



April 2025 Home Explosion

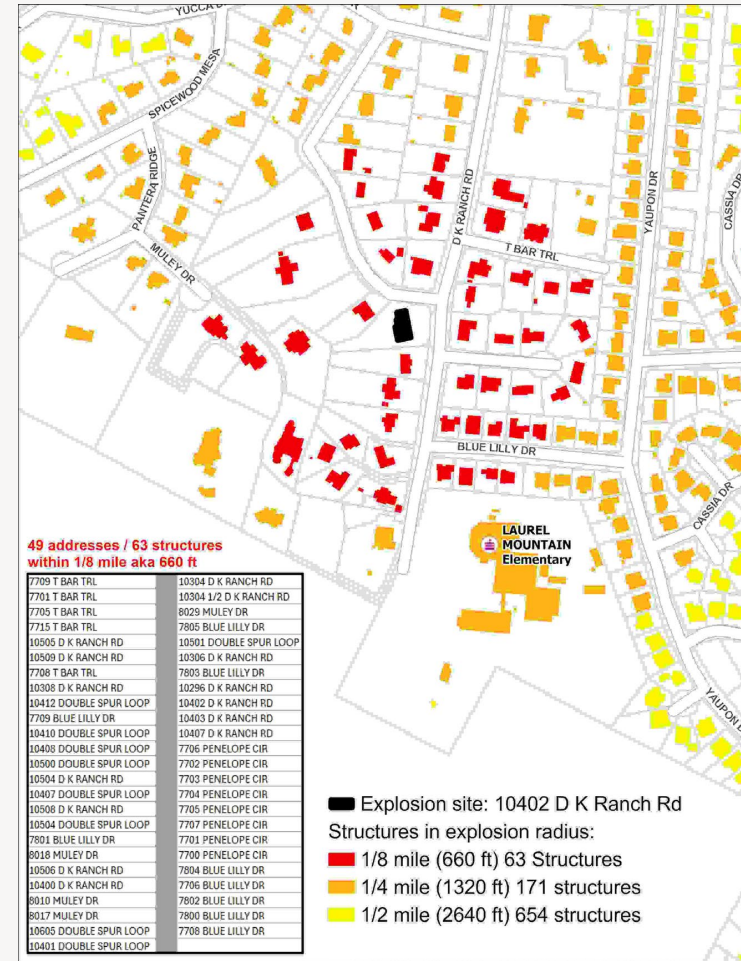
Public Safety Committee | October 6, 2026

House Explosion – April 14, 2025 ~11:30am



Incident Summary

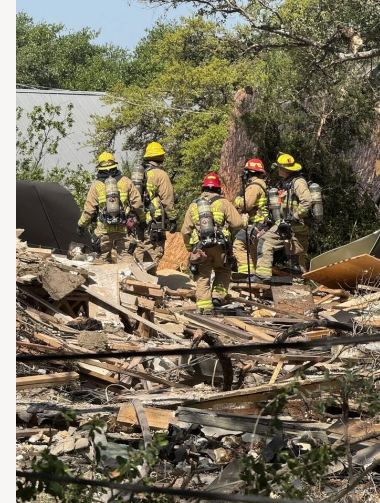
- 2-story home leveled due to explosion
 - A second neighboring house suffered severe collapse damage
 - Vehicle fire at the house that suffered explosion
- 6 adult injuries
- 24 homes reported damage at Spicewood Mesa, Pantera Ridge, Muley Drive
- Cause: Propane Gas



Fire Department Response



- Austin Fire Department arrived within minutes of the explosion.
- Conducted search and rescue operations for trapped residents.
- Extinguished active fires and mitigated flare-ups across multiple homes.
- Performed structural assessments and shoring to stabilize damaged buildings.
- Coordinated with utilities to address gas hazards and downed powerlines.



