

**Minutes of Homeland Defense / Emergency Planning
Program Advisory Board Meeting
15 February 2008**

A meeting of the Central Texas College Homeland Defense / Emergency Planning Advisory Board took place on 15 February 2008 beginning at 11:15 AM at the Bell County Communications Center in Belton, Texas.

The meeting was held in conjunction with the Bell County Emergency Planning Council's leadership meeting. This group represents homeland defense and emergency management planners from all sectors of the community. Present were 11 persons and chaired by Mr. Chad Berg, Chairman of the Bell County LEPC and Killeen's Emergency Management Director. At the conclusion of the actual LEPC meeting, the LEPC Chairman introduced Central Texas College's Gene Silverblatt, JD who presented the following:

1. A general introduction was provided by Dr. Silverblatt on the brief history of Central Texas College program in emergency management and homeland security. For those who weren't at the earlier meetings, Dr. Silverblatt explained what was being offered as well as distributed the latest version of the degree plan and certificate plan.
2. The chair stated that CTC would be the main program at their October meeting. The chair also invited Dr. Silverblatt to be a part of the public information and education committee.
3. There was a general discussion about the job market, which confirmed the local needs assessment.
4. Dr. Silverblatt also discussed the need as well as the opportunity to place senior students in local agencies for their internships.
5. After approximately 15 minutes in total discussion, the LEPC moved to other matters.
6. A follow-on meeting was scheduled for the entire LEPC for October 2008. (Note – This meeting was later cancelled.)

Gene Silverblatt, JD
Advisory Board Secretary

In attendance (the list has been lost but this is the best I can recall): Chad Berg, Wanda Williams, Gene Silverblatt, Dennis Baker, F. Balwin, Cathy Brem, Les Durham, Orlando Roman, Danielle Schmitz, Steve Essig, Glenn Shoemaker.