
Golden Triangle IMT	Charlie Cox
Hillsboro IMT	None Present
Texas Gulf Coast IMT	Patrick Hagan
Texas Gulf Coast IMT	Justin Huddleston
Texas Gulf Coast IMT	Charles Martin
North East Texas IMT	Larry McRae

Pan Handle IMT	Shane Brown
Permian Basin IMT	None Present
Pineywoods IMT	None Present
Rio Grande Valley IMT	Edward Marks
San Jac IMT	Patrick Hughes
South Plains IMT	none Present
Trinity Basin IMT	none Present
West Central Texas IMT	Jimmy Chew
Wichita Falls IMT	Rodney Ryalls
Wichita Falls IMT	Donald Hughes
H.E.B TxSaR	Justen Noakes (not present)

Meeting conducted by Chief Jon Reese

TEAM REPORTS

- All teams present gave reports as to their recent IMT related activity to include activities such as:
  - Continued covid-19 testing and vaccination procedures
  - Hurricane response activities
  - Recruiting of new team members
  - Continued work with TFS on MOA’s and updating of IQS database information
  - IMT member activity working inside of their own respective agencies
  - Winter weather event response and recovery operations
  - SOC IMT support for Logistical Staging Areas
  - Support of local area EOCs
- All teams are encouraged by Paul Hannemann to provide detailed notes on what they have done inside of their teams, relative to IMT response activities. This information to be shared with DHS and FEMA to further show the work that is being done throughout the state and program at large
- Not all teams present with representation

STEERING COMMITTEE AND SOC REPORTS

- Shuey – TDEM report - monitoring IMT work throughout the state, seeing lots of STAR activity, and currently looking into training funds from the state
- Major Lawson - DPS report - activated for winter ice event: served as DPS liaison to SOC, provided transportation of essential state level government staffing into critical meetings and events, assisted with security of state LSAs. Change of upper level leadership in TDEM – Chief Mike Miller retired from TDEM, Warren “Country” Weilder Has taken on those duties
- Mahlum – ESF4 SOC report – SOC has supported local/state-level covid response for 1 year, winter event support: supporting local LSA with commodity distribution, and roadway cleaning assistance

- Chief Rogers (Jon Reese reporting ) – LSSIMT report - supporting local and state agencies as needed, supporting FEMA LSAs during winter event and covid response

#### IQS – Michael McElwain

- Moving along nicely with all teams working on MOA updating
- IQS cleanup next priority for teams. All team leads will be contacted with updating IQS procedures
  - Focus on team roster archiving of prior members
  - Updating of email and phone number contact information
  - Updating of member’s significant other contact information
- Please contact McElwain for questions on what needs to be done or any other IQS concerns

#### HISTORICAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM (HRP) – Bill Terry

- Recognized nationally, started locally with TFS
- Difference between this and task books – allows for past experience / documentation to be reviewed and accepted
- Wide array of documentation will be considered for this program
  - previous experience, task book work, prior formal education, daily job work, etc.
- This is applicable to any type 3 IMT position, except for IC and OSC and applies for people having expired credentials as well
- Two step process
  - Initial application through team lead, via a letter stating what position they are interested in and why they want to take this route. Member to complete checklist of prior qualifications/experience
  - Committee reviews this and gives member a form for documenting various competencies needed to complete and submit. If approved member’s record is submitted and updated with TICC for new qualification. If rejected committee describes what is lacking still and procedures for accepting resubmission
- Questions or initial submissions to: [hrp@tfs.tamu.edu](mailto:hrp@tfs.tamu.edu) or [bterry@tfs.tamu.edu](mailto:bterry@tfs.tamu.edu)

#### TASK BOOKS – Chief Jon Reese

- In the past we used a committee for book submissions and review. We will now accept the completed task books, and direct the book needing review to an identified SME around the regional program who will be tasked with review and recommendation
  - Submit completed task books to Jon Reese

#### FEMA SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TEAM (SRT) & NATIONAL QUALIFICATION SYSTEM (NQS) – Chief Paul Hannemann

- NQS program is actively being updated and reviewed, to include task books, positions descriptions

