

Emergency Management During a Disaster

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Emergency Management 101

- TDEM divides the state into Regions
- Regions are divided further into Disaster Districts



Emergency Management According to Statute

- Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code dictates:
 - The ultimate **responsibility** for dealing with disasters **is assigned to the Governor**; grants him/her emergency powers that can be used during disasters
(Various Sections, Texas Govt Code, Ch 418)
 - **Creation of the State Emergency Management Council** to advice and assist in all things “emergency management,” in all phases
(Texas Govt Code, Sec. 418.013)
 - **Requires a comprehensive State emergency management plan**, which is to be developed and maintained by TDEM



At the Local Level

- Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code:
 - Prescribes the **presiding officer of the governing body** of an incorporated city or county or the chief administrative officer of a joint board as the **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR** for their political subdivision (County Judge or Mayor)
 - Gives them certain **emergency powers** as given to the Governor, on the appropriate local scale
 - Allows them to **appoint an EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**, to assist in all things EM

(Texas Govt Code, Sec. 418.1015)

- Advocates that **EMDs, EMCs and other** who have emergency management responsibilities **take emergency management training**

(Texas Govt Code, Sec. 418.005)



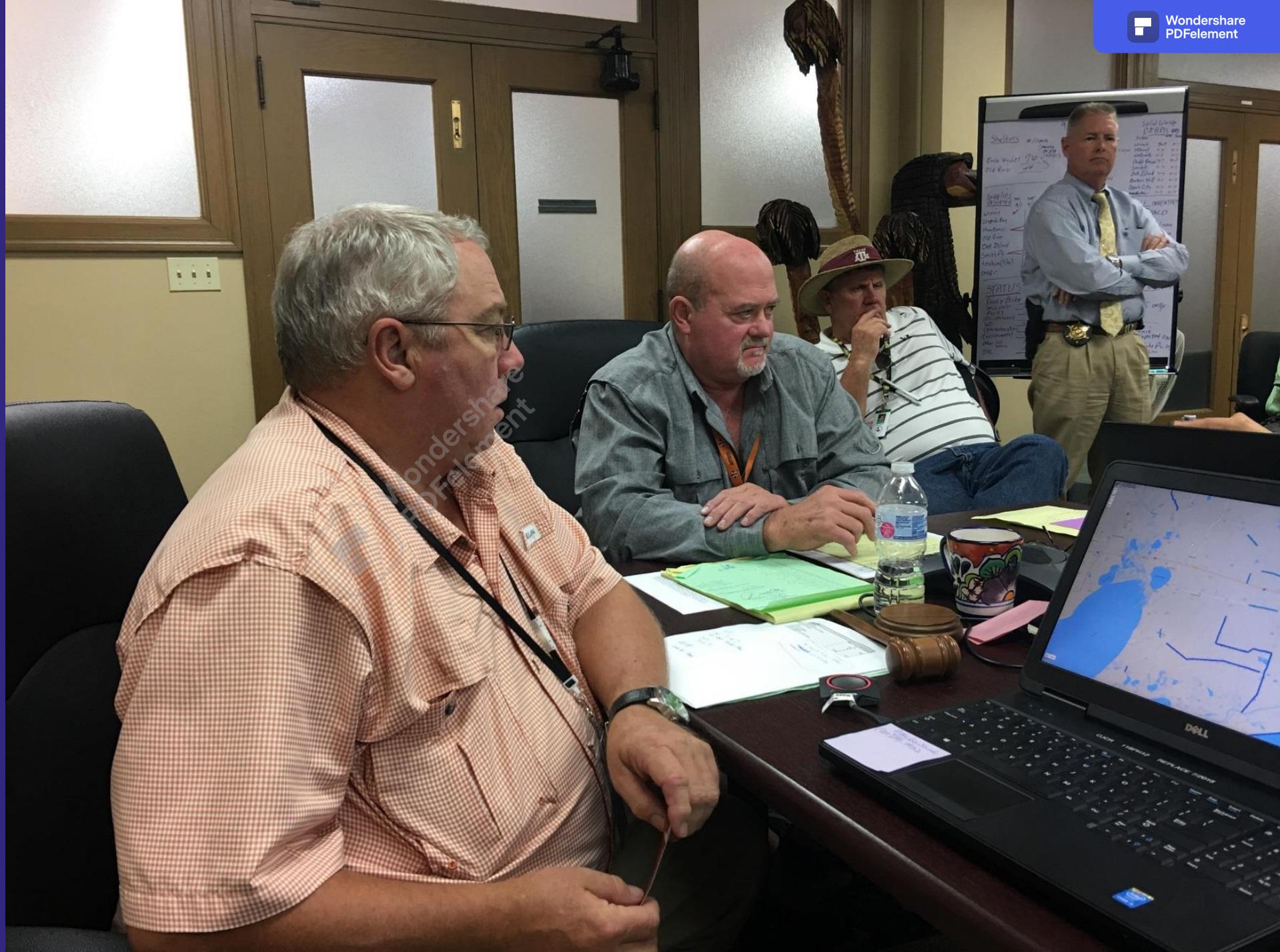
Preparation is Key to Response

“Preparation through education is less costly than learning through tragedy.”

Max Mayfield, Director National Hurricane Center

Chambers County EOC

During a Planning Session



How it Works

- Emergency Management ***begins at the local level***
 - **Mayors** and **county judges** serve as the emergency management directors
 - They are the ***ultimate person in charge and bear the final responsibility for actions taken***
 - In most jurisdictions, ***these officials appoint an emergency management coordinator*** to administer the program
- When a disaster occurs and a jurisdiction is ***not able to fully respond*** with their local resources, they ***may seek state and, if necessary, federal assistance for additional resources throughout all phases of the disaster***



Requesting Assistance

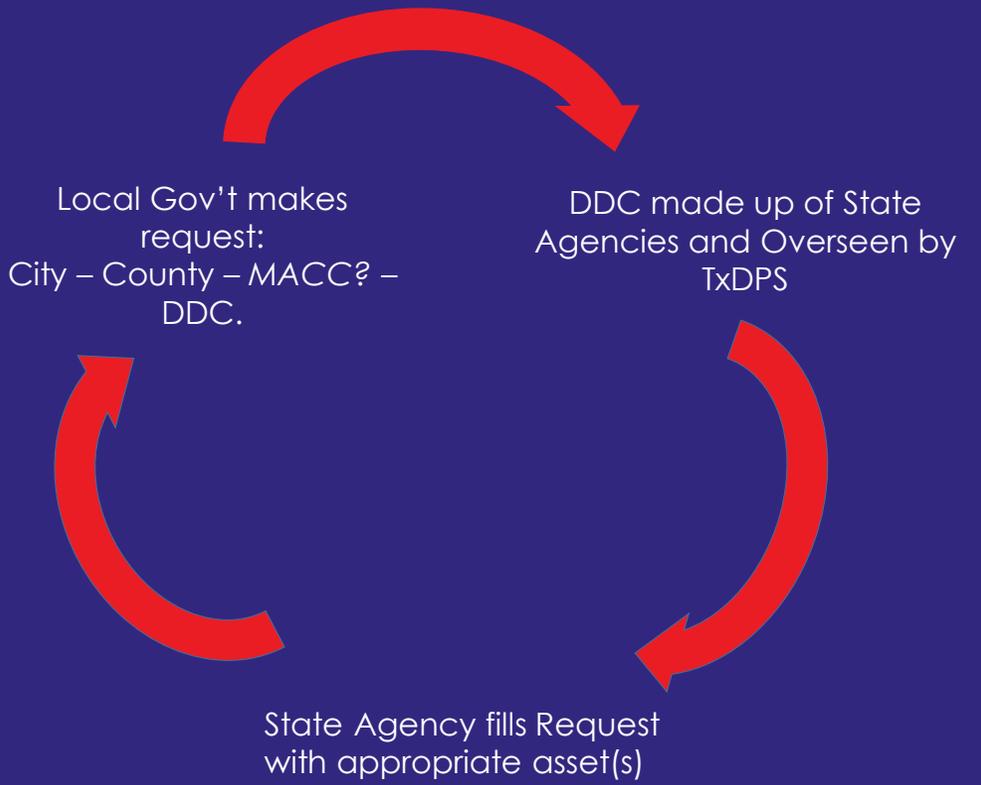
- Local jurisdictions should use their own resources, mutual aid agreements **or have the expectation they will exhaust their resources** before turning to the state for assistance

