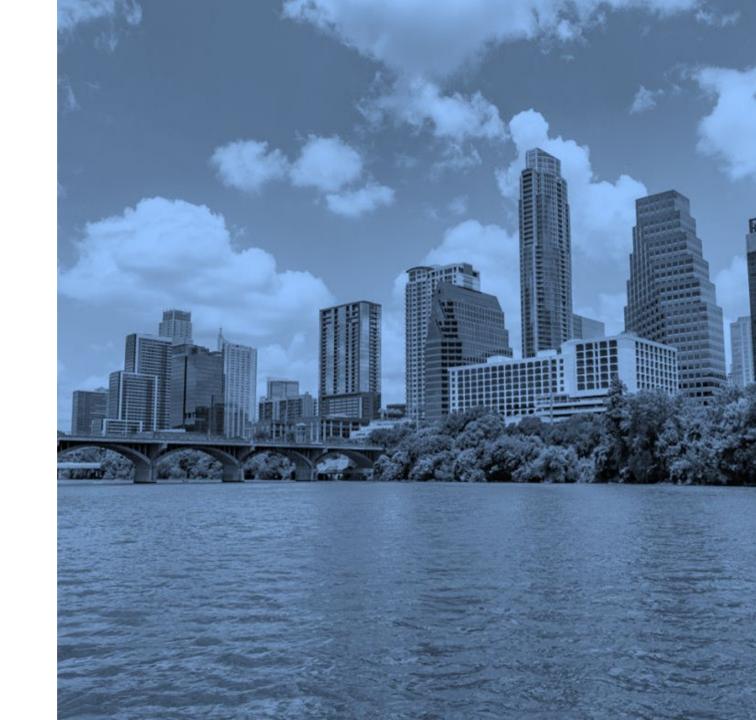# Wildfire Evacuation Response

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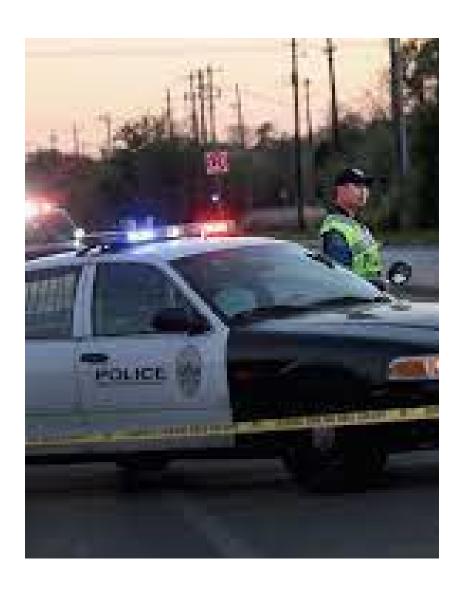
Responding Departments

- Austin Fire Department

- Austin Police Department

- Homeland Security & Emergency Management

- Austin Transportation Department

Austin Fire Department Response

- Communicates information to HSEM of expected Wildfire Weather

- Fire Incident Commander (IC) takes immediate action to preserve life and incident mitigation on emergent incidents

- Conducts a situation assessment to determine if an evacuation or Shelter in Place is warranted/appropriate

- Identifies evacuation areas and advises Fire Dispatch, who will notify HSEM of evacuations occurring

- Coordinates with on scene APD officers on evacuation routes

- Maintains situational awareness, assess fire severity and determine resource needs

- Establishes an Incident Command Protocol and staging area

- Reports to Emergency Operations Center (EOC), if EOC is activated

Austin Police Department Response

- Takes immediate action to preserve life

- Coordinates with AFD on door-to-door notifications

- Provides traffic control, including contra-flow

- Implements security procedures for perimeter and provides security throughout the zone

- Reports to EOC, if EOC is activated

Homeland Security and Emergency Management Response

- Activates the EOC in support of Community / Incident Command
- Establishes coordination for all responding entities
    - Incident Radio Communications Plan
    - Coordinates transportation with CapMetro, TXDOT and Austin Transportation
    - Supports Capitol Area Medical Operations Center
    - Coordinates Non-Government Organization response
    - Oversees request for State/Federal assistance
    - Coordinates with surrounding communities
- Activates Joint Information System (JIS) and oversee public information distribution
- Activates Reception and Shelter sites as required
- Issues community alerts and protective action recommendations
- Updates city, county & state officials on incident progress
- Tracks all disaster related costs
- Coordinates Re-entry and Recovery operations

Austin Transportation Department Response

- Reviews AFD evacuation routes

- Reviews traffic control

- Estimates quantities of traffic control devices

- Provides traffic control devices during an emergency

- Develops evacuation signal timing plans

Collaboration Across Departments

- City-wide coordination on the City of Austin Wildland Urban Interface Evacuation Plan

- Regular reviews of roles and responsibilities for each department

- Departments participate in table-top exercises with other government agencies

Questions