

## General

### It Is Hot Outside!

Fort Bend County has announced that the Fort Bend County Library locations can be used as a place to cool off during this heat wave. For a list of locations and operating hours, click the link: <https://www.fortbend.lib.tx.us/about-us/location-hours-map>

Fort Bend County Homeland Security & Emergency Management is also looking for additional locations and sites that are willing to serve as cooling stations, especially on Sunday. The ask is for any agency to open their doors to the public to cool off. A cooling center does not have to be open overnight, nor does it need to provide any amenities other than an air-conditioned space for people to come in out of the heat.

If your agency or organization is willing to open your doors as a cooling center (you can dictate the days, hours, and terms), please reach out to Vladimir Hidrovo-Alban with Fort Bend County HS&EM at [Vladimir.Hidrovo-Alban@fortbendcountytexas.gov](mailto:Vladimir.Hidrovo-Alban@fortbendcountytexas.gov) or via phone at (832) 841-9416.

## Calendar

**July 12, 2023**  
**9:30 – 11:00 AM**

**General Membership Meeting at Fort Bend EOC**  
**307 Fort St, Richmond, TX 77469**

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.

### General Membership Meeting Tentative Agenda

Situation Brief

Business – Welcome, How the VOAD Works, Approval of Minutes, Executive Committee Report, New Members

Ft. Bend Members Spotlight

Ft. Bend OEM Spotlight

Preparation for Hurricane Season:

- HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response
- Crisis Cleanup
- Connective Survey
- Canvassing
- What is “Safe, Sanitary, & Functional?”
- Communications
  - Alert Media
  - Situation Briefs
  - SITREPs
  - Coordination Calls
- Multi-agency Resource Center

Announcements

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### NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge

A competitive funding opportunity focused on coastal resilience.

Approximately \$575 million will be available for projects that build the resilience of coastal communities to extreme weather (e.g., hurricanes and storm surge) and other impacts of climate change (e.g., sea level rise, drought). Funding is made possible by the Inflation Reduction Act, a historic, federal government-wide investment that is advancing NOAA’s efforts to build Climate-Ready Coasts.

APPLICATION DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON. In the meantime, we hope this overview material will be helpful.

The focus of this grant program is on holistic, collaborative approaches designed to increase resilience in coastal regions. Proposed projects should address risk reduction, regional

collaboration, equity, and building enduring capacity for adaptation.

NOAA technical assistance is available for organizations applying for and receiving a grant. Many technical assistance options are available, including data, tools, training, and access to NOAA scientific and management expertise.

For more information see:

<https://coast.noaa.gov/funding/ira/resilience-challenge/>

## 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.

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 \(jpg\)](#)**

# TGCRVOAD News You Can Use

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COOPERATION \* COMMUNICATION \* COORDINATION \* COLLABORATION

## 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](mailto:chair.tgcrvoad@icloud.com) for more information!

## Consensus of Engagement

On May 10<sup>th</sup> the General Membership adopted a revised version of the Consensus of Engagement.

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

## New Members

**Application Pending**

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

## Situation Briefs Published

None this period