

TMAC Gulf Coast Hosts a Hurricane Preparedness Seminar

Just a week prior to the surprise Hurricane Humberto the Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center Gulf Coast Hosted a Disaster Preparedness Seminar for Chambers County, TX. The seminar was designed by TMAC to help local businesses understand the importance of a disaster plan accompanied by a business continuity plan to keep the business afloat in the case of a disaster.

The event was held at the Eagle Pointe Conference center in Mont Belvue. TMAC partnered with the local Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development office to put on the event held on September 5, 2007. Forty Chambers County residents from local Business and Government attended the event. Chicken and beef fajitas were served so not only did everyone come away with a wealth of information but a full stomach too.

Lunch was served at 11:30 with Missy Malechek from the Chamber greeting the guests. Eric Ewing from TMAC got the program started with a brief talk about TMAC and their Mission and what was in store for the day's event. The first presenter introduced was Gene Hafele from NOAA. Gene presented a what if scenario of a class 5 storm hitting the area along with the storm outlook for the 2007 season. Paul Hastings from impact weather was the next guest speaker. He went over some examples of time line tools to be used in setting a disaster plan into action. Susana Quirch from TMAC gave a presentation showing businesses the importance of a business continuity plan to go along with everyone's disaster plan. Susana was a wealth of information for everyone giving not just general how too information but many websites and other tools the businesses could use in creating their own plans. The final speaker of the day was Ryan Holzeaphel, The Chambers County Disaster Preparedness officer. Ryan went over the local plans for evacuation, getting information during and after a storm along with when to return to the area.