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Disaster Recovery Training Strengthens Preparedness ***TEEX/FEMA-led training prepares staff for disaster recovery***

The City of McAllen hosted the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) MGT-482 Disaster Recovery: Public Assistance Programs course August 26–27 at the Emergency Operations Center.

The training provided city staff and first responders with an opportunity to strengthen their understanding of disaster recovery and the resources available following an emergency.

The two-day course covered how to prepare for, document, manage, and maximize eligible disaster recovery funding. Participants also learned about the processes and requirements for accessing federal assistance and supporting recovery efforts.

“This training strengthens our ability to not only respond to disasters, but to recover from them effectively,” said Isaac J. Tawil, City Manager. “By preparing our staff to understand the recovery process and available resources, we are better positioned to restore essential services, protect critical infrastructure, and support our community following a disaster.”

Through instruction and discussion, participants explored strategies for documenting disaster impacts, managing recovery efforts, and coordinating with local, state, and federal partners.

Ongoing professional development plays an important role in strengthening disaster preparedness and resilience. Building these skills helps staff and first responders respond effectively and maintain essential services when they are needed most.

As communities prepare for natural and human-caused hazards, continued training and coordination remain important to maintaining essential services and building a stronger, more resilient McAllen.

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About the City of McAllen

Founded in 1904 and incorporated in 1911, the City of McAllen has grown from a small agricultural community into one of the most vibrant and fastest-growing cities along the U.S.–Mexico border. Known as the “City of Palms,” McAllen serves as a hub for international trade, retail, tourism, and culture in the Rio Grande Valley.

Today, the City employs more than 2,600 dedicated public servants across 41 departments, delivering essential services to a community of more than 150,000 residents. City leaders remain committed to transparent governance, fiscal responsibility, and enhancing quality of life through innovation, infrastructure, and community engagement.

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