Disaster Response Coordination Houston's Emergency Management System



MAYOR'S OFFICE

Public Safety Homeland Security



MOPSHS: Who are we?

- The Mayor's Office of Public Safety & Homeland Security:
 - Office of Emergency Management (OEM)
 - Houston Emergency Center (HEC)
 - Homeland Security

OEM: Who are we?

 The Office of Emergency Management is the chief coordinating body for **disaster** response in the City of Houston.

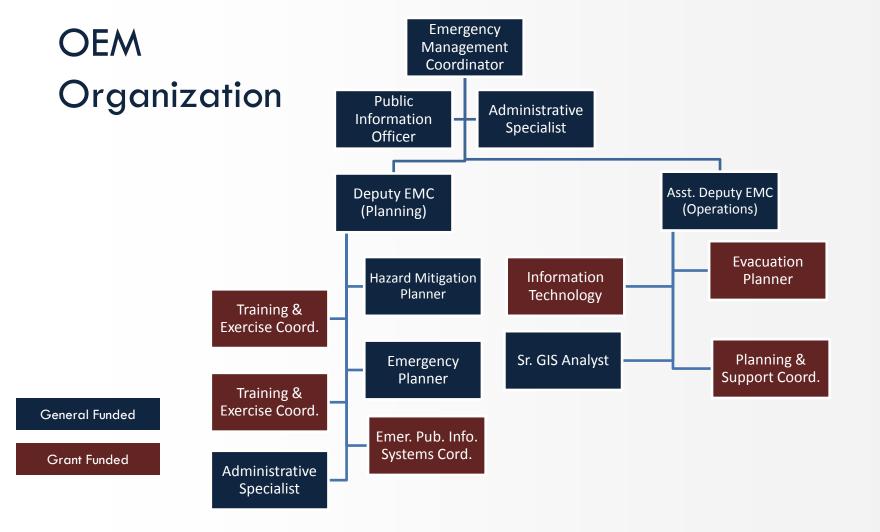
Planning – Response – Recovery – Preparedness – Mitigation

 Emergency management authority established by Section 418, Government Code and Chapter 13, Code of Ordinances



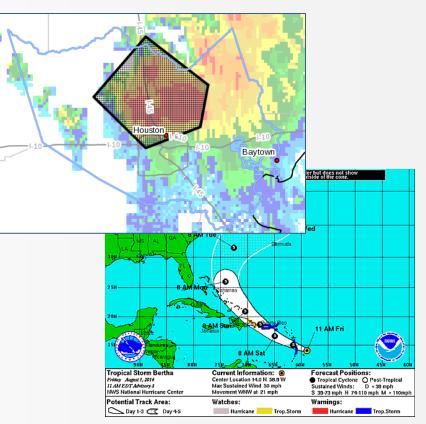
The Essential Emergency Manager





Daily Responsibilities

- Severe Weather Monitoring
- Emergency Warning
- Public Information
- Emergency Response & Resource Coordination
- Planning
- Mitigation



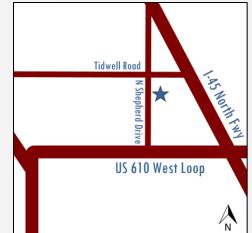
Disaster Responsibilities

- Emergency Operations Center Activation
- Coordination of Citywide Response
- Multi-Jurisdictional Coordination
- Public Information & Warning



Emergency Operations Center





City of Houston Emergency Operations Center

Houston Emergency Center 5320 North Shepherd Drive

Cross Streets: N. Shepherd & Donovan

EOC Activation

- Significant weather events
- Disasters
- Large-scale special events
- As needed

Level I (Full Activation)

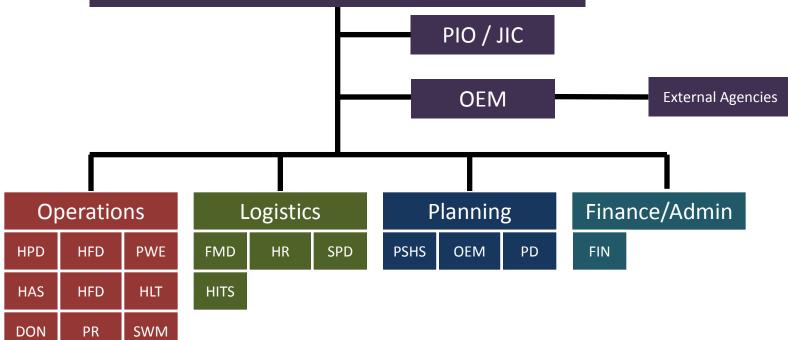
Level II (Limited Activation)

