



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: November 18, 2013

AGENDA ITEM: Report Item – FEMA Training Update

PRESENTER: Kathy Allen, Scott Kessel, Chawn Gilliland

ALIGNS TO BOARD PRIORITY:

- Safety – The District will maintain a safe and orderly environment.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The following information is being presented in order to keep the Board informed of AISD safety practices and training.

- In July, Dr. Citty tasked Kathy Allen with seeking information on the “Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools”.
- The multi-hazard training is a grant funded program conducted at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland.
- The grant requires school districts to submit a team of leaders that includes district, city, and county personnel that would work together in the event of a critical incident.
- Based on the collaboration and endorsement from Dr. Victoria Calder, Director for the Texas School Safety Center, Aledo ISD was selected to attend the pilot program for this new school model.
- The purpose of the multi-hazard school training is to assist districts in the process of aligning emergency operation plans with National Incident Management System (NIMS) response protocols. NIMS protocols are used by fire and law enforcement agencies to respond to critical incidents.
- AISD staff members that attended the training include: Kathy Allen, Chawn Gilliland, Scott Kessel, Dan Peterson, Steve Bond, and Randy Campbell.
- County participants included Shawn Scott, Fire Marshall for Parker County and Kit Marshall, Mayor of Aledo and Emergency Management Liaison for Parker County.
- All participants were required to complete two on-line FEMA training courses and pass a test for each course in preparation for the training in Maryland.
- Key takeaways from the training include the district gleaning information on how to:
 - conduct threat/hazard assessments;
 - align the District’s Emergency Operation Plans (EOP) with NIMS standards;
 - evaluate safety drills; and
 - establish action plans for next steps for the Districts EOP protocols.
- AISD will partner with the Parker County Emergency Management team to develop a Parker County School Safety Coalition. One of the goals of this coalition will be to share

resources and training in order to provide a coordinated county response for any critical incident effecting school districts.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATIONS: Report Item Only

FISCAL NOTE: This training was a grant funded program. The Federal Government paid for airfare from DFW airport to Maryland, the shuttle to and from the Baltimore airport, and housing for five days for six AISD employees. The District paid for six meal tickets and airport parking which totaled \$871.00.

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