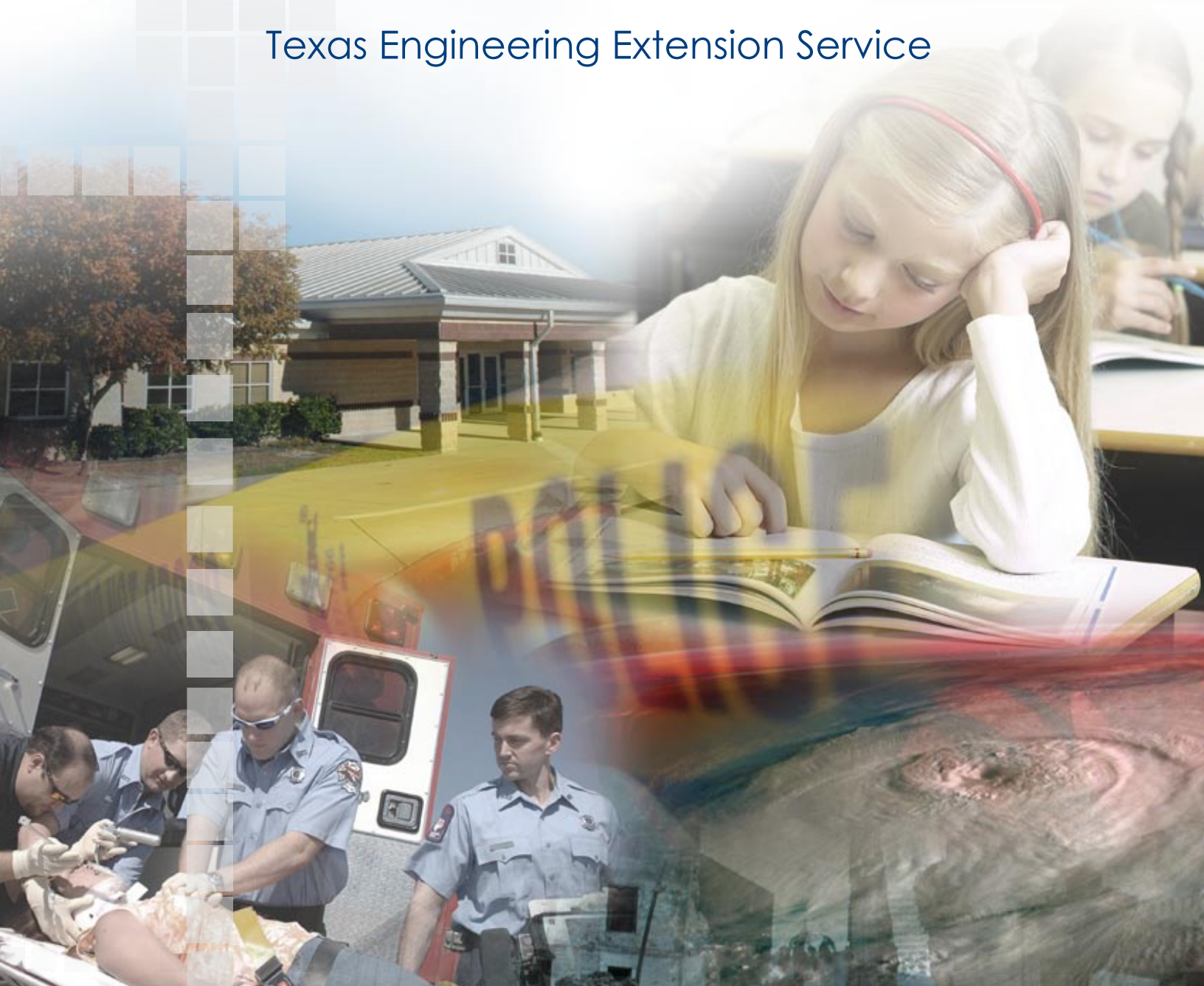


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When disaster strikes...will your school be ready to respond?

Schools have an obligation to do everything they can to prevent emergencies and to respond quickly and appropriately when emergencies occur. An Emergency Operations Plan prepares an individual school campus or school district to take immediate and appropriate action when an emergency threatens or strikes. It serves as the foundation of a comprehensive emergency operations program that incorporates prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery operations.

Using emergency management principles, the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) has created a web-based tool for creating an Emergency Operations Plan that eases the planning process for districts and schools. Developing a multi-hazard emergency plan will encourage communication between schools and emergency responders BEFORE an emergency occurs. The plan will outline required actions and assign responsibilities to appropriate personnel, so school faculty and staff will be prepared to respond quickly should an emergency occur.

Web-based planning tool

TEEX has developed an online tool that takes the guesswork out of writing and updating an Emergency Operations Plan. Using a “wizard” format, the user-friendly tool guides you through a series of questions about each area of emergency planning. Your responses are used to generate a customized Emergency Operations Plan. This simple program, endorsed by the Texas School Safety Center and currently in use throughout the State of Texas, will help you and your staff to develop a comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan that conforms to the Incident Command System and National Incident Management System. Your customized plan will focus on protecting life and property, reuniting students and parents, identifying resources, interfacing with emergency responders and reducing emotional trauma. To learn more and work through a sample plan, visit <http://kec.tamu.edu/eop/demo>

On-site workshops and technical assistance

TEEX can provide personalized, on-site workshops and technical assistance to help you create a customized, comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan. Through discussion and hands-on applications, your staff will learn about the various phases of emergency management, the Incident Command System and the National Incident Management System. Our trained facilitators will guide your school district or campus through planning for prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. The workshop materials can be customized to meet the specific needs of your district or campus.

Take the next step

Learn how you can protect your students by developing an Emergency Operations Plan today!



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