



ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2025

Welcome & Self-Introductions

- Meeting Started at 9:06 a.m. by Elgin Browning
Quorum determined by Elgin Browning
Present Voting members: Acadian Ambulance, Arlanxeo, Chem 32, Chevron Phillips, City of Orange, Colonial Pipeline, Golden Triangle Polymers, Honeywell, Industrial Rescue, Invista, Little Cypress-Mauriceville CISD, Lion Elastomers, Orange County Emergency Management, Orange County Drainage District, Syensqo,
Present non-voting members: CERT, Enterprise Products, National Weather Service, Orange County Health Services, Orangefield ISD, SETRPC, Texas GLO, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, USG, Veolia

July 2025 meeting minutes approval:

Motion: Jerry Ziller; Second: Payton Smith; Motion carried.

Approval of July and August Treasurer's Report:

Expenditures; \$3,198.71 Income; \$500.00 Balance \$58,457.38
Motion: Michael Hennigan; Second: David Hulsey; Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Communications - Leon George (not present) - No Report

Warning Signs/ Warning Signs upgrade - Regius Guillory

A meeting with the industry partners was held immediately after the last meeting to discuss the placement of a new sign and the potential relocation of existing signs. Regius has reached out to the vendor for pricing and expects to receive a quote soon. Additionally, one sign on Roundbunch is currently not functioning; the vendor has been notified.

CERT - Lori Waldrum

Next meeting will be held on October 7, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the LEPC room. Lori is working with TDEM for classes.

Bylaws - Robert Crane (not present) - No Report

Planning/Programs - Stephen Tew

The TDEM representative scheduled to present today was unable to attend due to a medical emergency. The presentation will be rescheduled.

Membership - Elgin Browning

Removing SETX Air Rescue from membership.

Public Health - Sandee White

There was an increase in COVID-19 cases with the start of the school year, which was expected. However, reported cases have significantly decreased this week.

Industry Group - Jerry Ziller

Hurricane season reaches its peak on September 11th. The group is prepared and ready.

TDEM - Lathan Gould (not present)
Deployed to Kirk County.

News/Recent Emergencies:

Doug Manning with Orange County Drainage District stated the drainage district is kicking off a new flood plan cycle. Community members are encouraged to visit www.ocddtx.com and complete the survey to report flood prone areas in need of flood mitigation. This input will help shape plans for the next cycle.

Simmie Gibson with USG reported a recent incident involving a rehired former employee. A missing Jaws/Spreader tool was found in this employee's vehicle, prompting police involvement. A firearm and alcohol were later discovered in the employee's locker.

Golden Triangle Polymers is currently at peak construction. Production targets are as follows:

- Utilities - October 2025
- Polyethylene - July 2026
- Ethylene - January 2027

Enterprise Products is currently conducting heavy haul operations. Train One is completed and in service. Construction continues on Train Two, which is expected to be operational next year.

Doug Cramer with the National Weather Service issues weekly "Varsity Football Forecast" to assist schools in planning for weather conditions. School districts are encouraged to use SLACK during weather events.

Old Business:

- A \$5,000 donation was received from Golden Triangle Polymers to support the purchase of a new warning sign. We will be working on getting the new sign ordered. Thank you for the donation.
- STAN was advertised on KOGT for two months and received a positive response. Currently, 3,904 individuals from Orange County are registered, contributing to a total of 94,869 registrants in the system.

New Business:

- Billy Moore previously presented an estimated cost of \$12,000 for burn ban signs. He was asked to check pricing with OCARC, which provided a quote of \$6,300.
Motion: Michael Hennigan; **Second:** Stephen Tew; **Motion carried.**
- Line-item transfer from Office Supplies to Advertising/Promotions in the amount of \$1,500.
- The executive board will be working on the 2026 Budget to present at the next meeting.
- To ensure effective communication among industry members during emergencies, an email was previously sent requesting contact information. If you have not yet submitted your information, please email it to Mary as soon as possible.

Presentation:

Eglin Browning presented on "The SIX (6) colors of HAZMAT." See attached.

Announcements/Additional comments:

Doug Cramer with NWS will be doing a presentation at the next meeting: Google Deep Mind Hurricane Artificial Intelligence Model

Training:

- Check <https://tdem.geniussis.com/PublicWelcome.aspx> for more training in our area.
- G-300 Intermediate Incident Command Systems for Expanding Incidents in Beaumont on September 22, 2025.
- G-400 Advanced Incident Command System for Complex Incidents in Beaumont on September 25, 2025.
- AWR-213-Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Awareness on November 18, 2025
- MGT-310-Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment on November 19-20, 2025

- Phillips 66 Industrial Emergencies for Municipal-Based Responders in College Station on November 8-9, 2025. Deadline to sign up is October 24, 2025. Register at <https://tx.ag/P66NOV2025>
- Industrial Fire School at TEEK in College Station on December 8-11, 2025, is being hosted by SNCA. Registration is on SNCA's website at www.sniefs.com

Meeting adjourned: Motion: Jerry Ziller;

Second: Randy LeJeune;

Motion carried.