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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, PIPELINE SAFETY, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT
FINAL PROGRESS REPORT
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The following PHMSA grant activities were implemented during the last 6 months.

1).Goal: Complete PBRPC Agency Staff Education and Awareness Training

Target Period: End Quarter 1

Project Status: Complete/Ongoing

- A. Information and Resource Directory are updated ongoing.
- B. Collaboration with Texas 811 call centers, utility companies, business and local leaders is achieved through monthly participation in the Permian Basin Damage Prevention Council.
- C. Provided staff awareness and elected officials training. Reviewed the project objectives and discussed responsibilities of elected officials. The Homeland Security program receives on-going information targeted for the emergency coordinators throughout the region.
- D. Participated in THIRA (Threat, Hazard Risk Assessment) regional activity to complete the assessment and the regional implementation plan for Homeland Security and provided pipeline hazards information.
- E. Collaborated with the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, Homeland Security Program to include pipeline hazards and safety issues in the Domestic Preparedness Advisory Committee information dissemination.
- F. Consulted with USDOT and the Texas Railroad Commission to document pipeline mapping and information for all counties in the region, for Homeland Security department planning purposes.

2).Goal: Expand PBRPC Internet Site to Include Web Page Promoting PHMSA Project

Target Period: End Quarter 1

Project Status: Complete

The website PBRPC.org was modified to include a page for the PHMSA project for the benefit of all stakeholders in law enforcement, Homeland Security, first responders, public offices, local leaders, public health systems and residents. It contains the information and link to Texas 811, the National Pipeline Mapping System (view pipeline maps and find pipeline operators in the Permian Basin region), and links to helpful resources and information. The website is updated on an ongoing basis.

3).Goal: Acquire available marketing materials

Target Period: End Quarter 1

Project Status: Complete and On-going

- A. Continually gather and compile information from Texas 811, utility companies and pipeline industry partners to share with the community.
- B. Purchased Roseland Oil & Gas Directory to be used as a resource for staff and grant partners.
- C. Purchased marketing materials (backpacks, caps, flyers) promoting the 811 Call Before You Dig Program, to hand out at farm implement companies, equipment rental companies, safety day events and Midland Rockhounds baseball game events.

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 & 3/26 and 7/8 meetings. Staff was nominated to serve in secretarial duty for all monthly meetings, and staff also volunteers for the marketing committee to assist with the planning of upcoming events to promote safety awareness and damage prevention. Insured Homeland Security partners were notified of meeting events.
- 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 first responders/emergency coordinators in the Permian Basin region. PBRPC staff attended meetings.
- 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 2, Quarter 3, Quarter 4

Project Status: On-Going

- A. Local government units were notified. 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. Staff worked to distribute information at Tractor Supply stores in the area.
- D. National Safe Digging Month Public Awareness Campaign: Planned and coordinated a safety day event with the Damage Prevention Council and handed out safety information.
- D. Staff coordinated with pipeline industry representatives to distribute information items to farm Feed stores, Farm Bureau agencies, equipment rental businesses and at other public forums.

- E. Sponsored paid English/Spanish advertisements through radio. 400 ads were run throughout the Permian Basin during the months of July and August, to outreach the general public and Spanish speaking farm and construction workers.
- F. Planned and coordinated the Midland Rockhounds Baseball game events, April 5th and August 2nd, with the Damage Prevention Council to promote safe digging month and 811. Planned Public information activities for the following quarter (international oil show).