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FORT BEND COUNTY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONDUCTS FULL-SCALE ACTIVATION EXERCISE

(FORT BEND, TX)– The Fort Bend County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management conducted a full-scale activation exercise at the new Fort Bend County Emergency Operations Center in Richmond on Thursday, January 26, 2023.

The activation exercise included federal and state agencies, Levee Improvement Districts, Municipal Utility Districts; essential County personnel from the County Judge’s Office, Road and Bridge, Drainage, Health and Human Services, Risk Management, Transportation, Engineering, Facilities, Fort Bend County Sheriff’s Office, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), the Fire Marshalls Office; and surrounding jurisdictions.

This full-scale exercise was intended to test the Emergency Operations Center in emergency communication and communication loss in the event of a 500-year flood of the Brazos River impacting Fort Bend County's Levee Improvement Districts (LIDs) and associated Municipality Utility Districts (MUDs). In addition to testing the ability to successfully coordinate with all partner agencies and private partners, and test the ability to coordinate information to the public.

As Fort Bend County’s top elected official, County Judge KP George serves as the County’s Director of the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. At the start of the exercise, Judge George shared his thoughts on the importance of continuing training efforts.

“Whether it is a flood, fire, hurricane, or freezing temperatures, regular training exercises like these help put Fort Bend County in the best possible position to

respond to real wide-scale emergencies, by maintaining trained professionals who are ready to assist when disaster strikes,” stated Judge KP George.

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