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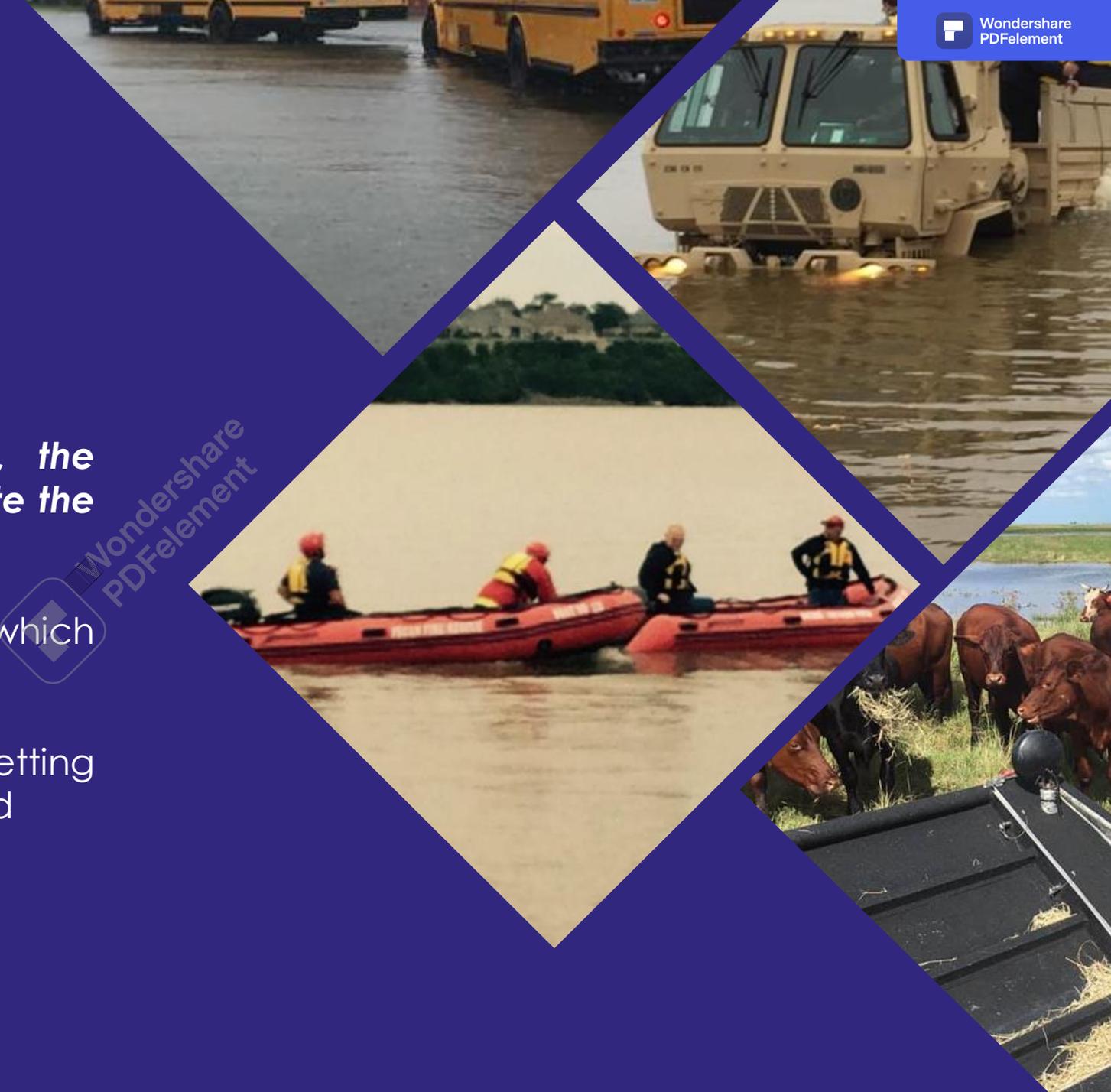
- *Cities should coordinate with their County* before request goes to DDC
- They *may turn to the Disaster District Committee for assistance*



