

# Budget Presentation

Office of Emergency Management



- Budget Office recommended \$25,000 for contractor support of a required emergency exercise in FY18.
- Our grant funded position that happens to specialize in emergency planning and exercise will be coming off the grant in mid-year FY18. For less than \$10,000 more; we can complete this task in-house with staff, and deliver a much better product for the County.



# But that's not all!

Helping us to keep this position for the duration of the year continues.....

- Planning
  - Mapping/GIS analysis
  - HAZMAT/Tier II
  - Wildfire
  - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid – required facility emergency planning
  - Mass fatality response and coordination
  - Social vulnerability assessments
- Partnerships and Outreach
  - County-wide Emergency Management Committee
  - Social media
  - CAPCOG Regional Preparedness Education Cooperative
  - Community emergency preparedness events – direct community engagement
- Enhances our partnerships with outside planning and response agencies
  - National Weather Service
  - Texas Forrest Service (wildland planning & response)
  - University of Texas - flood study and research input



# Why is this all important?

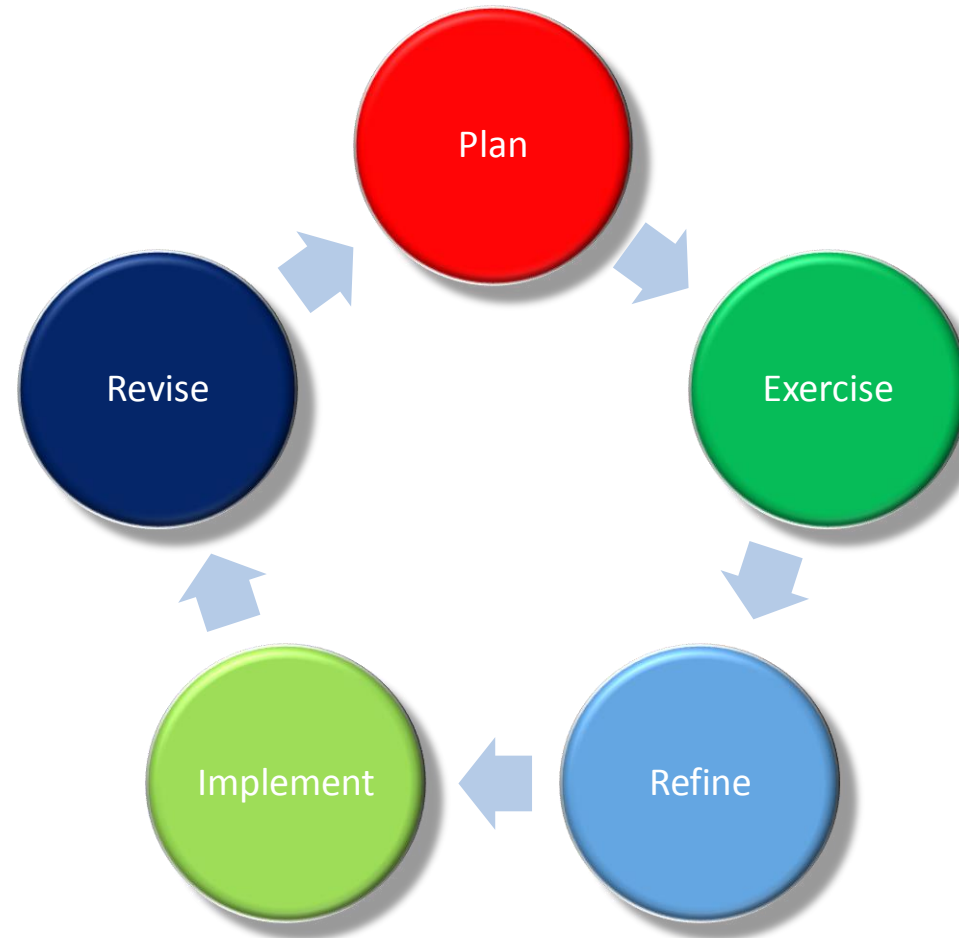
- Failure to properly plan has a significant human cost, not to mention legal, fiscal, and political implications.
- Increases unnecessary risk load to the public due to responders not being adequately prepared.
- Plans are not merely templates. They are living documents that need to be maintained



“Plans are worthless, but planning is everything.”

President Dwight Eisenhower

# Planning is not just a document, it's a process



# Impact of growth on planning

- The need for emergency planning is growing as fast as the County population.
- More people, more facilities equal more risk.
- Contractors can be helpful on the front end, but maintaining the planning and exercise process is what takes the staffing resources.



# What do we need?

- Allow us to apply the recommended \$25,000 in contractor exercise support to the grant funded position. Request an additional \$10,000 which will allow that planning process to continue to the rest of the year.
- Allows us to plan and execute the mandated exercise which we know we can do better and get more value out of by being done in-house.



# What will this accomplish?

Allowing the grant position to continue through FY18 will give us the necessary time to complete several planning and exercise projects.

It is our intent to bring these planning deliverables back to the Court and demonstrate the value of this position to the County. We will show what we have accomplished and hope at that time you will be supportive of keeping this momentum going as a general fund position in FY19.





Thank you very much for your consideration!

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