



Is your organization ready? A first step to a “Playbook” for Emergency Management!

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This presentation will demonstrate how Texas AgriLife Extension Service, using the organizational framework of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS) in cooperation with other state agencies, integrated into the State EM Plan to prepare and address future natural, accidental and man-made disasters. This talk will help attendees to understand the importance of assessing and determining which of the 1) 37 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Target Capabilities, 2) 15 NIMS Emergency Support Functions (ESF) are relevant to your agency/organization, and how to go about submitting “Summaries of Support...” to the appropriate state agency so that your organization becomes a player in the State EM Plan. Dr. Vestal will share first hand-experience on the Emergency Management and Homeland Security program’s response and recovery efforts to the recent drought and devastating wildfires in Texas. This topic is particularly important for all organizations with expertise, physical and human resources, and relevant organizational aims to prevent, mitigate, respond or assist with recovery from disasters. *An application for continuing education credit for Certified Crop Advisors (CCAs) and members of the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists (ARPAS) has been submitted.*



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Links For More Information:

* Texas AgriLife Extension Service Emergency Preparedness Guide: <http://www.texasden.org/extension-emergency-preparedness-guide/home/building-blocks/>

* Texas Extension Disaster Education Network: <http://texashelp.tamu.edu>