Requesting Assistance

- Working with members of the DDC, **the Chairperson or their designee will validate the request**
- Identify **state resources within the district** which can satisfy request
- Coordinate **arrangements** for getting resources to the place they are requested

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Requesting Assistance

- *If the DDC cannot fill the request, then it will be forwarded to the State Operations Center and the State Emergency Management Council*



Requesting Assistance

- *If the State Emergency Management Council cannot fill the request, then they may turn to the Federal Government or Interstate (other states) for support*



Declaring a Disaster

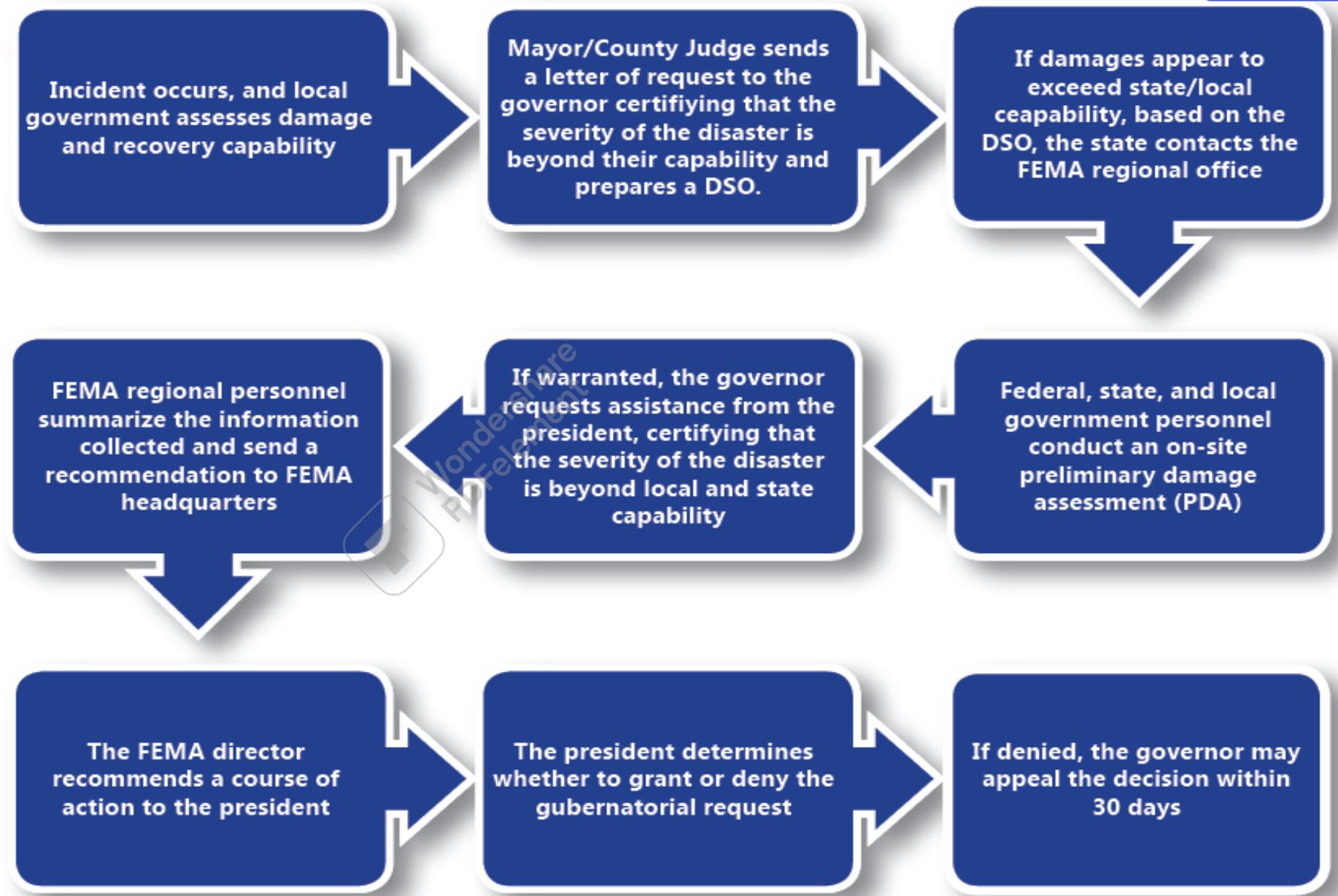
Per Texas Government Code, Sec. 418.108 and 433.001, Disaster Declarations:

