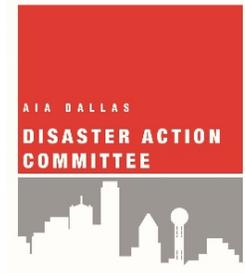




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DISASTER ACTION COMMITTEE



Dear Members of the AIA Dallas/AIA Fort Worth Joint Committee on Disaster Action,

After getting a late start on 2017, I am now writing to update you on events and programs related to the committee's goal of establishing a Disaster Action Team to assist regional municipalities in the immediate aftermath of a significant natural disaster in North Texas. To that goal, we now have approximately 40 local professionals who have undergone the California Office of Emergency Services training and received CAL OES certification. This program provides the essential knowledge and practices in assessing damaged structures in the wake of a disaster and offers an ideal opportunity for design professionals to provide essential assistance in the recovery effort.

FEMA WEBINARS

As many disaster sites quickly fall under FEMA jurisdiction, there is an additional level of training required to enter a FEMA site when local government agencies call for our assistance. This training is a set of online webinars that mostly focuses on organizational issues and lines of authority. While these can be taken via the internet at any time, we think it would be easier if we did it as a group. Therefore, we are scheduling an **all-day session on June 2, 2017**, to accomplish this training.

FEMA Webinars:

- a. IS-100.b - Introduction to Incident Command System
- b. IS-200.b - ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
- c. IS-700.a - NIMS An Introduction
- d. IS-800.b - National Response Framework, An Introduction

CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TRAINING:

We've also gotten inquiries and expressions of interest in the CAL OES certification training, and so we are planning to offer a training session in the fall and will send out a call for interested participants later in the spring. As the CAL OES and FEMA training are both required, but in no specific order, the June FEMA sessions are open to those who anticipate taking the CAL OES later in the fall.

DESIGNING FOR DISASTER:

Finally, I would encourage you to attend a continuing education program that should be of great interest to all of our committee, "Designing for Disaster", offered by the Codes + Standards Committee of AIA Dallas and led by Larry Tanner, an expert from the National Wind Institute:

April 11, 2017

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (lunch served)

Dallas Center for Architecture, 1909 Woodall Rodgers, Dallas

Additional info and registration can be found at <https://www.aiadallas.org/v/event-detail/Designing-for-Disaster/3q2/>

I look forward to joining you at these events.

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Chair