Austin-Travis County EMS Response

7 total patients – 4 transport/3 refusal

- Blast injuries, debris trauma, fractures

Patients dispersed across large geographical area – debris field hindered access via vehicle and on foot

On-scene medical evaluations for responders and residents

Assisted with reunification of families



Austin-Travis County EMS Response

16 A/TCEMS units assigned to incident

- 5 Medic units
- 5 District Commanders
- 1 PIO
- 1 Assistant Chief
- 1 Chief of Department

Unified Command with AFD/APD/TCSO

Media Briefing



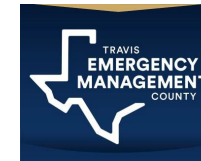
Mass Care

- ARC partnered with 1-800-Board-Up
 - Arrived on scene with meals and water for residents and first responders
- ARC volunteers conducted detailed damage assessment (DDA) of the area
 - confirming 7 MDDs (Major Damage / Destroyed)
 - at least 21 minor damage and affected homes.
- Residents were asked by ARC volunteers about unmet needs, housing.
- The CTX shelter team was placed on alert in case sheltering was needed



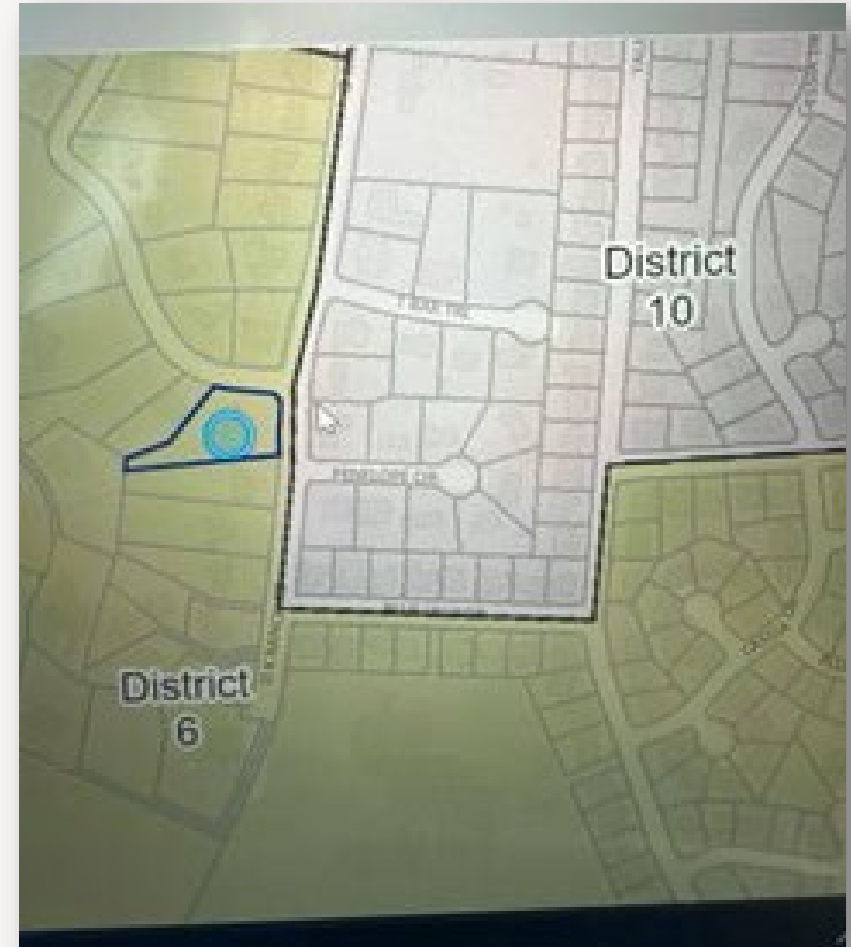
Different Uniforms, One Team

On-Scene Incident Command



Observations

- First responders responded and effectively addressed the threat.
 - 1.) Life Safety
 - 2.) Property Protection
 - 3.) Environment
- Confusion about the location and who owned the incident.
 - Multiple counties, multiple ESDs, multiple ISDs, "limited purpose jurisdictions" where areas are represented by city officials and receive city services but are technically within the county.
- Not a clear line of Communication
 - Incident to EOC
 - EOC to CMO / Mayor
 - CMO / Mayor to Councilmember
 - Multiple Text Groups
- Residents' confusion and concern throughout the area



Improvements

- City Logo = One Team.
- EOP update inclusive of (and partnerships with) Williamson and Hays County
 - Map of City with District 6 in WilCo + District 8 in Hays
 - CAPCOG, REM, UASI, Text Group
 - Veoci Coming
- Internal Notification Process
 - ACM wants AEM notified of incidents
 - Agency → AEM/ACM → CMO to Council
 - If EOC Activation = Council Liaison
- Internal Coordination / Quick Response Team
 - Dedicated Teams Channel & Initial Briefing
- Public Alerting / Public Information
 - IPAWS / WEA
 - Warn Central Texas.org
 - AustinTexas.gov/alerts