- Are good for 7 days, then need consent
- Activate applicable local emergency management plans
- Give Mayor/County Judge **authority to order evacuations or establish secure zones/curfews**
- Other powers as afforded by local City/County ordinances

Additionally, on request of a Mayor or County Judge, the governor may proclaim a state of emergency and designate the area involved (by County)



Disaster Declaration Process



National Incident Management System

- Governor's Executive Order: RP-40 proclaimed NIMS as the State standard for incident management
- The direction and control structure for **Disaster District emergency operations features NIMS**, including the Incident Command System (ICS) and multi-agency coordination systems
- ICS/NIMS training is required

What ? . . . NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template . . .

Who? . . . to enable Federal, State, tribal, and local governments, the private sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together . . .

How? . . . to prepare for, prevent, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of incidents regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity . . .

Why? . . . in order to reduce the loss of life and property, and harm to the environment.



Your Team Matters

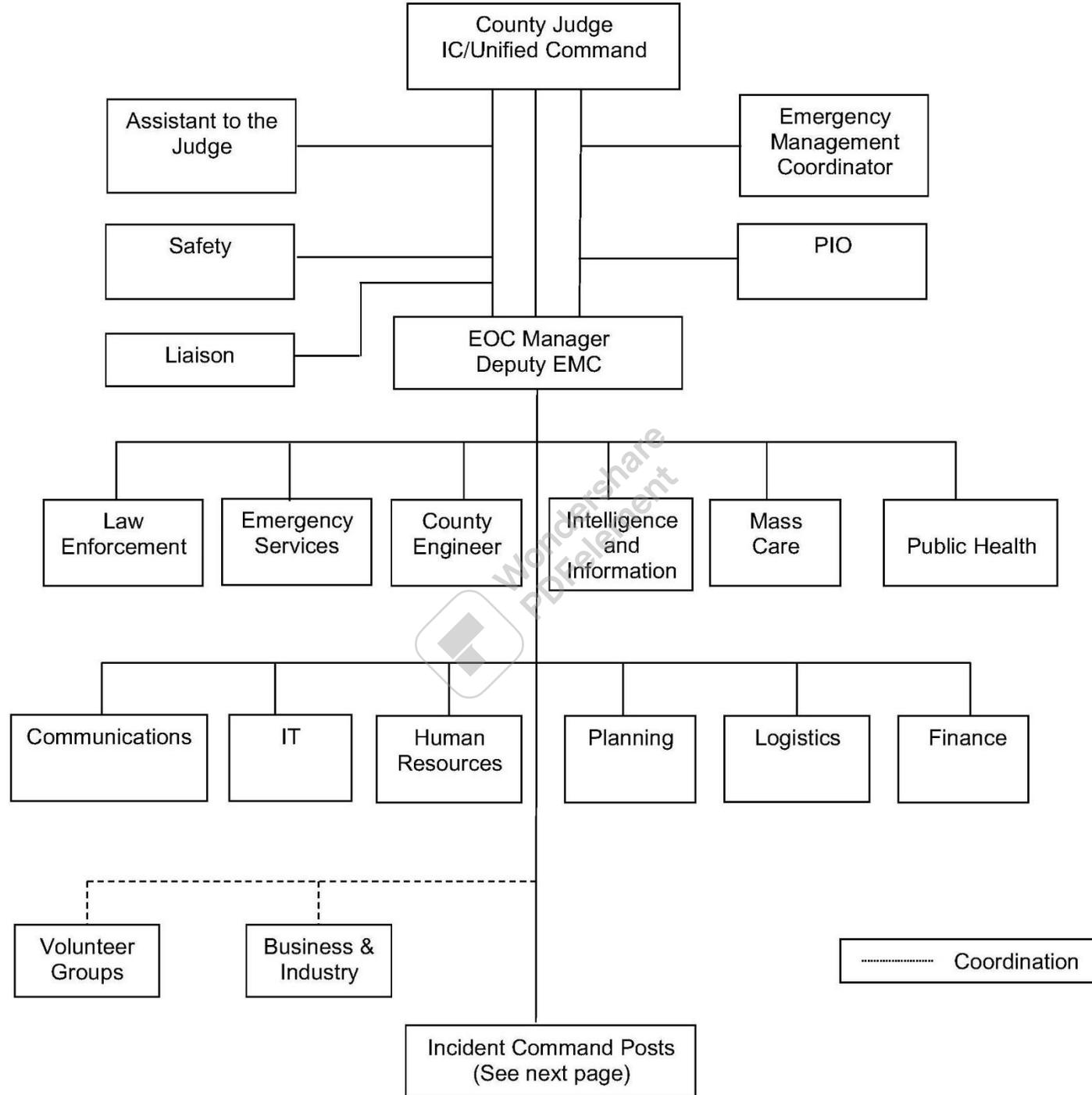
“Emergency preparedness is a team sport.”

