ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2026

Welcome & Self-Introductions

- Meeting Started at 9:02 a.m. by Elgin Browning
- Quorum determined by Mary Low
- **Present Voting members:**
  Arlanxeo, Chem 32, Chevron Phillips, City of Orange, City of Pinehurst, Dow, Enterprise Products, Industrial Rescue, Invista, Orange County ESD #2, Orange County Emergency Management, Orange County Sheriff Department, Syensqo, USG, Westlake Pipeline
- **Present non-voting members:**
  CERT, Gulf ESS, Ham Radio, National Weather Service, Orange County Health Services, Orangefield ISD, SETRPC, TCEQ, US Dept of Homeland Security, Veolia

May 2026 meeting minutes approval:

Motion: Jerry Ziller; **Second**: Regius Guillory; **Motion carried.**

Approval of May and June Treasurer's Report:

Expenditures; $7,962.28 Income; $3052.50 Balance $64,797.55

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

Committee Reports:

Communications **-** Leon George (not present)

Warning Signs/ Warning Signs - Regius Guillory
Three of the warning signs are currently out of service. Vendor will be out next week to work on them.

CERT - Lori Waldrum – No Report

Bylaws - Robert Crane (not present)

Programs – Melissa Bland
Melissa Bland with CP Chem has volunteered to fill the position. She will be working on presentations for next year.

Membership - Elgin Browning – All 2026 membership is paid.

Public Health – Sandee White – STDs continue to be on the rise in the county. However, we are seeing an increase in Campylobacter cases this summer (waterborne infection). Symptoms include GI - nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, etc. Be cautious of your drinking water sources. Hydrating with clean water sources, like bottled water. Avoid sitting, stagnate water. Do not always assume that well water is a safe source. Attached is a handout that can be posted.

Joel Ardoin mentioned that there are thirty-five screwworm cases in the west side of the state.

Industry Group - Jerry Ziller - No Report

TDEM - Lathan Gould (not present)

News/Recent Emergencies: N/A

Old Business:

- Needed volunteers for Cops and Kids; however, it was canceled.
- New staffing agency is Southeast Texas HR. We were able to get a fee reduction so we are saving a little bit of money.
- KOGT was paid for three months of STAN advertisement.

New Business:

- New checklist for warning signs presented. The main way the community receives warnings are these warning signs and STAN.
- Discussion on tabletop exercise and what to expect. If you are planning on attending, please RSVP to Mary so we can get a head count.
- Regius Guillory presented Shelter in Place flyer. He is requesting we consider using the form for the Elementary School folders. The folders have been put on hold this year. We will get the form to the schools to pass out.

Presentation:

Marti Calhoun with NOAA National Weather Service presented on Hurricane Preparedness for 2026. Slides attached. Contact info: marti.calhoun@noaa.gov.

Madalyn Ferrell with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security presented on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security and the free resources available the agency. Contact info: Madalyn.ferrell@cisa.dhs.gov.

Announcements/Additional comments:

Training:

- **Check https://tdem.geniussis.com/PublicWelcome.aspx for more training in our area.**
- MGT 317 Disaster Mgmt for Public Service and Public Works on July 22-23, 2026, at the City of Beaumont EOC.
- TPUB 4033 Texas Public Information Officer in Lufkin, TX on August 4-6, 2026 .
- MGT 343 Disaster Mgmt for Electric Power Systems on September 23-24, 2026, at the City of Beaumont EOC.
- G-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents on Sept. 28-30, 2026, at the City of Beaumont EOC.
- Liquid Pipeline & Industrial Fire Emergencies Training with TEEX Sponsored by Shell Pipeline September 14-17, 2026
- Advanced Flammable Liquids and Gases Firefighting School in College Station on September 22-24, 2026.
- G-400: Advanced ICS on October 1-2, 2026, at the City of Beaumont EOC.
- AWR-144 Port and Vessel Security for Public and Maritime Personnel at Jefferson Co./RDPC on October 20-22, 2026
- SNCA Industrial Fire School hosted by TEEX on October 26-29, 2026. See Brandon Pippin.
- MGT-482 Disaster Recovery Public Assistance Programs-Intro on December 2-3, 2026, at the City of Beaumont EOC.
- MGT-345 Disaster Mgmt for Water and Wastewater Utilities on January 26-27, 2027, at the City of Beaumont EOC.

Meeting adjourned: Motion: Elgin Browning; **Second**: Payton Smith; **Motion carried**.