

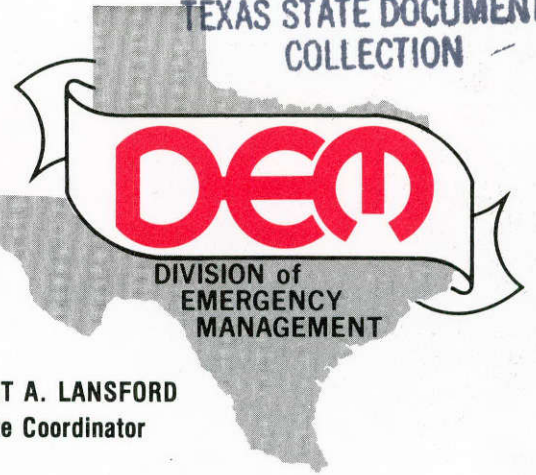
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# Emergency Management Conference for State and Local Officials

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February 21-23, 1984  
Austin Hilton Inn

Some of the emergency management experts scheduled to address the conference are:

- Col. Norman Smith, U.S. Army War College, on international terrorism
- Dr. John Townsend, A&M Oil & Hazardous Materials Control Training School
- Mr. G. E. Miller, Federal Laboratory Consortium
- Major James Shimkus, "Storm Trackers"
- North American Aerospace Defense (NORAD) Command Briefing Team
- Local officials on response and recovery to major disasters
- Railroad Commission officials who will address regulations governing sour gas wells
- Gen. Robert Dacey, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' role in disaster recovery

Also planned are workshops on hurricane contingency planning, major disaster recovery procedures, sour gas well containment, and a preview of new visual aids.

Invitations and hotel reservation cards will be mailed out during the latter part of December. If you have not received an invitation by January 6, and would like to attend the conference, please contact the Public Information Office, Division of Emergency Management, P. O. Box 4087, Austin, Texas 78773, or phone (512) 465-2138, Tex-An 825-2138.

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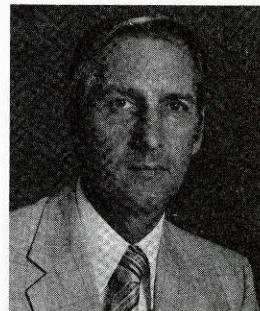
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# DEM UPDATE



by Robert A. Lansford  
State Coordinator  
Division of Emergency Management

With the end of 1983 in view, it is time to look toward 1984 with goals and objectives that we in emergency management should pursue.

The first thing in 1984 that I would like to remind you of is our annual state conference. I think we have outlined a program that will be of interest to everyone, and I urge you to make your plans now for February 21-23. More on the conference will be available to you through other correspondence.

This month will wind up the workshops on FY '84 that are being conducted around the state. These workshops are designed to assist you in developing a work plan that will lead to a sound, comprehensive emergency management program.

Through the use of a hazard analysis and an assessment capability a profile can be established to help you determine what needs to be done and in what priority. Our Division staff has devoted a considerable amount of time and effort to develop a program that will accomplish real objectives, and not just token paperwork. I urge each of you to seriously undertake this effort with specific goals and objectives for your entire community in mind.

Comprehensive emergency management must involve all aspects of mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. Please do not forget the private sector, for it is very important in the total program which must address natural, accidental, man-made, and nuclear attack planning.

State law now requires that persons who want to receive state agency publications make their request in writing. If you want to continue to receive the DEM Digest, please fill out the form on page 7 and return it to us; otherwise the law requires us to take your name off of our subscription list.



# Coordinator's Concern Results In New Sirens

by David Barham  
Region 6 Liaison Officer

Athens was a small town in Henderson County that grew into a small city almost overnight.

Emergency Management Coordinator Pete Jones was concerned because the outdoor warning system that served the community was only heard by 20 to 30 percent of the population. The Athens City Council budgeted for 50 percent of the cost of two additional sirens, planning to use funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the remaining 50 percent.

