



CENTRAL TEXAS ALL-HAZARDS INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM

CEN-TEX IMT

The State of Texas formally recognized the Williamson County Type 4 Local Incident Management Team this past Tuesday, September 22 as a Type 3 All-Hazards Regional Incident Management Team. The Texas Forest Service stated Williamson County has “certainly set a standard for others to follow in improving incident management capabilities within local jurisdictions and across the entire state.” By recognizing the local IMT as a regional asset, Texas has now increased regional type 3 incident management support state-wide and has addressed coverage issues along the IH 35 corridor in the central Texas area between Austin and the DFW Metroplex.

The Williamson County Type IV team was created in 2008 to address local emergency and incident management needs within the county and surrounding capital area region. The team is comprised of members from all public safety disciplines such as law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical services, emergency management, emergency communications, and several members represent public health and public works services.

Team members have participated in many local, regional, and national significant events and exercises on various deployments to include several large wildfires, the 2008 Texas Hurricanes, regional floods, and are currently engaged in pandemic flu issues across the county and region. These incidents along with intense specialized training and mentoring events, has provided team members unique insight and experience in emergency and incident management that is “value added” for sponsoring jurisdictions.

As a result of this recognition by the state, the team has been renamed the Central Texas All-Hazards Regional Incident Management Team “CEN-TEX IMT”. The goal of the CEN-TEX IMT is to continue to foster strong working relationships and collaboration with area first responders and emergency management officials. The team will continue to promote an inclusive, not exclusive, philosophy realizing that all training and actual experiences will ultimately strengthen the capabilities of each participating jurisdiction. The CEN-TEX IMT continues to welcome those individuals that have a strong desire to improve emergency and incident management capabilities in their home jurisdictions and across the region.

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