

Emergency Management

Plan and Prepare for, Respond to and
Recover from an All Hazards Critical
Incident

FEMA DEFFINITION

AUTHORITY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR THE CITY OF WESLACO

- Robert T Stafford Disaster Relief & Emergency Assistance Act U.S.C. 5121
- Homeland Security Act of 2002 & Homeland Security Directive HSPD -5 Management of Domestic Incidents.
- Texas Government Code Chapter 418 (Emergency Management)
- Texas Government Code 421 (Homeland Security)
- Executive Order of the Governor Relating to Emergency Management.
- City Ordinance #2004-24 Adoption of National Incident Management System



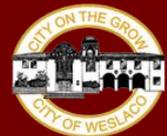
THE PLAN

- The Emergency Management Plan for the Cities of Weslaco and Donna is made up of a Basic Plan and 22 Annexes that address the system for a response to a critical incident in the Community, County and the State.
- Each Annex spells out the roles and responsibilities of the assigned organization



ALL HAZARADS APPROACH

- The Federal and State Government Under the Homeland Security Act of 2002 direct that we plan and prepare for an all hazards approach to an incident and that we follow the National Incident Management Systems structure in our preparations and response to an incident.



Nuevo Progreso Explosion

First International Multi Agency Response to a Major Disaster Along the Mexico US Border in Many years





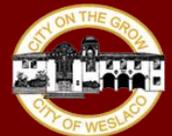
Weslaco Regional Haz-Mat Team Response to Donna Police Department Incident



Weslaco Regional Medical Response Team Providing Support to Hidalgo County Health Department for H1N1 Vaccination Clinic for First Responders

Emergency Management Encompasses All Disciplines

- Police
- Fire
- Public Utilities and Public Works
- All must work under one system of operational and management philosophy and that is the National Incident Management System (NIMS)



Hurricane Dolly Flooding 2008



Horse Rescue by Weslaco Fire Department North of Mile 11



**Weslaco Fire Department
Response to Major Brush / Dump
Fire in Progresso**

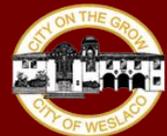


Weslaco PD SWAT Operation Mercedes



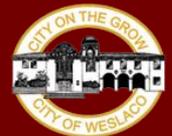
National Incident Management System Training

- Employees at all levels of government are required to receive NIMS training and familiarization.
- The City of Weslaco has over 150 employees that have received NIMS training.
- Under NIMS Elected Officials are also encourage to receive this training.



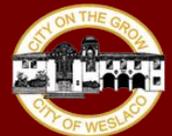
What Has Emergency Management Brought to the City of Weslaco

- A unified organizational structure to manage a critical incident no matter how large or how small.
- A common span of Control so that the incident can be managed effectively through layers of decision makers without losing continuity of operations.
- Resource management



Emergency Management Provides

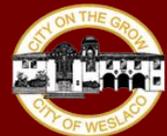
- Community Education through presentations to civic groups, community workshops and displays.
- Received over \$1.8 million in grant funding for Regional Response Equipment for Police, Fire, Public Works and Emergency Management.
- Leadership in the Region in the Emergency Management and Response Community.
- A voice at the Local, State and Federal level through membership and a seat on the Board of Directors for the TEXAS EMERGENCY MANAGERS ASSOCIATION.



HURRICANE SEASON 2012

- Here's a look at the numbers:

Average Year	<u>Named Storms</u>	<u>Hurricanes</u>	<u>Major Hurricanes</u>
	11	6	2
Forecast for 2012	10	4	2
2011	19	7	4
1992	7	4	1



EMERGENCY MANGEMENT IS A 24 HOUR A DAY MINDSET

- There will always be a critical incident right around the corner and Planning and Preparation is the Key to a Successful Conclusion and Recovery from a Major Incident no matter how Big or how Small.
- Working Together as a Team is an Essential ingredient to a successful conclusion to an incident.

