



COLD WEATHER SHELTERS

SECURITY OPERATIONS

THE ACTIVATION PROCESS

- Austin Public Health (APH)
 - Responsible for initiating a Cold Weather Shelter (CWS) activation
 - Criteria:
 - Below 32 Degrees
 - Below 35 Degrees with Precipitation
 - Source: National Weather Service (Camp Mabry)
- Homeland Security Emergency Management (HSEM)
 - Leads coordination effort between city services



CWS CONTRACTED RESOURCES

- APH recently negotiated contract for CWS services from Austin Urban League (AUL)
 - AUL is responsible for providing the following for up to 3 CWS sites:
 - Operations Staff
 - Security
 - Meals & material needs for up to 90 patrons per CWS
 - 24 hr coverage if requested by APH
- Additional CWS will be activated by APH.



ADDITIONAL CWS RESOURCES

(OVERFLOW)

- When APH activates additional shelters beyond the contracted 3
 - HSEM assists with resource management
 - APH/HSEM draws from city services and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) to provide for additional CWS.
- Security for Additional CWS
 - Request from APH/HSEM is logged
 - Resources drawn from:
 - Existing COA contracts for private security
 - TCSO
 - TC Constables
 - APD
 - If/when requests are denied from all other partners, APD has always fulfilled the request



APD CWS STAFFING

(INTERNAL PROCESS)

- APD Emergency Management Unit (EMU) fields request from HSEM
- EMU asks Special Events Unit (SEU) post assignments on Austin911 for volunteers.
- No volunteers/Request is for exigent need:
 - EMU contacts APD Watch Commander to request staffing from patrol.
- Assignments will be drawn from DTAC based on:
 - Inclement weather impacts to DTAC call volume
 - Above average sector staffing.
- If request falls within 8:00PM – 3:00AM, Thur-Sat
 - Watch Commander will draw from citywide staffing to avoid Depleting DTAC during potential high call volume period.





QUESTIONS?

APD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT