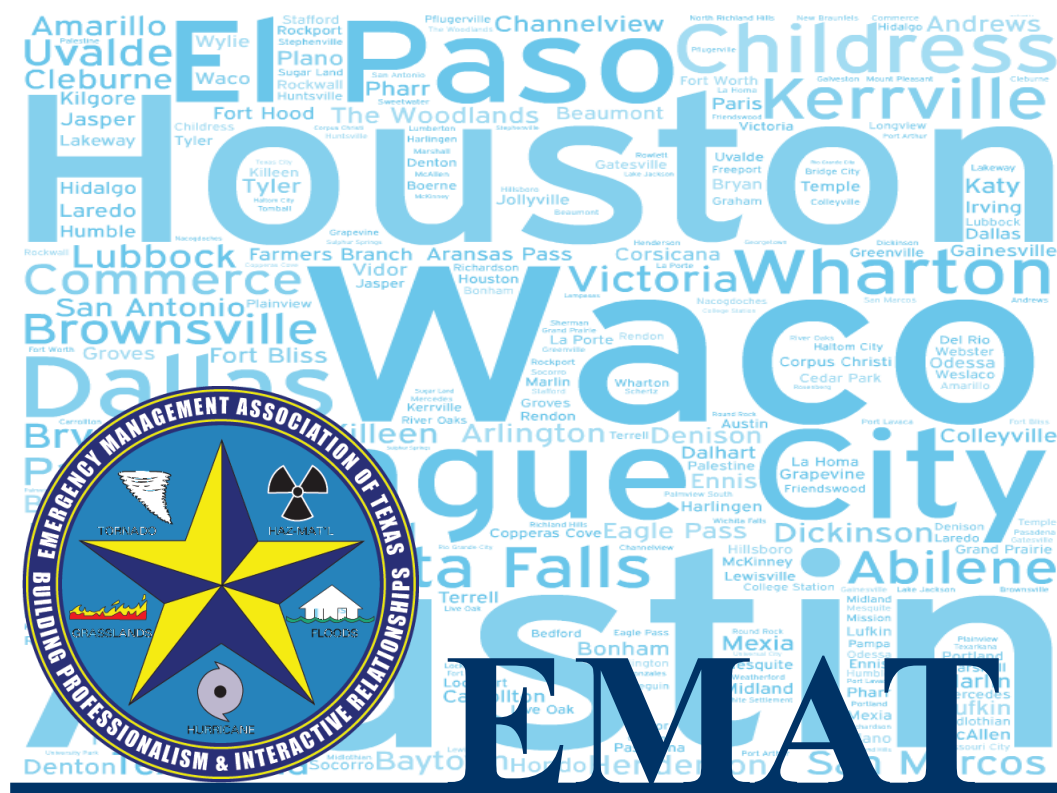


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TEM Certification & Re-Certification

***Congratulations to the following recipients
on achieving the designation of Certified
Texas Emergency Manager[®] (TEM):***

Brandy Ashby-Fisher	Michael Megna
Douglas Bass	Joseph Minshew
Lee Bourgoin	Sharon Nalls
Brad Britten	Antonio Pena
Alejandro Camacho	Michael Penaluna
Sherri Copeland	Fernando Perez
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Rodrick Hones	Brenda Vermillion
Charles Kelly	Cheryl Vital
David Marquez	Randy Whittington



TEM[©] Program

The Certified Texas Emergency Manager (TEM) program is sponsored by the Emergency Management Association of Texas (EMAT) and administered by the Emergency Administration and Planning (EADP) Program Department of Public Administration at the University of North Texas. One method shown to increase professionalism and recognize the individual who possesses the knowledge, skills, abilities and experience to effectively manage a comprehensive emergency management program is through a rigorous certification program. The TEM is just such a program.



Purpose of the EMAT Annual Awards Program

The purpose of the EMAT Annual Awards Program is to recognize the achievements and hard work of the individuals, organizations and jurisdictions that have made exceptional efforts to further the field of emergency management and to ensure a whole community approach to preventing, preparing for, mitigating against, responding to and recovering from disasters.



“Lou Harrell” Emergency Manager of the Year Award

Charlie Kelly *City of Galveston Office of Emergency Management*

Charlie Kelly has served the City of Galveston in an emergency management capacity since 1999, first as a safety officer for the city, then as Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator. In 2003, Mr. Kelly assumed the role of head of the city’s Office of Emergency Management Department, officially becoming the Emergency Management Coordinator in 2005. Through his efforts, the City of Galveston has been designated as a NWS StormReady Community, has responded to numerous disasters (such as the coordinated effort to shelter Hurricane Katrina evacuees in Galveston, Hurricane Ike, the Texas City “Y” Oil Spill, etc.), and has greatly upgraded the city’s emergency management capabilities. Prior to Hurricane Ike, spearheaded by Mr. Kelly, the City of Galveston entered into the first evacuee sheltering agreement with a sister city. This inter-local agreement, born out of the response of Galveston to Hurricane Rita, became a model for all other Texas communities.