However, Pete knew that the warning system would still be far from adequate.

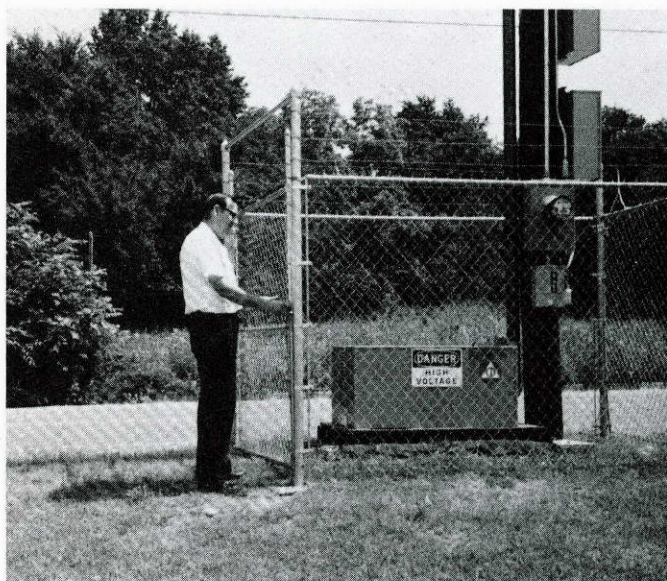
Following a thorough analysis of the population patterns, it was determined that a total of four new sirens was needed. The money would have to come from some source other than the city budget.

Pete was aware that federal funds were tight and that the possibility of acquiring funds was, at best, remote. Pete then decided to look to the community for the money.

He obtained money from Henderson County, Henderson County Junior College, Athens High School, and the Water Authority, and was able to purchase the sirens. Athens now has a warning system that can be heard by 90 percent of the population.

To accomplish this, Pete had to "sell" the people connected with these groups on the need for an additional warning capability. "The hardest thing to do was ask," Pete said.

Pete's initiative and perseverance teaches a lesson that can be easily learned -- it can be done!



*Emergency Management Coordinator Pete Jones checks one of the City of Athens' new warning sirens.*



An exercise in Refugio County October 29 involved a two-car accident in which a radioactive material, cesium hydroxide, was spilled on U.S. Highway 77 north of Woodsboro.

Police, sheriffs' and fire departments, as well as the Department of Public Safety and Emergency Medical Services, responded to assist the eight "victims" and to clean up the spill under the coordinator of Charles Stone, Refugio County Emergency Management Coordinator.

*Left, an EMS triage director monitors a victim for possible radiation contamination.*



# DEM Begins Contingency Planning

Dick Maddern and Sid Mann, formerly of the Flood Insurance Assistance Program, began contingency planning October 1 for a five-county area around Galveston.

The planning will utilize the SLOSH (Sea, Lake, Overland, Surge by Hurricane) studies and vulnerability analysis to develop and improve special mitigation and response measures.

Contingency planning is the third step in the three-part Texas Coastal Hurricane Preparedness Program. The first part, the SLOSH study, is a computer model used to indicate the distance storm surge will penetrate land, and the height of the surge over land.

The second part of the program is the loss study, or vulnerability analysis, which utilizes the SLOSH data to indicate potential damage from storm surge and wind.

Contingency planning will indicate what actions should be taken to mitigate the effects established in the loss study.

The first contingency plan will include the counties of Galveston, Harris, Fort Bend, Brazoria, and Chambers. Contingency plans for other areas of the coast will be done pending completion of loss studies and availability of federal funding.

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## FIAP News

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### 1984 Program

There will be a continuation of the full spectrum of events from this year's activities in 1984, including Regional Meetings, workshops, legal seminars, NFIP briefings, toll-free telephone assistance (1-800-792-1123), and extensive public awareness materials. However, the number of major events will be reduced slightly due to some funding changes and the loss of two staff positions.

