

## Texas State Disaster Coalition Quarterly Meeting Notes

April 17, 2014

Melissa Hield reviewed the antitrust statement. Jack Evins said that by the end of April, TDI will issue the Commissioner's bulletin asking Texas licensed companies to complete the annual disaster plan survey. TDI is encouraging the industry to monitor threats to the financial services sector. The 2014 survey includes a new question about whether the company has an account with either the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) or the public/private Financial Services – Information Sharing and Analysis Center (FS-ISAC). TDI is co-chairing with the Department of Banking the Critical Infrastructure Financial Services Sector Work Group. The Work Group is identifying critical assets at risk if systems are breached and facilities are damaged. TDI will provide a briefing on this project at the July TSDC meeting. If you would like more information about HSIN or FS-ISAC, please contact Jack Evins at [jack.evins@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:jack.evins@tdi.texas.gov). (For details regarding how to set up an account with HSIN or FS-ISAC, please refer to the additional information at the end of this email.)

Experts predict that the 2014 hurricane season will be less active with fewer storms, a 19 percent chance of a major storm affecting the western Gulf of Mexico, and a possible El Nino weather pattern forming. However, 30 percent of Texas is experiencing extreme or exceptional drought conditions and the threat of wildfires remains very high.

FYI the National Hurricane Center has added storm surge maps to their website; these new maps will be helpful in the event a hurricane strikes the Texas coast.

Dave Williams, Texas Windstorm Insurance Association, said that high quality aerial photos of property in the coastal counties are now available for purchase from Eagle View.

Reminder that if a disaster occurs, the Texas Division of Emergency Management will implement a Business Emergency Operations Center (BEOC). Companies interested in participating in the BEOC should send an email to [Patrick.mulligan@dps.texas.gov](mailto:Patrick.mulligan@dps.texas.gov). In addition, TDI will email TSDC and begin daily conference call meetings at 1:30 p.m. Central daylight time.

Next meeting: July 17, 1:30 p.m. Central daylight time, via conference call

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- To register for access to the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN), contact the Texas Office of Infrastructure Protection (TIP) at 512-462-6156 or by email at [tip@dps.texas.gov](mailto:tip@dps.texas.gov). You should be prepared to provide the following information:
    - Name:
    - Sector: (for insurance participants, that would be **Financial Services**)
    - Title:
    - Corporation or Organization:
    - Business Address:
    - Business Telephone
    - Cellular Telephone:
    - Business Email:
    - Personal Email:There is no charge for an HSIN account
  - For information regarding access to the Financial Services -Information Sharing and Analysis Center (FS-ISAC), visit [www.fsisac.com](http://www.fsisac.com). There is a charge for an FS-ISAC account.