

CAPCOG honors Mike Fisher for regional leadership

Mike Fisher, Bastrop County's emergency management coordinator, has been named the 2012 recipient of the Capital Area Council of Governments' Jack Griesenbeck Leadership in Regionalism Award.

The ninth annual award, announced at the CAPCOG General Assembly's annual meeting on Dec. 12, honors significant efforts in regional cooperation within the 10-county capital area.

Fisher was recognized for long-standing dedication to wildfire prevention and for tireless support and commitment to emergency response with a regional approach.

Central Texas sees decline in college-educated residents

Central Texas bests virtually every other U.S. region in annual net influx of college-educated residents per capita, but emerging trends suggest a decline in the area's education-attainment rates. Explore this shift and more in CAPCOG's newly released State of the Region 2012 report at www.capcog.org.

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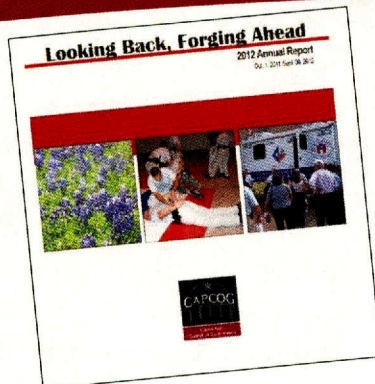
CAPCOG's Homeland Security division has rescheduled two January workshops for potential grant applicants interested in new state funding opportunities on criminal justice, juvenile justice and victim services.

The workshop on the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and the Juvenile Service Projects funding has moved to Jan. 18.

The session on the General Victim Assistance - Direct Services Programs grant and the Violent Crimes Against Women Criminal Justice and Training Projects funding is rescheduled to Jan. 23.

After potential recipients attend the mandatory workshop for their preferred grant and submit applications to the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, the state agency will forward applications to CAPCOG for review, prioritization and recommendations.

Learn more about the grants and workshops at CAPCOG's website.



CAPCOG has released its 2012 annual report. Download your free copy today at www.capcog.org.

Upcoming Events

Emergency Communications: Sexual Assault and Family Violence Investigators Course for Telecommunication Professionals, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8 Combined Transportation Emergency Communications Center, Austin

Area Agency on Aging: Fall Prevention Class, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 8 to Feb. 26 First Lutheran Church, San Marcos

CAPCOG Executive Committee, 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9 Robert E. Johnson Legislative Conference Center

Regional Law Enforcement Academy (RLEA): Human Trafficking, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9 CAPCOG Mesquite Training Room

Area Agency on Aging Lay Leader Training: Stress-Busting for Family Caregivers, Jan. 16-17 CAPCOG Bluebonnet Room

Solid Waste Advisory Committee, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 17 CAPCOG Pecan Room

Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Grant Application Workshop, 9 a.m.-noon Friday, Jan. 18 CAPCOG Agave Room

Area Agency on Aging Fall: Prevention Class, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 22 to March 12 Seton Medical Center Williamson, Round Rock

Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Grant Application Workshop, 9 a.m.-noon Wednesday, Jan. 23 CAPCOG Agave Room

Area Agency on Aging Fall Prevention Class, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 28 to March 18 WellMed Charitable Foundation Senior Community Center, Austin

RLEA: Intermediate Spanish for Law Enforcement, Feb. 19-22 CAPCOG Mesquite Training Room

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CAPCOG's General Assembly has approved the agency's 2013 Executive Committee:

Counties (One representative per county, except two for Travis)

Bastrop - Judge Paul Pape
Blanco - Judge Bill Guthrie
Burnet - Judge Donna Klaefer
Caldwell - Judge Tom Bonn
Fayette - Judge Ed Janecka
Hays - Judge Bert Cobb
Lee - Commissioner Maurice Pitts
Llano - Judge Wayne Brascom
Travis - Commissioner Brad Pickett; second seat to be decided
Williamson - Judge Dan A. Gattis

City of Austin (One representative)
Council Member Kathy Tovo

Cities with more than 100,000 people
Round Rock - Mayor Alan McGraw

Cities with 25,000 to 100,000 (Four reps.)

