

Texas State Disaster Coalition 10/17/2013 Quarterly Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and antitrust statement – Jack Evins
2. Update on Critical Infrastructure planning – Kevin Clement (Texas Office of Homeland Security)
3. Update on 2013 storm season, recent heavy rains, and winter outlook for Texas – Jack Evins
4. Reminder about TSDC procedures – Valerie Brown
5. Open discussion

Next meeting:

- January 16, 2014, 2:30 p.m. Central time, via conference call

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Jack Evins welcomed the group and reviewed the antitrust statement. Jack noted that Audrey Selden had retired and introduced the new Deputy Commissioner for Compliance, Mark Einfalt, to the participants.

Kevin Clement, Texas Office of Homeland Security, described the current initiative related to update the state critical infrastructure protection plan. The draft of the revised plan likely will be available by mid-November, and that finalizing will likely occur by March 2014. Kevin noted that even the “final” plan was open to further changes, as needed.

Kevin reported that the Financial Services Sector (which TDI and the Texas Department of Banking co-chair), is making steady progress in moving towards developing meaningful performance targets. One such target will be to increase public and private sector entities’ participation in the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN). This federally sponsored system, will enable account holders to receive notices of alerts and advisories relating to threats to infrastructure through a variety of channels. Kevin later provided some “talking points” describing the value of securing an HSIN account, including instructions on how to apply for an account.

If participants need further information regarding the critical infrastructure initiative, they can contact Kevin as follows:

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Jack reported on past and anticipated weather-related threats to Texas. We’ve been fortunate to not have any tropical cyclones impact Texas, and the overall threat is much diminished by this point in the season. Jack noted the recent heavy rains, and indicated the outlook for some residential flooding along the Nueces between Three Rivers and Lake Corpus Christi. He also reported on the recent and prospective improvement on the state’s drought conditions, and the National Weather Service’s outlook for winter to be both somewhat drier and warmer than normal in Texas.

Valerie Brown reminded participants of TDI’s procedures in the event of a disaster, including notices of TSDC conference calls (daily, if necessary), typically at 1:30 p.m. Central. She also encouraged participants to notify Melissa Hield (Melissa.Hield@tdi.texas.gov) of any changes to TSDC contact information.

On a related note, Jack noted that TDI had begun sending out its annual “pandemic survey,” requesting updates of company contacts from the top (by volume) insurers in Texas.

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