



Emergency Management Program Update

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Purpose

Provide an overview and program update of the Office of Emergency Management

- ★ Advanced notification systems and emergency communications
- ★ New initiatives and public education
- ★ Emergency Management collaboration and partnerships



Responsibilities of the Office of Emergency Management



- ★ Coordinates emergency management and homeland security activities with local, regional, state, and federal partners
- ★ Emergency management and homeland security planning, policy, and grant administration
- ★ City-wide emergency management training and exercise programs
- ★ Public preparedness and education
- ★ Enhancement of city's response and recovery capabilities

Emergency Management and Homeland Security



★ Emergency Management

- ★ Disaster prevention, planning, preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities

★ Homeland Security

- ★ Strategic planning for security, domestic terrorism, and infrastructure protection

Advanced Notifications



Goal: Have the proper tools with the latest technology without having to rely on sending staff out in the field during a major weather event

★ WeatherGuidance

★ Hays County WetMap

★ iNWS

★ Crisis Track

★ NWSChat

★ Moving forward...



Advanced Notifications



Improving capabilities even further, we will focus on:

- ★ Improving monitoring at lift stations
- ★ New inundation mapping
- ★ Develop a real-time flood forecasting system and model



Communications

- ★ Storm sirens
- ★ Warn Central Texas
- ★ Emergency Alert System
- ★ 103.1 FM Radio station
- ★ Weather radios
- ★ Adobe Connect



Preparing Our Citizens



- ★ Public education campaign
- ★ Social media campaign
- ★ City emergency management website
- ★ State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR)
- ★ Certified StormReady



Preparing Our Staff



- ★ Emergency Operations Center structure
- ★ Training and Disaster Exercise program
- ★ Emergency Management plans and procedures
- ★ Grant management system



Emergency Management Collaboration and Partnerships



- ★ Support and collaborate with city departments
- ★ Joint operations with Hays County
- ★ San Marcos community partnerships
- ★ Regional partnerships



Next Steps for Emergency Management



Continue our pro-active efforts for education and communication with the citizens and staff of the City of San Marcos

- ★ Conduct a Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment
- ★ Conduct a workshop with city staff to plan for future training and exercises
- ★ Implement new technologies



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