









# City Emergency Procedures

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# **Emergency Management**

Mitigate -

**Prepare** 

Event

Respond

Recover

















# Weather/Event Monitoring

## 24/7 On Call Monitoring

- At least 1 EM staff member is in the City at all times
- Monitor for possible response and public notification:
  - Severe Weather
    - Use NWSChat for direct communication with NWS
  - City Events
  - Emergency Events in City or Region







## **Everbridge: Branch Alert**

Mass notification system

- City Staff
- Residents who sign up
- All resident home phones and businesses via 911 Data

#### Alerts

- EOC Activation to staff
- Weather alerts automatically from NWS to public
- Emergency alerts from PD to public



- City's website
- Text FBALERT1 to 888-777



BranchAlert: Tornado Warning	Tornado Warning	Oct 20, 2019 20:01:14 CST	System	24002
Bloomin Bluegrass- Thank You Survey		Oct 20, 2019 08:40:12 CST	Lauren Sanchez	Published Only
Branch Alert- Emergency Alert		Oct 17, 2019 10:55:50 CST	Jay Siegel	<u>650</u>

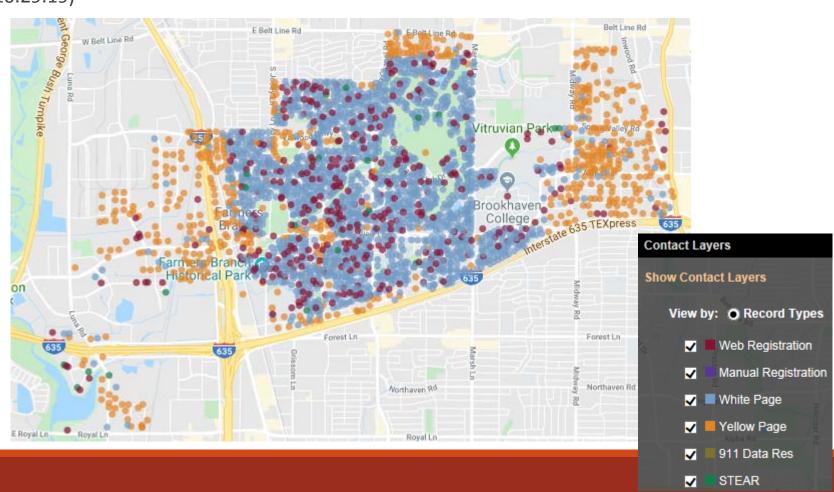
## Branch Alert

101,828 Total Contacts (10.29.19)

- 1,015 self-registered
- 2.5% of our 40k pop

## Challenges

- Language translation
  - Spanish, Korean and Vietnamese



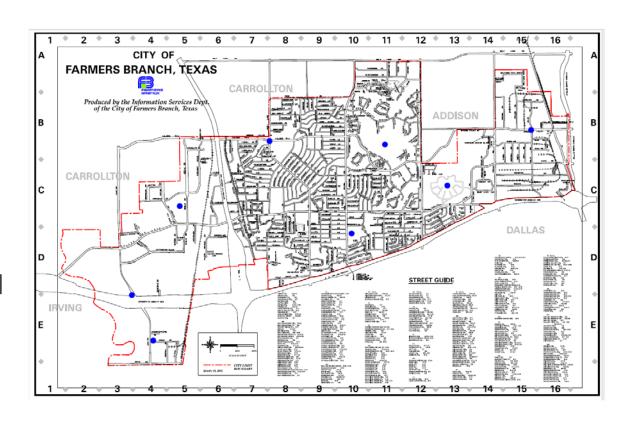
# Outdoor Warning Sirens

#### 8 Sirens

## Regional Activation Framework Criteria:

- Tornado Warning issued or observed
   Tornado
- Observed hail 1.5" in diameter or greater
- Destructive winds over 70mph
- Public safety emergency deemed by local public safety officials

**Monthly Testing** 



# Emergency Management Process

## All events start and end locally

- Mayor is appointed lead official
  - Designated EM function to Fire Chief/EMC

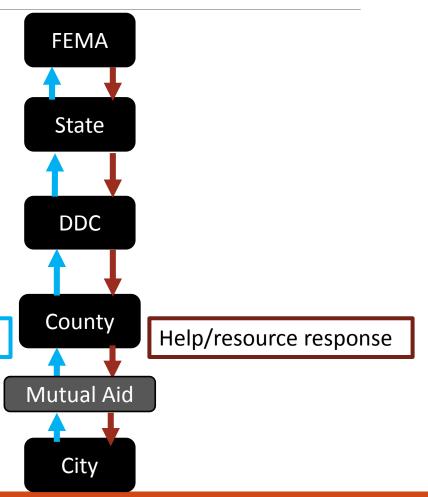
#### **Disaster Thresholds:**

- Dallas County: approx. \$8 million
- State of Texas: \$38.5 million

Requests for help/resources

#### **Recent Events**

- 2015 FB Flood Event (up to FEMA level)
- 2019 FB June Tornado (up to County level)



## Annexes & EOC

#### 24 Emergency Annexes

 Topics include: Evacuation, Communications, Warning, Utilities, Multi Fatality Recovery, etc.

#### **Emergency Operations Center**

- Activated to support on scene operations after a complex event
  - Coordinate response/recovery with County, State, Federal level
  - Track costs
  - Order resources
- Staffed by approx. 48 City employees
  - Two shifts of 24 positions
- Quarterly Hands-on Training



# Interlocal Assistance Agreements

#### **Emergency Operations Center Support Team**

- Regional; covered under State Gov. Code Ch. 418
- Hurricane Harvey Mega Shelter (2017), Ellis County Flood (2017), Dallas Tornado (2019)

#### Direct Assistance to Jurisdiction

- Regional; covered under State Gov. Code Ch. 418
- Addison Plane Crash (2019), Carrollton EM assisted with Farmers Branch tornado (2019)









## Addison Response: FAC

9:11am on 6/30/19, Twin Engine Beechcraft airplane crashed into a hanger at the Addison Airport

- 10 casualties
- Automatic Fire mutual aid dispatched
- EM Sanchez responded with Addison Fire Chief approval
  - Assumed EM role for Town of Addison

## **Established Family Assistance Center**

- Operated 2 days
- Served 40 friends and family of those on board



Photo of Las Vegas FAC

City of Farmers Branch Emergency Management strives to be as prepared as possible to respond to and recover from any emergency that affects our City.

**Questions?**