Eric Whitaker

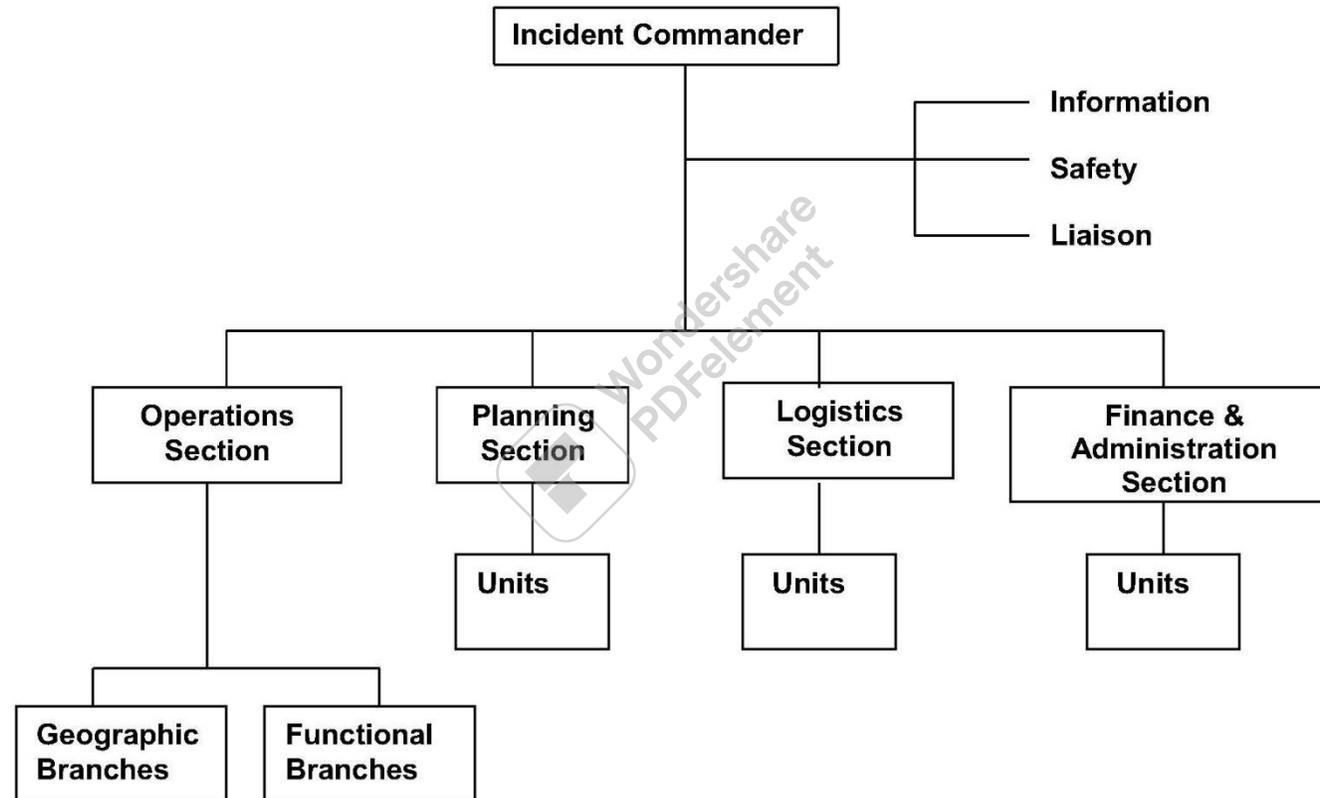
Building a Team

- Identify essential personnel and their roles before, during and after an event
- One person cannot handle every job in Emergency Management – build a team of professionals with varied skillsets who can divide responsibilities
- Host regular training events to ensure that essential personnel are prepared for all types of event and ready to respond





