



ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2026

Welcome & Self-Introductions

- Meeting Started at 9:03 a.m. by Elgin Browning
Quorum determined by Elgin Browning
Present Voting members: Acadian Ambulance, Arlanxeo, Chem 32, City of Orange, City of Pinehurst, Dow, Energy Transfer, Enterprise Products, Exxon Mobil Pipeline, Industrial Rescue, Invista, Jefferson Railport Terminal, Orange County Drainage District, Orange County Emergency Management, Syensqo
Present non-voting members: CERT, Orange County Health Services, SETRPC, TCEQ, TDEM, Texas GLO, US Dept of Homeland Security, Veolia

May 2026 meeting minutes approval:

Motion: Jason Hollyfield; Second: Payton Smith; Motion carried.

Approval of March and April Treasurer's Report:

Expenditures; \$4,662.53 Income; \$6,761.00 Balance \$66,886.66
Motion: Regius Guillory; Second: Joel Ardoin; Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Communications - Leon George (not present)
Elgin Browning mentioned Leon is working on developing an app for the LEPC.

Warning Signs/ Warning Signs - Regius Guillory
Two of the warning signs are currently out of service and cannot be repaired by the vendor. A bid was received for seven replacement signs; however, Elgin requested proceeding with five signs at this time until the two new signs can be installed. Elgin also requested a face-to-face meeting to further discuss the scope of work.
Regius requested that someone from Industry assume responsibility for the monthly Warning Sign report. Anyone interested should contact Regius or Mary.

CERT - Lori Waldrum
CPR class and Stop the Bleed class was held recently.

Bylaws - Robert Crane (not present) - No Report

Planning/Programs - Vacant
Position is now vacant. Elgin Browning possibly has someone who will take over in 2027.

Membership - Elgin Browning - We currently have thirty-nine voting members groups.

Public Health - Sandee White (not present) - No Report

Industry Group - Jerry Ziller (not present) - No Report

TDEM - Lathan Gould

Training opportunities are available. New PIO class in Lufkin and included at the conference. See training at end of minutes. Mary will also send out a training spreadsheet. Also, the work in Kerrville is ongoing.

News/Recent Emergencies: N/A

Old Business:

- The Planning/Programs Committee position remains vacant.
- The All-Hazards Tabletop Exercise is scheduled to take place following the regular meeting on September 9th. Lunch will be provided. There will be a planning meeting after July's meeting.
- Regius Guillory received information regarding a sign maintenance software program, which was presented to the members.
- The TDEM Conference will be held in May. Dane Trahan with ESD #1 and Jacob Bilbo with ESD #4 will be sponsored to attend.

New Business:

- Volunteers will be needed to assist with stuffing cups for the Cops and Kids event scheduled for June 5th. Volunteers are asked to meet in the LEPC room on Thursday, June 4th for preparation. Volunteers are also welcome to assist during the event. Interested individuals should contact Lori Waldrum.
- The current staffing agency, LanMark Staffing, is closing. The new staffing agency will be Southeast Texas HR. The contract will reflect a reduction in the markup rate from 33% to 30%.
- Motion made for payment to KOGT in the amount of \$1500 for STAN advertising.

Motion: Regius Guillory

Second: Payton Smith

Motion carried.

Presentation: Joel Pace, Operations Manager with Enterprise Products, gave a presentation on the company's operational and safety philosophy, terminal operations, product storage, onsite fire safety equipment, and provided a 3D model of the facility.

Announcements/Additional comments:

Joel Ardoin stated that GTP staffing has decreased to approximately 3,000 personnel, according to the most recent Commissioners Court update.

Pat Grimes with SETRPC stated that if a shelter-in-place order is issued, the Emergency Management Coordinator would manage the response and should be contacted for any call to action. Industry does not have the capability to send messages directly to the public and must contact the EMC. He also advised members to contact him if Industry or Government partners need training on STAN or Everbridge. Mandy Donnaud asked for members to check the STAN list for LEPC and make sure you have signed up.

Please continue to encourage citizens to sign up to receive alerts at thestan.com. Individuals can add up to five addresses.

Training:

- Check <https://tdem.geniussis.com/PublicWelcome.aspx> for more training in our area.
- TCEQ Annual Environmental Trade Fair, May 19-20, 2026, Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center in San Antonio, TX www.tceq.texas.gov
- TDEM Emergency Management Conference in Fort Worth, TX on May 26-29, 2026.
- AAIR Course in Nederland, TX on June 15, 2026. See Lance Billeaud.
- AWR 147: Rail Car Incident Response at Vidor High School (VHS) library on June 15, 2026.
- AWR 148: Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents at VHS library on June 16, 2026.
- MGT 417: Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents at VHS library on June 17-18, 2026.
- MGT 335: Event Security Planning for Public Safety Professionals at VHS library on June 22-23, 2026.
- G-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents on June 22-24, 2026, at the City of Beaumont EOC.

- G-400: Advanced ICS on June 25-26, 2026, at the City of Beaumont EOC.
- AWR 209: Working with the Media: A Course for Rural First Responder at VHS library on June 24, 2026.
- 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 TEEEX 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 TEEEX 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: Regius Guillory;

Second: Payton Smith;

Motion carried.