- National program is working with the All-Hazards Incident Management Team Association on program recommendations
- USFA is considering a national IMT office at the federal level to help provide training, team development, etc. Currently there is draft legislation being put together on this (same as USAR program)
- NQS 3 tiered system – IMT- N national, IMT-L local, IMT-R Regional
  - Coming assessment of regional IMT programs to determine level of individual team operations and capabilities. More to come on this.
  - Vision of the Texas program is that our teams are nationally deployable
  - Jon Reese will be pushing out a “team assessment form” soon for each team to start looking at. No return on this expected as of yet but that will be coming.
  - O325 IMT course – next level IMT course involving an exercise type assessment of team’s abilities to operate in an IMT capacity (still in design phase)
- SRT for FEMA IMAT support – ongoing efforts toward providing proof of concept to show this program actually works
  - currently Texas and Colorado are the only states that can deploy with the SRT program – via properly documented MOAs through ESF4 mobilization request procedures

#### COVID SCREENING ON INCIDENTS - Guy Duncan

- TX A&M will covid test all responders that are deployed in IMT capacities. Currently , developing a map of 30 testing sites across the state. Map and policy coming soon to teams with all details on this program

#### INTS PROJECT WITH CALFIRE – Gabe Mahlum / Chief Jon Reese working on this project

- Working on an Intelligence Support Specialist new position - tied to SITL with modeling type work. Has history with US Forest Service.
- California and Texas looking to establish this new position with EOCs and IMTs and the SOCs.
- Task book being developed with CalFire – this position will help to evaluate resource allocation during heavy demand periods
- More to come on this program and coming training

#### REMOTE CHECK-IN & TECHNOLOGY UPDATES - Jimmy Mullins

- Close to launching survey 123 program as a check in format
- currently have 3 stations (computer/printer/scanner) setups available for this to be used statewide
- Training on this program coming regionally – no dates set yet
- Looking to have this operational for coming fire season – hopefully
- E-isuites used currently for the financial component of incident management – working to integrate survey 123 into this program for capturing of resource data

- 204 standardization process to be adhered to by all. All IMT personnel deployed to use this form. It has standard naming conventions identified that are to be used when completing this form. See the LSSIMT SOG, RESL section - page 42: [https://ticc.tamu.edu/IncidentResponse/LSSIMTs\\_SOG.pdf](https://ticc.tamu.edu/IncidentResponse/LSSIMTs_SOG.pdf) for specific instructions on this.
- See the TICC website toolbox of resources to understand and share with your team. All branch ICs will have this form and understand/expect its use

#### TFS IMT PROGRAM – Chief Les Rogers

- Expect we will again use the regional IMTs during fire season
- During 2020 regional IMTs were used heavily in the plans section and some in the operations and logistics section as well
- Branch level work through the decentralization model will be used
- We are expecting a significant fire season coming soon based on climatology – expect resource needs requests to go out to regional IMTs. Expect individual component assignments, versus team requests, for coming fire season

#### IMT TRAINING PROGRAM – Chief Jon Reese

- The ability for covid testing at training locations is being worked on and needed for coming training classes
- **2021 Training schedule attached - Classes available on preparingtexas.org after April 15**
- Looking to have more classes than are currently scheduled

#### REIMBURSEMENTS – Chief Jon Reese

- Any questions about reimbursement please send email to Chelsea Kikes or Michael McElwain

#### 2021 CONFERENCE – Chief Jon Reese

- Looking at options to use conference grant money elsewhere due to restrictions on large annual conferences
- Considering 6 regional training Sessions / conference meetings – nothing decided yet
- More to come on this

#### All-HAZARDS INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM ASSOCIATION – Tim Ocnaschek

- International symposium being pushed to February 2022 – concerns over travel, funding, etc. - planning on Denver Colorado
- Virtual symposium (3/8-3/11) Monday-Thursday – see ahimt.org website for details for members and non-members to attend
- Lots of activity occurring within this organization relative to the National IMT program development

- Initiatives underway to get Law Enforcement more integrated into IMT concepts – beginning meetings on this
- Collaborative work being done with FEMA SRT program and NQS program for position specific updates
- Welcome all Regional IMT members to join this organization

SECOND QUARTER TEAM LEAD / TRAINING SPECIALISTS MEETING – Chief Jon Reese

- Dates TBD - virtual or in person not sure yet – info coming soon

Email any questions to Jon Reese or Michael McElwain

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