Typical ICS Structure for Small Incidents or On-Scene Operations



Emergency Operation Center (EOC)

- General Line: 409-267-2440
- Fax: 409-267-4453
- Satellite Phone: 8816-414-61656

Judge Jimmy Sylvia—Unified Command

O: 409-267-2440 Radio: 200

Ryan Holzaepfel—EMC, Fire Marshal

O: 409-267-2494 Radio: 210

Bill Vola—Logistics, DEMC, Disaster Recovery

O: 409-267-2492 Radio: 211

Brian Hawthorne—Law Enforcement

O: 409-267-2509 Radio: 101

Lauren Van Deventer—EOC Liaison

O: 409-267-2440 F: 409-267-4453

Marina Muniz—Phone Bank Manager/Custodial Supervisor

O: 409-267-2439

Samantha Humphrey—PIO

O: 409-267-2695

EOC Security/National Guard

Gilbert Phillips

O: 409-267-2518 Radio: 102

Public Health, Medical

Sheltering and Mass Care

Mary Beth Bess

O: 409-267-2730

Kevin Crump

O: 409-267-2730

Volunteer Coordination

Danny Biddy—Sheriff's Office Chaplain

Donations Coordination

Bill Vola

O: 409-267-2492 Radio: 211

PODS

Valerie Jensen

O: 409-267-2550

Emergency Communication

Primary Channels

Chambers County should be contacted via 700 MHz Talk groups when communications systems are operating effectively.

Emergency Operations (EOC)

During events where evacuations or emergency operations need to take place and/or an EOC is established, the primary channels for communication are:

- 700 MHz "Special Event" Talk group
- Departments may branch off into special channels
- The EOC may use 700 MHz "Talk Around" channel for in-building use

Backup Systems

If 700mhz systems are not functioning, all units should manually switch their radios to the Chambers County tower site. If this does not correct the issue, the primary backup channels will be 700 MHz "Talk Around" channel (TALKA).

- Communication range between field units will be limited, however county-wide coverage is possible if utilizing the base radio at the EOC or Dispatch to relay messages.
- The EOC at the Courthouse can "patch" or "link" VHF and 700mhz direct channels.

Special Considerations

In order to conserve battery power and keep airways clear for emergency communications, please keep radio traffic to a minimum during communication system failure.

Plain language should be utilized at all times.

"10 Codes" should be avoided. If you do not know a person's radio unit number, just call their first name on the radio (i.e. "Come in John Smith").

Satellite Phone Numbers

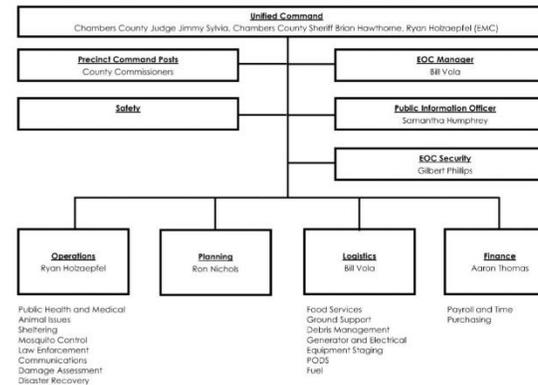
- EOC Satellite Phone:** 8816-414-61656
- LE Satellite Phone:** 8816-234-72346
- East Satellite Phone:** 8816-414-61655
- West Satellite Phone:** 8816-414-61673
- Mid Satellite Phone:** 8816-414-61654



Emergency Management Field Guide For Chambers County Disaster Workers

Chambers County Emergency Management
Judge Jimmy Sylvia—Director
Ryan Holzaepfel—Coordinator
102 Airport Rd | PO Box 957
Anahuac, TX 77514
O: 409-267-2445
F: 409-267-4133
co.chambers.tx.us

