



Meeting Dates

January 12, 2017
February 9, 2017
March 9, 2017
April 13, 2017
May 11, 2017
June 8, 2017
July 13, 2017
August 10, 2017
September 14, 2017
October 12, 2017
November 9, 2017
December 14, 2017

Business Workshops

July 25, 2017
September 26, 2017
November 28, 2017
March 27, 2018

EOC Trainings

Will resume once the EOC has moved into their new Operations Center.

2017 Calendar

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Interested in helping support your business neighbors during an emergency?

- Participate in the BCBRT Monthly Meetings, held the second Thursday of each month.
- Get trained to be part of the Response Team at the Emergency Operations Center.
- Support fundraising efforts of the Bastrop County Business Recovery Team.

MITIGATE • PREPARE RESPOND • RECOVER



South-West Texas Border
Small Business
Development Center Network
Texas State University



"Almost 40 percent of small businesses never reopen following a disaster."

Federal Emergency Management Agency



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WHAT IS THE BASTROP COUNTY BUSINESS RECOVERY TEAM?

The Bastrop County Business Recovery Team (BCBRT) began as an effort of the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce to support community businesses during weather-related disaster events.

- During the fire and flooding events of 2015, we realized our business community needed to have access to a coalition of support services.
- Several impacted businesses expressed frustration with the lack of response and support for them.
- Community organizations were not prepared to offer any type of support.

Initially started as a Committee of the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce, the scope and purpose evolved into the BCBRT. Community organizations involved currently include:

- Bastrop, Elgin and Smithville Chambers of Commerce
- Bastrop County Office of Emergency Management
- Bastrop County Long-Term Recovery Team
- Small Business Development Center (SBDC) / Small Business Administration

MISSION OF THE BCBRT

The Bastrop County Business Recovery Team (BCBRT) provides immediate recovery support to businesses in a geographic zone of interest, principally for the support, encouragement and assistance to businesses adversely affected by weather events or other disasters. The BCBRT also provides on-going educational support of preparation and mitigation efforts.

BCBRT / Areas of Focus

Mitigation: Preventing future emergencies or minimizing their effects

- Includes any activities that prevent an emergency, reduce the chance of an emergency happening, or reduce the damaging effects of unavoidable emergencies.
- Buying flood and fire insurance for your business is a mitigation activity.
- Mitigation activities take place before and after emergencies.

Preparedness: Preparing to handle an emergency

- Includes plans or preparations made to save lives and to help response and rescue operations.
- Evacuation plans and stocking food and water are both examples of preparedness.
- Preparedness activities take place before an emergency occurs.

Response: Responding safely to an emergency

- Includes actions taken to save lives and prevent further property damage in an emergency situation.
- Response is putting your preparedness plans into action.
- Seeking shelter from a tornado or turning off gas valves in an earthquake are both response activities.
- Response activities take place during an emergency.

Recovery: Recovering from an emergency

- Includes actions taken to return to a normal or an even safer situation following an emergency.
- Recovery includes getting financial assistance to help pay for repairs.
- Recovery activities take place after an emergency.

BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

conducted by the Texas State Small Business Development Center

All workshops held at Hampton Inn & Suites, 240 S. Hasler Blvd in Bastrop, Texas from 8 am to 1 pm.

MITIGATE – Tuesday July 25, 2017

Mitigation is the effort to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters. For mitigation to be effective you need to take action before the next disaster. The goal of mitigation is to reduce human and financial consequences later (analyzing risk, reducing risk, and insuring against risk). It is important to know that disasters can happen at any time and any place and if we are not prepared, consequences can be fatal.

1. Determine your risk.
2. Plan & prepare.
3. Protect – people & property.
4. Case Study / Best Practices / Business Panel

PREPARE – Tuesday September 26, 2017

September is recognized as National Preparedness Month, which serves as a reminder that we all must take action to prepare, now and throughout the year, for the types of emergencies that could affect us where we live, work, and play. Walk away from this workshop with an actionable plan for your business.

1. The importance of being prepared.
2. Building a Planning Team.
3. Developing an Emergency Action Plan.
4. Case Studies / Best Practices / Business Panel

RESPOND – Tuesday November 28, 2017

Five ICE Questions

Life & Safety

1. Is everyone safe & accounted for?

Stabilization

2. Are basic needs covered – food, shelter, water?

Property & Environment

3. Reducing further damage
4. Contacting insurance company

5. What are your immediate needs at this time?

RECOVER – Tuesday March 27, 2018

1. Continuity & Resiliency Planning
2. Understanding the 5 Degrees of Damage
3. Criteria for seeking assistance