### New Brochure Available

FIAP published an eye-catching new brochure on flooding and flood insurance in August. So far 14,000 copies have been distributed, and orders are coming in almost daily. The brochure is "Are You In The Floodplain?" and features dramatic flood scenes from around the state.

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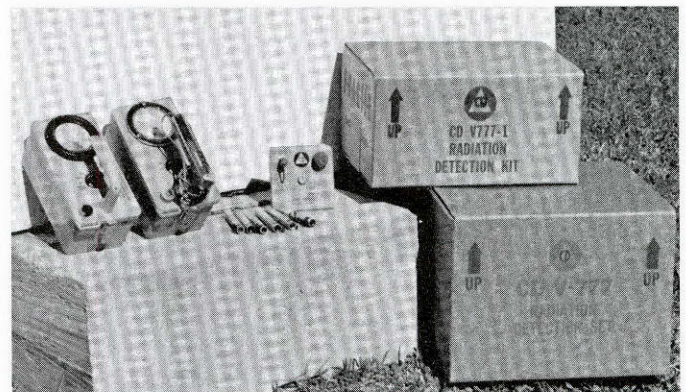
## New Shipping Address For RADEF Instruments

The Texas RADEF Maintenance Shop is scheduled to move soon from the Texas Department of Health Complex to a new facility on U.S. 183 east of IH 35.

There will be no change in the mailing address for correspondence, however the new shipping address will be:

Texas Department of Health  
RADEF Maintenance Shop  
1101 East Anderson Lane  
Austin, Texas 78752

RADEF plans to keep its regular schedule for instrument exchange with very little interruption by the move. Instruments needing service and calibration should be shipped to the new address after January 1, 1984.



*RADEF equipment such as the instruments pictured above should be shipped to a new address beginning in January for calibration and exchange.*



# New Training Courses Offered at DEM

In addition to the regular schedule of training activities in Fiscal Year '84, several new courses are being offered as part of a new training emphasis at the State and Local level.

This new emphasis is on "Professional Development." Through Professional Development, it is anticipated that a much higher percentage of emergency management officials will be better prepared to provide effective instruction and guidance to their constituents. These training course offerings are:

**Instructional Techniques** (February 2-3) Skills of motivating and listening, preparing training objectives and lesson plans, selecting teaching aids and methods of instruction, and dealing with unique teaching issues are covered.

**\*Introduction to Emergency Management** (March 12-16) -- Emphasizes the need for Comprehensive Emergency Management, roles and responsibilities of all elements of public and private sectors, and strategic action planning.

**\*Emergency Planning** (April 2-6, May 14-18, August 6-10) -- Seeks to improve emergency planning, and skills to promote the preparation of comprehensive emergency management plans at regional and local levels by adapting well-established planning concepts to the context of emergency management.

**\*Basic Skills** (June 18-22) -- Leadership and influence to increase awareness of personal styles of leading and interaction, to develop more effective skills, and to develop a plan to apply such skills in the local community. **Decision-Making & Problem Solving** explores different decision-making and problem solving techniques and roles in the emergency management setting. It develops the ability to make sound decisions and to facilitate group processes.

**\*Basic Skills** (July 23-29) -- Effective communication to increase skills in providing feedback, listening effectively, and understanding nonverbal communication. In addition, public speaking skills and effective use of mass media are enhanced. **Creative Financing** develops budget presentation skills and increases awareness of and capabilities to secure alternative funding.

\* (Professional Development Series)

Target audience for the Professional Development Series has expanded; they are designed for management personnel from Fire Service, Law Enforcement, Military, Government, Public Works, Volunteer Organizations, Emergency Medical Services, Business, Local Coordinators, and Industry. Quotas for classes will be filled through recruitment by the Regional Liaison Officers. If you are interested in attending contact your RLO.

City of Schertz firefighters arrived within seven minutes after being advised of a fire at the Garden Ridge Pottery World Imports, a multi-million dollar business along IH 35 in Schertz. The blaze occurred in September.

