

March 25, 2024

Judge, Commissioners and Ladies

I am here today to clear up some misunderstandings about the Hazardous Mitigation Plan that expired in 2018, under the guidance of Judge Lee and Chief McRae. The Commissioner's Court appointed ATCOG to update this plan. A phone call made to ATCOG with this question "was the Plan waiting on a physical address". The answer is NO. I have been in contact with ATCOG at least 2 times a week, asking if I could be of any assistance with any information they will need. They replied, "Not at this time". What the county is needing is a physical address on Titus County Emergency Management Plan. In this Plan there are 22 Annexes. Some have expired and some are still current. I was told by TDEM to start with the older ones first. Some of these Annexes have been completed but are waiting on approval. For example, Basic Emergency Management Plan ask for EOC interface, The County Mitigation Plan, County SOP, Emergency Services Responsibility, Incident Command, Mutual Aid Agreements. This is information that we don't have currently.

As Titus County Fire Department moves forward this information will be available to complete all Annexes. Annex M – Communication, EOC, County Warning System. A lot of other Annexes ask for Legal Name, Physical Address, Firefighters, Apparatus.

In regards to County VFD money. In an average year with no ^{VFD's} ~~FVD's~~ receiving grants, the County pays the VFD's roughly \$280,000. In years 2022 and 2023 with Nortex receiving a Cab /Chassis and Fivestar receiving a vehicle Extrication Tool Grant, the County paid the VFD's almost \$380,000. The County pays Truck and Building Insurance, Firefighter Run Money, \$1700 added extra allowance, 41,478.00

Training money if complete 4 hours per month, \$1,000 per year for hose or equipment, Bunker Gear for Firefighters if needed and Texas A&M training if any. ^{4000.00}

“And people say the County doesn’t do anything”. When was the last time the City said “Let’s budget \$100,000 for VFD’s in the County, Never”.