Level III (Increased Readiness)

Level IV (Routine Readiness

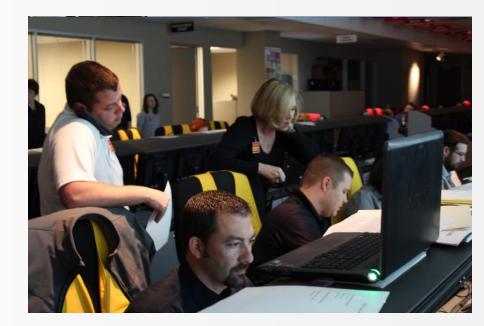
EOC Organization

Incident Management Group



Catastrophic Medical Operations Center (CMOC)

- Housed at the City of Houston EOC
- Medical emergency response for 25 counties.
- Part of statewide and national response structure



Preparedness

- Community preparedness events
- Planning
- Training & exercise



Preparedness Materials

City of Houston Emergency Information Location of Our Emergency Kit: houstontx.gov/emergency Phone Numbers Our Meeting Place: Emergency 911 Help & Information 311 or 713.837.0311 Fire (non-emergency) 832.394.6700 Police (non-emergency) 713.884.3131 Our Out-of-Town Emergency Contact: Social Media Twitter: @houstonoem Facebook: facebook.com/houstonoem Emergency Alert System Would You Need Help Evacuating? 88.7 FM lister with the State of Texas Emergency 740 AM Assistance Registry (STEAR) by calling 211 or visiting lexasslear.org. Register for emergency alerts from the City of OEM Houston to your email or mobile phone by ۲ visiting alerts.houstonoem.org.



Emergency Alerts in Houston alerts.houstonoem.org

When: Emergencies that affect the whole city and your neighborhood. Who: City of Houston public safety agencies How: Email and Social Media Sign-Up: Visit alerts.houstoncem.org

Emergency Notification System (ENS) (Reverse 911)

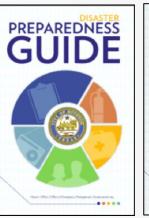
When: Emergencies that affect your neighborhood Who: Public safety agencies in Harris and Fort Bend Counties, including the City of Houston How: Landline and mobile phones Sign-Up: Landlines are already included. Register your mobile and VolP hones anline at 911.org

Wireless Emergency Alerts

When: Emergencies that affect large areas Who: Local, State and Federal public safety agencies including the National Weather Service How: WEA-enabled mobile phones Sign-Up: No need to sign up. Your WEA-enabled phone will automatically receive the message.

EAS' Emergency Alert System (EAS)

When: Emergencies that affect large areas Who: Local, State and Federal public safety agencies including the National Weather Service How: Television & Radio How II Works: Television and radio broadcasts are interrupted with important messages.



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What is STEAR?

Sign up with STEAR to give local emergency responders access to critical information about your situation when disasters strike.

Who should register for STEAR?

- Individuals who have a medical or access need which would prevent evacuation during an emergency
- Individuals who do not have adequate transportation to evacuate themselves
- Individuals who use a medical device which requires electricity

How do you register for STEAR? • Call 211 and speak with a trained operator (Video phones may call 877-541-7905) OR

Register online at texasstear.org



MAKE A PLAN

BUILD A KIT

STAY INFORMED

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS



REGIONAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS DVD

Recovery

- Damage Assessment
- Disaster Declaration Coordination
- Continuity of Services
- Health & Welfare Coordination
- Response Cost Reimbursement (Finance)



Photo: Houston Chronicle

Information Products and Resources

- OEM Incident Notifications (Alerts) to City stakeholders, including Council offices
- AlertHouston Notifications (open to the public and all COH employees)

- Houston Emergency Information Site
 - houstontx.gov/emergency
- Houston OEM Social Media
 - Twitter: @HoustonOEM
 - Facebook.com/HoustonOEM
 - Nextdoor.com
- Houston OEM Website (Disaster Preparedness Resources)
 - houstonoem.org

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