ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2026

Welcome & Self-Introductions

- Meeting Started at 9:02 a.m. by Elgin Browning
- Quorum determined by Mary Low
- **Present Voting members:**
  Acadian Ambulance, Arlanxeo, Chem 32, Chevron Phillips, City of Orange, Dow, Enterprise Products, Exxon Mobil Pipeline, Little Cypress Mauriceville CISD, Orange County ESD #2, Orange County Emergency Management, Orion Engineered Carbons, Shell Pipeline, Syensqo, TBC Emergency Response Consulting, Westlake Pipeline
- **Present non-voting members:**
  CERT, KOGT, National Weather Service, Orange, County ESD #3, Orange County Health Services, Orangefield ISD, SETRPC, TCEQ, TDEM, US Dept of Homeland Security

July 2026 meeting minutes approval:

Motion: Pedro Ortiz; **Second**: Jerry Ziller; **Motion carried.**

Approval of July and August Treasurer's Report:

Expenditures; $8,403.60 Income; $103.50 Balance $53,676.78

Motion: Mike Hennigan; **Second**: Regius Guillory; **Motion carried.**

Committee Reports:

Communications **-** Leon George – No Report

Warning Signs/ Warning Signs - Regius Guillory
The transition to Tapco is working fine. There are issues with TXDOT to get the clearance to move the light at Highway 105/Airport. Joel Ardoin will get with Judge Gothia to discuss. The facilities that need access to turn the lights on/off need to get with Regius.

CERT - Lori Waldrum – Working with TDEM for training.

Bylaws - Robert Crane (not present)

Programs – Melissa Bland
Working to get presentation on the calendar for next year.

Membership - Elgin Browning – All 2026 membership is paid. Obtained one new member-TBC Emergency Response Consulting.

Public Health – Sandee White (not present)

Industry Group - Jerry Ziller - No Report

TDEM - Lathan Gould – Currently working Ross Fire near Fort Worth and clean up from Tropical Storm Edouard.

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**.