



Texas Association of
Regional Councils

Joint Public Safety Training & Meeting

Joint training of the TARC Homeland Security Association of Texas
(HSAT) & the TARC Criminal Justice Planners' Association (CJPA)

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Cambria Austin Downtown | Waterloo B

AGENDA

8:00 am	Welcome & Introductions	Mike Claude Deep East Texas Council of Governments HSAT Chair
8:05 am	Homeland Security Association of Texas (HSAT) Business Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treasurer's Report• Approval of Minutes• New Business<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Officer election-Secretary	Mike Claude
8:30 am	Preparedness in Practice: A Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) Overview	Randy Meshell Preparedness Division Chief Texas Division of Emergency Management
9:15 am	Stronger Plans, Stronger Regions: Navigating TDEM's New Local Planning Process with COG Support	Vanessa Medina Unit Chief Preparedness Division Texas Division of Emergency Management
10:15 am	Reggie: Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Overview	Dan Borgeson Unit Chief Preparedness Division Texas Division of Emergency Management
10:45 am	Statewide LEPC Engagement & the COG Role	Chris Earp Section Chief Preparedness Division Texas Division of Emergency Management
11:30 pm	Lunch on your own	
1:00 pm	From Pasture to Plains: How New World Screwworms Shape Texas's Agricultural Future	Holli Tietjen-Hale Director of Emergency Management Texas Animal Health

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- 2:00 pm** **Texas Crisis Intervention Update: Enhancing Support When It Matters Most** **Marisa Quintanilla**
Regional Services Director
Rio Grande Council of Governments
- 2:45 pm** **Powering Progress: Inside the Research & Statewide Movement to Strengthen Texas SARTs (Sexual Assault Response Team)** **Angela Moya**
Public Safety Director
Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission
Deepika Modali
SART Lead Analyst
Texas Association Against Sexual Assault
- 3:30 pm** **From Big Picture to Local Impact: A Strategic Planning Primer** **Brandon Gentry**
Preparedness Program Manager
Homeland Security Division
Texas Department of Public Safety
- 4:30 pm** **Criminal Justice Planners' Association Business Meeting** **Kaylan Arendale**
• Treasurer's Report
• Approval of Minutes
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South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
CJPA Chair
- 5:00 pm** **Adjourn**
**Meeting information subject to change.
Please register to attend: [Click here](#)*

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