Fourteen other fire departments arrived to assist, as well as three ambulances from the Schertz Area Facility Emergency Services. Fire Chief/Emergency Management Coordinator Ed Melton coordinated the activities.

FMC Firetruck, Inc., placed a ladder truck and equipment at Chief Melton's disposal. The truck, one of three of its kind in Texas, was on its way to a neighboring city for a demonstration when the company heard about the fire.

Schertz and neighboring police departments as well as the Texas Department of Public Safety responded to maintain traffic control.

Although a 125,000 square foot building was destroyed, a new building of the same size next to it was saved. There was no loss of life or serious injury.

Chief Melton said that the concerted efforts and cooperation of the many departments involved demonstrated the professionalism available to serve citizens in Texas communities.





# Around The State

Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Louis O. Giuffrida has announced several new appointments, including:

Robert Morris as Deputy Director of FEMA;  
 The Honorable Jeffery S. Bragg, at his request, has returned to the position of Administrator of the Federal Insurance Administration. He has also been assigned the responsibility for flood plain management;  
 The Honorable Fred J. Villella, in addition to his responsibilities as Associate Director for Training and Fire Programs, will assume the duties of Executive Deputy Director and Executive Secretary of the Emergency Mobilization Preparedness Board, and;

The Honorable Sam Speck as the Associate Director of State and Local Programs.

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The City of Dallas showed what a good neighbor it is in the aftermath of Hurricane Alicia. The City loaned 40 employees of the Department of Streets and Sanitation Services to Houston to help in the clean-up effort. Four trucks and 51 chain saws were also sent. The crews, working 14-hour days at times, cleared 400 trees over a 12-mile radius. They cleared a total of 600 truckloads, or 24,000 cubic yards, of brush.

Five sanitation crews and two trucks were sent to La Porte. The crews cleared 8,250 cubic feet of brush.

## State Of Texas FY '84 Training Schedule

January -- March

### JANUARY 1984

9-13	Radiological Defense Officer's Course	San Antonio
9-13	* EOS	Crockett
10-12	** WEM/Basic	Austin
16-27	EOS	San Antonio
23-27	Radiological Defense Officer's Course	Temple
24	Business & Industry Conference	San Antonio

### FEBRUARY 1984

2-3	Instructional Techniques Course	Austin
6-17	EOS/Disaster District 6B	Austin
7-9	Radiological Defense Instructor's Workshop	Victoria
21-23	State Emergency Management Conference	Austin
27-Mar. 9	EOS/Disaster District 1B	Tyler

### MARCH 1984

5-9	EOS	Weatherford
6-8	Disaster Reservist Workshop	Austin
13-15	Disaster Reservist Workshop	Austin
19-23	Introduction to Emergency Management Course	Austin
27-29	WEM/Basic	Austin

\* Emergency Operations Simulation

\*\* Workshop; Emergency Management

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## DEM Personnel

Dawn Demuth, formerly of the Texas Energy and Natural Resources Advisory Council, has joined DEM as an Administrative Technician. In her seven-year career with the state, Dawn has also worked for the Department of Human Resources and the Texas A&M University System. At DEM Dawn will work with processing declaration requests, the fuel allocation program, and word processing.

George Palmer has joined NCP as a Planner. He has a BA in Sociology and a Master of Education degree in Clinical Psychology. Prior to joining NCP George worked in psychology, administration, and research. He and his wife, Karen, a symphony violinist, have two children.

Robert "Mac" Staples is also a new NCP Planner. Mac has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Master of Science in Systems Management. He spent 23 years in the U.S. Air Force before joining DEM. He and his wife, Judy, have two children.

Vivian M. Thompson is the new Secretary for the Operations Division. Vivian has a Bachelor degree in business from Stockton State College in New Jersey. She has previous experience as a sales manager, decorator, and secretary. She and her husband, Eugene, have two children.



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