

General

Complacency

What keeps me up at night? It has been 40 years since the last hurricane aimed directly at Houston (Alicia, August '83). It has been 15 years since the last hurricane evacuation order (Ike, September '08) and six years since our last major flooding event (Harvey, '17).

Are you prepared? Do you have a hurricane go kit? Are you in an evacuation zone? Do you know what the evacuation routes are? Is your organization prepared to respond? Is our TGCRVOAD prepared to help our Members coordinate, collaborate, cooperate, and communicate with each other as we respond?

Will there be another disaster? Yes. The question is: Will we be ready?

- Gary Flaharty

Calendar

June 12, 4 -5 PM

Steering Committee Meeting

June 12-16, 2–3:30 PM

HURREVAC Training Webinar Series

You are invited to register for the upcoming HURREVAC webinar series, which will take place from Monday, June 12, to Friday, June 16.

- The free training sessions will begin at 2 PM EDT each day and run for approximately 90 minutes.
- Each live webinar will cover a specific theme introduced by expert guest speakers from FEMA, NOAA's National Hurricane Center, NOAA's Weather Prediction Center, or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- If you're a new user, instructors will help you gain a comprehensive understanding of the program.

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- Returning user? The webinar series is a great way to refresh your skills, check out the newest tools in HURREVAC and get important updates about NOAA forecast products.

[Download the brochure for more information and the registration links](#)

**July 12, 2023
9:30 – 11:00 AM**

General Membership Meeting at Fort Bend

We will discuss Hurricane Readiness, a timely topic, as we enter the peak of Hurricane season for the Upper Texas Gulf Coast in August and September. A special shout out to the Ft. Bend Office of Emergency Management, who will be hosting us and will give a tour of their new and advanced facility right after the TGCRVOAD Meeting.

Announcements

**Harris County
EM Impact**

The Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (HCOHSEM) is proud to announce its first EM Impact program and we need YOU to help get the word out!

EM Impact is a FREE, two-day event designed to provide a supportive and educational environment for young women (ages 18-22) interested in exploring a career in Emergency Management. The program will host its first cohort on June 27th-28th at the Houston TranStar Conference Center (6922 Katy Road, Houston, TX 77024). Breakfast, lunch, and refreshments will be provided during the event.

The curriculum is designed with an emphasis on emergency management, diversity, equity and inclusion, and women's empowerment.

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Students will have an exclusive opportunity to:

Panels: Featuring experts from around the region, the panel sessions will focus on Public Information Notifications, Higher Education Opportunities, and Leadership in Emergency Management.

Professional Development Lunch: From networking with partners to having an effective resume, participants will learn how to prepare for the Opportunity Fair!

Opportunity Fair: Learn about internships, entry level jobs, resources, and opportunities with government agencies and more! This fair will allow participants to grow and develop their network with experienced professionals.

Headshots: A picture is worth a thousand words! During the Opportunity Fair, take advantage of getting your own professional headshot done for free.

We will have panels of various experts in the field and a mock press conference with meteorologists from the National Weather Service and other Public Information alerting experts. The event will end with an opportunity fair for the students to network with representatives from Non-Governmental Organizations, Government Agencies, and education institutions to learn about career and educational opportunities in Emergency Management and related fields.

[Event Flyer \(PDF\)](#)

[Event Flyer \(jpg\)](#)

[Questions?](#)

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Team Rubicon Streaming on Roku!

The Roku Original series, Team Rubicon, follows the Kevin O'Connor as he joins the ranks of Team Rubicon volunteers, aka Greyshirts, as they provide disaster relief and humanitarian aid to vulnerable communities across the country.

[Stream for Free](#)

Greater Houston Disaster Alliance

Preparedness is Our Priority



Greater Houston has and will continue to face the risk of extreme weather events due to our Gulf Coast vicinity. This new initiative brings together Greater Houston Community Foundation and United Way of Greater Houston's combined 35 years of experience in philanthropic disaster response efforts.

Leveraging our shared experience, this critical partnership intends to significantly enhance our region's ability to cope with disasters, enable better allocation of time and resources during times of disaster, and ultimately, increase the speed and quality of recovery for our most vulnerable neighbors.

<https://disasteralliance.org/>

TGCRVOAD Members In Baytown

We express our gratitude to TGCRVOAD Members Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Just Serve, HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response, and Lone Star Legal Aid, who attended a

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community preparedness event in Baytown on May 27th!



Positions Open!

With the passing of the amended Bylaws the following positions are currently open. The 4Cs don't come easy and we'd love to have your organization represented! Remember the Primary *and* Alternate Representatives from each Member are eligible. These four chairs will serve on the Executive Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS Chair – responsible for the website, newsletter, situational awareness, internal communications, and external Communication Support

EDUCATION and TRAINING Chair - bi-monthly programs, tabletop exercises, online training

INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY, & COMMUNITY RESOURCES Chair - membership directory, resources by county, gap analysis

OPERATIONAL COLLABORATION Chair - support enhancement of Functions in Disaster; interface with the LTRCs

Contact chair.tgcrvoad@icloud.com for more information!

Consensus of Engagement

On May 10th the General Membership adopted a revised version of the Consensus of Engagement.

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Members should [download the Consensus of Engagement](#), sign it, scan it, and email it to sonya.meyers@hopedrtx.org.

New Members

Application Pending

[Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, ELCA](#)

Situation Briefs Published

June 5, 2023

[CSU Issues Updated Hurricane Forecast](#)

On June 1, 2023, the Colorado State University (CSU) Tropical Weather & Climate Research Center released an updated forecast for the 2023 Atlantic Hurricane Season. The researchers based their forecast on the assumption that a strong El Niño will prevent the formation of tropical storms, while warm waters in the tropical and subtropical Atlantic will promote their development. According to the CSU forecast, the hurricane season is expected to be near average.

May 31, 2023

[Returning to Level 0 – Normal Operations](#)

(Following three back-to-back weekly conference calls, all participants confirmed that there had been no surge in arrivals from the border seeking asylum that would negatively affect the provision of social services in our service region.)