Excellence in Emergency Management Award: DPS Region 6

Bexar County Office of Emergency Management

Bexar County Office of Emergency Management (BCOEM) spearheads continual development and improvement of partnerships with governmental and non-governmental agencies in order to augment and support regional partners. Additionally, BCOEM has cultivated a working relationship with the various military partners in and around Bexar County. In light of the success of BCOEM’s partnership philosophy, U.S. Army South requested BCOEM to develop and conduct a presentation on “Partnership to Enhance Response Capability and Capacity” for the 2014 Central American (CENTAM) Leaders Conference for senior military leaders from seven Central American countries. The presentation, which discussed emergency management issues and challenges but also emphasized relationship development, has opened an avenue to dialogue and partner on an international level.

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Outstanding Emergency Management Public Information Award

Sheppard Air Force Base Office of Emergency Management Preparedness Video

To highlight the importance of tornado awareness and preparedness, Jeremy Kirk of the Sheppard Air Force Base (AFB) Office of Emergency Management, in collaboration with Sheppard AFB's Public Affairs Office and Audiovisual Department, as well with local TV Stations in Wichita Falls, created and developed a public awareness video and pamphlet. Completed in March 2014, the video coincided with the 35-year Wichita Falls F-4 tornado and the 50-year Sheppard AFB F-4 tornado anniversaries. The preparedness pamphlet is professional and eye catching and provides important information to the public for preparing for disasters. Both products have increased the awareness of emergency management issues with the general public in North Texas and at the Sheppard AFB.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJkKY1aw-dQ&list=UU5YsBQrc5fD9x5Pex-kf2WQ

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Mr. Kelly is well respected amongst his peers and actively coordinates with the other 12 jurisdictions within Galveston County to prepare for future incidents, especially evacuation efforts for Galveston Island. He also conducts a vast public outreach campaign, from Galveston's annual Hurricane Preparedness Town Hall Meeting to individual sessions for area nursing homes and schools. Mr. Kelly also seeks to continuously further his knowledge of emergency management and strives to share his experiences, often speaking at conferences on the City of Galveston's recovery efforts to Hurricane Ike. Mr. Kelly recently received his Texas Emergency Manager (TEM) Certification.

On top of his busy workload, Mr. Kelly invests in the future of local and State Emergency Managers by serving as mentor. He has provided internship opportunities to many students, three of which have gone on to obtain the Master degrees in related fields.

Charlie Kelly's ongoing support and dedication to emergency management is evident to his city, his peers, and

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Community Service Award: DPS Region 6

Susan Culp, DVM

Texas Animal Health Commission

Successfully integrating her profession and love of animals into emergency management, Dr. Susan Culp strives to bring awareness to animal issues in disaster. Active herself in disaster response, Dr. Culp has volunteered in coordinating veterinary assessments and the care for sheltered, rescued, and injured animals during numerous disasters. Through her work as Chair of the Disaster Preparedness Committee of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association, Dr. Culp has been instrumental in recruiting and training veterinary practitioners and students to become more involved with their local emergency management officials. Dr. Culp has also traveled the state coordinating workshops for emergency management officials and veterinary professionals. It is these efforts that have opened the door for emergency managers and veterinarians to begin the dialogue of collaborative disaster planning for animals.

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Emergency Management Student Award

Kristie Franks

Texas A&M University

Kristie Franks is currently enrolled at Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, pursuing a Ph.D. in Emergency Management for Animals and Agriculture. When she is awarded her degree, it will be the first degree of its kind offered in the State of Texas. Maintaining a 4.0 GPA in her emergency management courses, Ms. Franks has also been an active member of the Delta Tau Alpha Agriculture Honor Society. Ms. Franks not only dedicates her time and energy into pursuing a Ph.D., but has also made efforts to involve herself in the disaster response. Since 2011, she has served as a member of the TAMU Veterinary Emergency Response Team (VET) and was deployed to the West, TX explosion in April 2013. Pursuing a degree in emergency management for animals and agriculture as well as being involved in the field lends itself to Ms. Frank's commitment to the professionalism of emergency management in Texas.

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