



Disaster Management Training at La Porte, Texas

by Guy Benson

The City of La Porte Office of Emergency Management Training Division recently hosted the TEEX Infrastructure Disaster Management Certificate series of training courses. Six students successfully completed the four courses. La Porte also hosted two recent FEMA-funded TEEX Disaster Recovery courses.



*Pictured back l-r: Students-James Blount, Ryan Watson, Shelby Chancey, TEEX Instructor-Jeff Dyar
Front l-r: TEEX Instructor-Matt Zoccali, La Porte EMC-Johnny Morales, Students-Kevin Lee and Ryan Flynn.*

Johnny Morales, La Porte Emergency Management Coordinator praised the program, “As a recent participant in the TEEX Infrastructure Disaster Management certificate program, I can’t stress enough the value it brings to public safety professionals. The program offered by the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service equips individuals with essential knowledge and skills in critical infrastructure disaster management and resilience. It’s an exceptional opportunity to explore key concepts across essential infrastructure sectors.

“I’d like to thank the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service for bringing this program to La Porte. Their dedication to providing comprehensive training directly benefits our community by empowering us with the tools to effectively address disasters.

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“Networking among emergency managers and subject matter experts is paramount. In today’s interconnected world, collaboration and shared expertise are instrumental in devising robust disaster management strategies. Engaging with diverse professionals fosters a holistic approach to preparedness and response. It allows us to tap into varied perspectives, innovative solutions, and best practices, ultimately enhancing our capability to safeguard communities during crises.

“I highly recommend this series to fellow public safety professionals. Its focus on integrated risk management, community-centered planning, and resilience strategies across critical infrastructure sectors is invaluable. Through shared knowledge and collaboration, we can strengthen our preparedness and response efforts for a safer, more resilient future.”



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