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Texas A&M Public Works Response Team

Mission

The Texas A&M Public Works Response Team (TX-PWRT) is a state resource partnered between TEEX and TDEM that assists communities in the restoration of critical infrastructure to enable citizens to return home and businesses to reopen.

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TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TDEM THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

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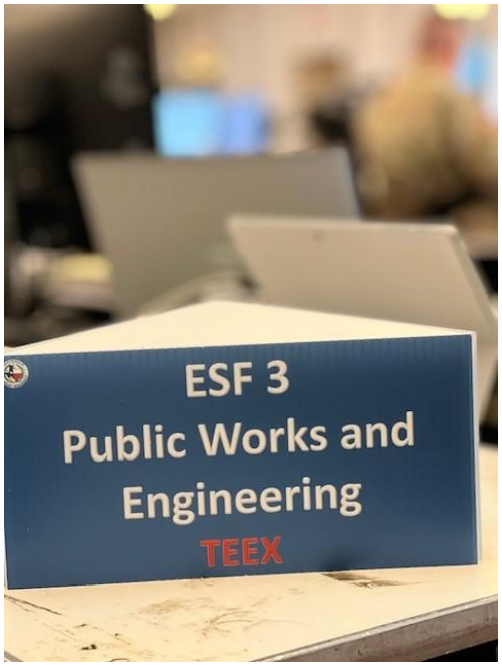
Purpose

The TX-PWRT is designed to support local jurisdictions in their initial response and efforts at three levels: Planning Support, Operational Support, and Liaison Support. In addition, the Team will assist the local jurisdiction with coordinating their response with other State and Federal agencies through TDEM, including FEMA, as required.

TX-PWRT operates as the Emergency Support Function 3 (ESF 3- Public Works & Engineering) position for the State of Texas.

Staffing (TEEX)

- TX-PWRT Director – Ron Peddy
- TX-PWRT Operations Chief – Bert Nitzke
- SOC Liaisons – TX-PWRT Coordinator & TX-PWRT Ops Chief
- Group/Task Force Leaders
- UAS – Certified Pilots and Aircraft
- Logistics
- Safety
- SME Operations
- Finance



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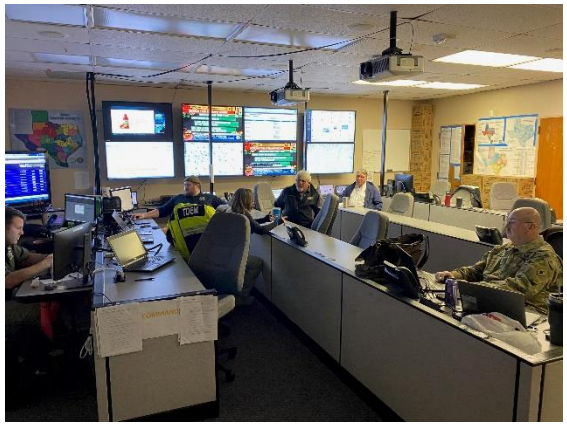
Mobilization

- Significant event/incident occurs or imminent to occur
- Activation notice by TDEM
- SOC Liaison(s) report to State Operations Center for activation of ESF 3
- SOC Liaison to determine the need for an advanced team to deploy to the local DDC
- Advance team in coordination with SOC to determine the need for partial or full team activation



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Advance Team Composition

- Group Supervisor- TEEX Supervisor
- Public Works Generalist and/or SME professional in area of concern
- UAS Pilot, Observer, and Aircraft
- Logistics Support Member

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Team Activation Composition

Based upon need of the event/incident, the following disciplines may be deployed to staging identified by advanced team leader:

- Safety Officer
- Water/Wastewater Specialist
- Debris Management
- Heavy Equipment Operations
- Structural Engineer
- Civil Engineer (Roads/Bridges)
- Electrical Engineer (Portable/Temporary Power)
- Storm Water
- Environmental Safety and Compliance
- Communications
- Code Enforcement

How Does TX-PWRT Help My Community?

- Get assistance from Public Works professionals from all over the state of Texas to assist your local community rebuild roads, get water and electricity back up and operating.
- A Memorandum of Agreement is signed between the local community and the TX-PWRT to allow the use of personnel and/or equipment in the time of need to help neighbors through the state.
- All expenses, equipment, personnel, back fill, and other deployment associated expenses are reimbursed back to the community.
- Team members while deployed are paid through their local “everyday” job and paid portal to portal while on deployment status.
- This not only helps your neighbors in need, but helps your community recover any associated expenses during an activation.

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Start-up Schedule

March

PWRT Full Time Coordinator Hired

Position posted, advertised, candidate selection, interviews, and orientation completed by the first week of March 2022

April

Team Member Position Descriptions/Training

- *Have all team member position descriptions completed.*
- *Begin application review and interviews for team*
- *Develop and schedule team training*

May

Advanced and Response Teams/MOA

- *Identify advance team members and roles, assign to a team.*
- *Orientation of team members and assignment of teams.*
- *MOA's with municipalities signed and filed.*

June

TX-PWRT is at Full Readiness

- *Red, White, and Blue teams are assigned with personnel and the monthly rotation begins for deployment requests.*
- *All PWRT equipment is in service and ready to deploy as requested*

July-Forward

TX-PWRT Coordinator and Ops Chief Networking

SOC Coordinator and Operations Chief to continue networking within SOC, partner agencies, and external partners. Maintaining a state of readiness and deployment activation.

How Do I Join TX-PWRT?

www.teex.org/txpwrt

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Questions?

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