

EMROG Meeting Minutes 08-10-2026

** Today we spent quite a bit of time on the AM Repeater systems and what was found at each site

During last week we spent time at the 9 locations, including The unit at the EOC and the Travis Bldg, also the AM Repeater Trailers at road and bridge.

Locations are as follows:

Fulshear	Community Fire	Rosenberg Fire	Kitty Hollow
Orchard	Sugar Land Fire	Needville	NRG Brazos Bend State Park

Of the 9 units 4 were working (Rosenberg, Fulshear, Kitty Hollow and Community Fire)
The remaining need parts replacement (See original document, FBC Cert August 2026.pdf)

*Hidro kit(s) to be built with dummy load, fuses , wrench, gloves, masks, vacuum, volt meter, trash bag

Also visited was

*EOC and Travis Bldg (Loaded emergency file to be broadcast went to Travis unit was down, toggled switch and is u and still sending)

*Road and Bridge-AM repeater trailers(Went over components and was shown additional ground plains)

We need to have better attendance to get the additional training

Need to learn Veoci

Need to go over training on the meshtastic units

Still Pending

1. Discussion topics included the 5 locations to review monthly

Findings :

- Need more hams in various remote areas
- Need additional gateways in the county for transmissions via winlink
- *Need to have 2 nd laptop setup with Packet-KPC 3 and Sound modem
- Need to get back on the sheriffs tower with vhf and uhf , all pending funding from beryl.
- HF antenna needs to be raised
- Utilize VARA and Vara Fm as another communication tool with Winlink,
- *John provided a listing of Vara and Vara Fm site to the team

2. Work with Hidro on the AM trailers (2) and what needs to be done

*Hidro to send out manual with highlighted page with identification on “how to”
Units are currently at road and bridge, moving to Jones Creek at some point
Pending Luke/Dave to meetup with Hidro at the end of the month

3. Savannah on AM Alert locations and what is required

Community Fire
Sugar Land Fire
Fulshear
Travis Bldg_
Arcola
Needville
Brazos State Park
Kitty Hollow

(and any other locations)

* Meeting with Savannah to tag along with her, Dave to send Savannah a note that Dave and Luke will attend the June 16 visits. Sites to visit - Fulshear, Kitty Hollow and Orchard on June 16*

* AM system doesn't seem to be broadcasting? At EOC/Travis

* Stopped by Kitt Hollow, Fulshear and Orchard.

* Orchard wasn't connected correctly, was needing to provide 25.5 volts to the system

* Savannah Need access to key for the cabinets and contact for each location

* Savannah Also to let them know that EMROG folks will be visiting them.

* Savannah Need process for access the various sites across the county and our role supporting these units.

4. Status of GMRS radio for the EMROG van and Meshtastic units

Hidro, no funding for a GMRS Radio – Had a volunteer offer to donate just need to understand process to bring into Fort Bend County Inventory

* Was is required for FT Bend County to take possession of the GMRS radio from a volunteer

Meshtastic units training, Cancelled due to Berris being sick and Hidro out of town

* Pending July meeting? Berris was unavailable to attend

* Dave will get with Berris to see if we can do next meeting, In August

5. Status of funding for damage to repeaters, antennas and climb at the sheriff's tower due to Beryl

* Hidro- will follow-up

Pending still waiting on dollars

6. Status on repair/replacement of the left rear light on passenger side of EMROG van
 - * Hidro - not a priority at this point
7. Status of the EMROG membership application with legal
 - * Hidro – to follow-up
 - * Pending announcement of new Judge.
8. Fort Bend County Web site update with EMROG email address (for people wishing to join)
 - * Hidro – to follow-up
9. Are we still needing to update WEBEOC? If so, we need training for the rest of the EMROG members
 - *Hidro – discussions still pending. If problems with access contact Frank or Hidro
 - *No June training published for us to check in , do we still need to check n monthly into WebEoc?
 - * Hidro to check with Greg
10. Training for Veoci for EMROG members (Greg has approved)
 - Hidro
 - *Pending class schedule
 - Dave gave Hidro charging instruction sheet for EMROG van, need to have Laminated and placed in the rear of the EMROG van.
 - *Hidro – need to establish a date
 - *Pending still needs completion
11. Fort Bend County EXPO – needs EMROG members to deliver and man the EMROG van
 - *Dave – Completed
13. Need pictures of EMROG activities for Hidro's reporting
 - *EMROG members to provide pictures to Dave , the forward to Hidro ongoing

Upcoming support events:

Lonestar Safety – Van and support in Oct 3

Wings Over Houston – Need volunteers Oct 30

Attendees:

Dave	WD8RZA
Diana	KE5RRI
Ed	KT5EM
John	KD5YOU
Luke	K0LTB
Sheree	WM5N

Digital check-ins:

K0LTB	9
K5BBC	2
KA9IKK	4
KD5EZH	1
KD5HAL	4
KD5YOU	17
KE5RRI	1
KF5PPG	1
KG5GYE	1
KI5RTE	3
KT5EM	5
NT5SM	1
WB5EXI	1
WM5N	8
W5WMC	1
TOTAL	59