



# City of Schertz

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National Incident Management System (NIMS)

# Bottom Line Up Front

- Senior leaders/executives are crucial for a successful response:
  - NIMS: Assigns responsibility for dealing with a disaster locally to the County Judge or Mayor
  - Know which residents need support
  
- Local Responsibilities:
  - City of Schertz all hazards
  - Emergency Planning - Written plans (Annexes) (EOP)
  - Training Emergency Responders & Officials
  - Conduct Drills and Exercises
  - Provide EOC with back up power and communications
  - Develop mutual aid agreements and respond to emergencies

# Senior Leader/Executive Decisions

- Decisions the senior leader/executive is responsible for:
  - When/whether to evacuate the City of Schertz
  - When/whether to declare a disaster
  - Setting priorities in coordination with other senior officials
  - Policy changes



# Emergency Management Program

- Vision/role of the Office of Emergency Management
  - Comprehensive system to respond to emergencies or disasters impacting our community.
- City of Schertz plans:
  - Comprehensive emergency management plan
  - Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)
  - Continuity of Operations (COOP) plan or Continuity of Government (COG) plan
  - Hazard mitigation plan
  - Hazardous materials incident plans
  - Recovery
  - Training on the plans, practicing for implementation annual basis



# City of Schertz Capacity and Capability to Respond

- Resources readily available to the City of Schertz:
  - Evacuation resources
  - Stockpiles (food, medical supplies, shelter supplies)
  - Volunteers (Red Cross, CERT, faith-based groups)
- How to request additional resources:
  - Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)
  - Mutual aid agreements
  - State resources
  - Federal resources

# Incident Management and Coordination

When disasters occur, response happens at four levels:

- **Incident Command System (ICS)** – manages tactical activities that aim to stabilize an incident, save lives, and protect property and the environment
  - Led by Incident Commander (IC)
- **Emergency Operations Center (EOC)** – provides incident support activities, including strategic coordination, resource acquisition, and information gathering
  - Led by EMC
- **Multiagency Coordination Group (MAC Group) or Policy Group** – provides policy guidance to incident personnel, supports resource prioritization, and enables decision-making
  - Led by Mayor, City Council, and City Manager/Asst City Managers
- **Joint Information System (JIS)** – ensures coherent, consistent, and accurate messaging and communication with the media and public
  - Led by Public Information Officer (PIO)
  - Joint Information Center (JIC) houses the operations of the JIS



EOC Director

PIO

Planning

Finance

Operations

Logistics

EXIT



# How should Citizens Prepare

- A disaster supplies kit is simply a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.
- Have a plan, based advance notice
- Citizens should: observe safety messages put out by EOC
- Have 72 hours worth of supplies on hand
  - Water and Food
  - Battery powered flashlights
  - Extra batteries
  - Garbage bags
  - First Aid kit
  - Prescription drugs and Non-Prescription drugs
  - Any other special need supplies
    - Animal supplies
    - Eyeglasses

# What should Citizens Expect from City

## ■ Short-Term

- Public Safety Response
- Public Works – Debris removal
- Temporary Emergency Shelter
- PD may close area to protect belongings
- Water/Food – Local vendors, Regional, State

## ■ Long-Term

- Damage Assessment
- Planning for Recovery and Rehab
- Building Inspections
- Mitigation
- Public Health
- Housing
- Facilitate meeting between State and Federal Gov for assistance programs

# How the City Communicates

- Emergency Preparedness
  - Promote REAN registration on website, social media, Schertz Magazine, and e-newsletter
  - Educational campaigns on how residents can be prepared
    - National Preparedness Month (Sept.)
    - Host a preparedness fair/expo in the future
    - Brochures, flyers, etc.
  
- Active Emergency
  - Goal is a unified message across all agencies
  - Suspend scheduled social media posts
  - Use IPAWS, REAN, and reverse 911
  - Website
  - E-blasts
  - Press Releases
  - No Sirens

# Questions?

