



Texas Association of  
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## 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

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

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| 2:00 pm | Texas Crisis Intervention Update: Enhancing Support When It Matters Most                                                                                                              | <b>Marisa Quintanilla</b><br>Regional Services Director<br>Rio Grande Council of Governments                                                                                           |
| 2:45 pm | Powering Progress: Inside the Research & Statewide Movement to Strengthen Texas SARTs (Sexual Assault Response Team)                                                                  | <b>Angela Moya</b><br>Public Safety Director<br>Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission<br><b>Deepika Modali</b><br>SART Lead Analyst<br>Texas Association Against Sexual Assault |
| 3:30 pm | From Big Picture to Local Impact: A Strategic Planning Primer                                                                                                                         | <b>Brandon Gentry</b><br>Preparedness Program Manager<br>Homeland Security Division<br>Texas Department of Public Safety                                                               |
| 4:30 pm | Criminal Justice Planners' Association Business Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treasurer's Report</li> <li>• Approval of Minutes</li> <li>• New Business</li> </ul> | <b>Kaylan Arendale</b><br>South East Texas Regional Planning Commission<br>CJPA Chair                                                                                                  |
| 5:00 pm | Adjourn                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                        |

*\*Meeting information subject to change.  
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