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The following PHMSA project activities were implemented during the previous 6 months.

Goal: Expand resources and update information in Pipeline Safety website.

Target Period: End Quarter 1

Project Status: Complete/Ongoing

The website Information and Resource links are updated as new information is gathered. Links to pertinent information for residents, business and community leaders are intact. A directory of stakeholders has been added and will continue to be expanded to include all beneficial contact information.

Goal: Expand Pipeline Safety Awareness and participation of Regional Homeland Security program stakeholders.

Project Status: On-going

- A. PBRPC staff contributed Pipeline Safety information for the Permian Basin Regional Homeland Security Strategy Implementation Plan for 2014.
- B. The PBRPC insured the Permian Basin Disaster Preparedness Council has received information regarding the Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations provided by the State Operations Center. Staff forwarded the information to all local emergency responders, local law enforcement agencies.
- C. Coordinated with the Damage Prevention Council, Texas 8111 to completed the Permian Basin Pipeline Directory, to include pipeline industry operators, locators, emergency management personnel for the region and local government utility contacts, and posted it on the PBRPC Pipeline website.
- D. Collaboration with Texas 811 call centers, utility companies, business and local leaders is achieved through monthly participation in the Permian Basin Damage Prevention Council. The Homeland Security program receives on-going information targeted for the emergency coordinators throughout the region. The PBRPC Homeland Security staff and representatives from the Domestic Preparedness Advisory Council are scheduled to make a presentation to the Damage Prevention Council in May 2014.

Goal: Participate in Pipeline Safety awareness and project marketing activities.

Target Period: Quarter 1, Quarter 2, and Quarter 3, On-going indefinitely.

Project Status: Complete and On-going

- A. Staff continually gather and compile information from Texas 811, utility companies and pipeline industry partners to share with agency departments and the community.
- B. PBRPC established contact with the Smalley Foundation and will coordinate to acquire resources for students and student campaign in May – August 2014.
- C. Purchased Roseland Oil & Gas Directory to be used as a resource for staff and public access for stakeholders.
- D. Have planned for end of school, student awareness campaign and for spring, summer agriculture events.
- E. Have planned for April, National Pipeline Safety Awareness Month activities, in coordination with the Damage Prevention Council.

4). Goal: Participate in local and regional PHMS public meetings

Target Period: Quarter End 1, Quarter End 2, Quarter End 3, Quarter End 4

Project Status: Ongoing

- A. Attended monthly Damage Prevention Council meetings, and hosted the 1/29/14 & 3/26/14 meetings. PBRPC staff will serve as secretary for the Damage Prevention Council. The PBRPC staff participates in the marketing committee to assist with the planning of upcoming events to promote safety awareness and damage prevention, including the National Safe Digging Month events and other public events such as the local minor baseball league game night dedicated to pipeline safety. The PBRPC staff receives pipeline industry guidance on outreaching the public, especially agriculture workers. The staff and DPC members received update on rule changes and the developments at the Texas Railroad Commission; flight emergency response presentation at pipeline and oilfield sites; locator industry developments presentation; and, participated in group discussion topics and networking activities.
- B. The Pipeline Safety, Public Events Meetings for local officials and emergency responders were held in March 2014. Notice of meetings and calendar were sent to all elected and local officials and emergency coordinators in the Permian Basin region. PBRPC staff attended meeting.
- C. Staff attended the Texas 811 Summit in San Marcos, Texas; participated in round table meetings with other Damage Prevention representatives and received proposed Chapter 18 updates from the Railroad Commission of Texas.

5). Goal: PHMS Information dissemination and program marketing in local jurisdictions

Target Period: Quarter 1, Quarter 2, Quarter 3

Project Status: On-Going

- A. Local government units were notified of project continuation. Elected officials, municipal administrators and emergency responders throughout the seventeen county region were notified of the project and of the information contained in the PBRPC.org website.
- B. Staff continues to work closely with the Permian Basin Damage Prevention Council and continues to forge new relationships with utility companies and industry partners as new members attend meetings.
- C. Staff participated with DPC in planning upcoming proclamations and events for National Safe Digging Month. Proclamations by local city councils and county commissioner's courts were requested.