Cedar Park - Council Member Don Tracy
Kyle - Council Member Brad Pickett
Pflugerville - Mayor Jeff Coleman
San Marcos - Mayor Daniel Guerrero

Cities under 25,000 (Five reps.)

Bee Cave - Mayor Caroline Murphy
Buda - Council Member Ron Fletcher
Elgin - Mayor Marc Holm
Hutto - Mayor Debbie Holland
Lockhart - Mayor Lew White

At-Large

City of Marble Falls - Mayor George Russell
Hays County - Commissioner Will Conley
Williamson County - Commissioner Cynthia Long

Legislators from State Planning Region 12 (nonvoting)

Rep. Tony Dale
Rep. Jason Isaac
Rep. Paul Workman

The new Executive Committee will serve from January through December 2013 and formally select its five officers this month.



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Grant Alerts

National Endowment for the Arts Our Town grant
Deadline: Jan. 14
www.arts.gov/grants

AmeriCorps State and National Grant Competitions
Deadline: Feb. 6
www.grants.gov

NEH Summer Seminars and Institutes grant
Deadline: March 5
www.grants.gov

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Institutes for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities grant
Deadline: March 7
www.grants.gov

U.S. Economic Development Administration FY 2013 Economic Development Assistance Programs
Deadline: March 13
www.grants.gov

TCEQ Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program,
Deadline: May 31 or until all funding is awarded, whichever occurs first
www.tceq.texas.gov

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CAPCOG WebEOC plays role in Formula One response

When the Formula One U.S. Grand Prix racing event and all the attendant excitement hit Central Texas last fall, CAPCOG helped ensure that local, state and federal agencies responsible for coordinating traffic management and public safety were able to effectively coordinate their activities.

A key component? CAPCOG's implementation of crisis information software WebEOC, used to share real-time updates during the three days of F1 activities at the new Circuit of the Americas racetrack in southeast Austin and at the Formula 1 Fan Fest in downtown Austin.

WebEOC, a Web-based information tool, allows personnel from multiple agencies at divergent locations to share information and keep abreast of actions being taken by others. This shared awareness helps users coordinate activities and identify problems that need to be addressed.

The regional WebEOC system, administered by CAPCOG's Homeland Security Division since the application's 2004 implementation at the request of CAPCOG's Homeland Security Task Force, has steadily grown in users. The system now supports local governments, all school districts and hospitals and various state-affiliated emergency management and response personnel.

During the F1 weekend, medical personnel including emergency medical services professionals and representatives of area hospitals used WebEOC to track calls for medical treatment as well as the availability of hospitals to help in case of a major incident involving a large number of casualties.

David Reimer, executive director of the Capital Area Trauma Regional Advisory Council, headed up the Regional Medical Operations Center during F1 activities. Reimer credited WebEOC with providing the detailed, up-to-date information that proved invaluable in ensuring emergency medical personnel and hospitals would be able to respond if needed.

Otis Latin, who directs the City of Austin's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and shared responsibility for overall coordination of response activities, stated that WebEOC provided the means by which public and private agencies of all types were able to share information that helped guarantee success in managing the challenges posed by Formula One. With the eyes of the world upon Austin, he noted, it was critical that this event be managed successfully, and WebEOC helped make that happen.

Did you know?

Local, state and federal agencies — along with school districts, hospitals and a variety of other public safety-related entities — can access the WebEOC software.

In the field? No problem. Authorized personnel can log in to the application using virtually any device — smartphone, tablet or laptop, for example — that has a Web browser.

Staff will continue expanding the scope of WebEOC's uses based on participants' feedback.

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The Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) was created by state statute and is governed by elected officials from the 10-county region it serves. Programs and services related to public safety and emergency response, environmental planning, economic and community development and the elderly are delivered at a regional level to leverage funding, maximize cooperation and eliminate duplication. CAPCOG serves Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis and Williamson counties.

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