PWERT
Public Works Emergency Response Team

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36+ Member Cities
PWERT

INTRODUCTION

History

Statement of Purpose

Current Projects
• Created for assistance when “local” resources are overwhelmed

• Local meaning within jurisdiction

• Created by/for locals

• MAA Key:
  – Quid Pro Quo-first 36 hrs
  – Mutually agreeable contract services/payment
• First utilized: April 2012, Lancaster Tornado

• Most recent: April/May/June Flooding
  – Sand Bags
  – Misc. Equipment w/ Operators
  – Rescue Operations

• Other Example: Winter Weather
  – Review Ice Storm Procedures by various agencies
• Committee
  – Quarterly Meetings: information sharing,
  – Networking Between: Agencies, Public Works, Management

• Response Team
  – Rapid response assistance for “local” partners
  – Voluntary first 36 hrs (no reimbursement), mutually agreeable contract after 36 hours (services/payment)
  – Training
• Regional Asset Tracking Tool (RATT)  
  – Resources (equipment, operators, services, etc.)  
  – Database: Resources by Location  
  – Existing method = VERY complicated  
  – Working on utilizing Access Database  
  – **Barry Fuller** w/ Grand Prairie
• Disaster Preparation
  – Exercise to practice for response
  – “REAL Life” flooding (April/May/June) = good practice to help prepare: varied requests included sand bags, message boards, sanitary sewer plant operators
  – Meeting to discuss pro’s, con’s, lessons learned
  – Improve from here
  – Elliot Reep w/ Carrollton
• Hot Phones
  – “Duty List” determined @ each meeting
  – Multijurisdictional (across metroplex)
  – Redundancy: 3 people per month
• 2015 Homeland Security Grant Program
  – Safety & North Texas Incident Support Enhancement - $163,585.00
  – Identified Member City Needs:
    • Dynamic Messaging Boards
    • Scene/floodlights w/generator
  – 5 Cache Locations: TBD
  – Management/Administration
Before I go

• Ronnie Bates
  – Allen
• Irish Hancock
  – Arlington
• Melanie Devine
  – NCTCOG
• Bob Kopp
  – Carrollton

And so, so, so many others .... !
Question?