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<u>Communications and Technology</u>	
Quinten Adams	
O: 409-267-2453	Radio: 212
Derek Parish	
O: 409-267-2450	Radio: 912
Tammy Yarter	
O: 409-267-2451	Radio: 914
<u>Finance</u>	
Aaron Thomas	
O: 409-267-2441	
<u>Human Resources</u>	
Toccara "Kat" Green	
O: 409-267-2487	
<u>Generator Hook Ups/Electrical</u>	
Mike Lessley	
O: 409-267-2725	Radio: By Name
<u>Staging Area and Fuel</u>	
David Jensen	
O: 409-267-2712	
<u>Damage Assessments</u>	
Mike Lessley	
O: 409-267-2725	Radio: By Name
<u>Legal Issues</u>	
Scott Peal	
O: 409-267-2410	
<u>Purchasing</u>	
George Barrera	
O: 409-267-2448	
<u>Solid Waste</u>	
Eddie Gallaway	
O: 409-267-2782	Radio: 601
<u>Debris Team, Ground Support and Roads</u>	
Cory Taylor	
O: 409-267-2704	Radio: 101
Brad Wilber	
O: 409-267-2706	

<u>Solid Waste</u>	
Eddie Gallaway	
O: 409-267-2782	Radio: 601
<u>Ground Support</u>	
Kirk Sherman	
O: 409-267-2718	Radio: 800
<u>Animal Services</u>	
Megan Carter	
O: 409-374-2123	
Wesley Richey	
C: 409-267-5417	
<u>Mosquito Control</u>	
Lawrence Lewis	
O: 409-267-2720	Radio: 316
<u>Emergency Services</u>	
Ron Nichols	
O: 409-267-2491	Radio: 215
<u>Justices of the Peace</u>	
Yale Devillier—Precinct 1	
O: 409-267-2640	Radio: 171
Randy Van Deventer—Precinct 2	
O: 409-267-2519	Radio: 172
Tracy Woody—Precinct 3	
O: 409-267-2519	Radio: 173
Blake Sylvia—Precinct 4	
O: 409-267-2610	Radio: 174
David Hatfield—Precinct 5	
O: 409-267-2562	Radio: 175
Larry Cryer—Precinct 6	
O: 409-267-2575	Radio: 176
<u>Constables</u>	
Dennis Dugat—Precinct 1	
O: 409-267-2657	Radio: 410
Don Langford—Precinct 2	
O: 409-267-2516	Radio: 420
Donnie Standley—Precinct 3	
O: 409-252-4345	Radio: 430

<u>Constables, Continued</u>	
Ben "Butch" Bean—Precinct 4	
O: 409-267-2609	Radio: 440
Bradley Moon—Precinct 5	
O: 409-267-2563	Radio: 450
Robert Barrow—Precinct 6	
O: 409-267-2576	Radio: 460
<u>Neighboring EOC Points of Contact</u>	
Lee Atchison—City of Mont Belvieu	
O: 281-576-2213 Ext. 276	Radio: 4507
Jeffery Choate—DEMC Mont Belvieu	
O: 409-267-2563 Ext. 295	Dispatch: 281-576-2417
Jamie Galloway—City of Baytown	
O: 281-422-1129	Dispatch: 281-420-6600
<u>Mayors</u>	
Cheryl Sanders—Anahuac	
O: 209-267-6681	Radio: Anahuac1
Jackey Lasater—Beach City	
O: 281-383-3180	Radio: Beach City 1
Leroy Stevens—Cove	
O: 281-383-8309	Radio: Cove 1
Joe Landry—Old-River -Winfree	
O: 281-385-1735	Radio: Old River1
Nick Dixon—Mont Belvieu	
O: 281-576-2213	Radio: Mont Belvieu 1
Brandon Capetillo—Baytown	
O: 281-420-500	F: 281-420-7176
<p>Have you signed up for ChambersWARNS? This is the platform that we will use to distribute information in times of disaster.</p>	



**Remember:
Being a Leader Means
Wearing Many Hats**



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Post-Disaster Resources

FEMA
FEMA.gov

Texas General Land Office
glo.texas.gov

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs – Resources for Individual and Families
<https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/>