

CAPCOG DIVISIONS

Serving the Capital Area as a regional advocate, planner, coordinator and service provider.

Emergency Communications

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CAPCOG's Emergency Communications Division works with agencies throughout the 10-county region by providing planning and technical assistance to ensure delivery of 9-1-1 calls to the proper Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) and with the correct location and telephone information.

The Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) is the state agency that oversees the 9-1-1 program. The 9-1-1 program is funded from the \$.50 fee on each telephone line reflected on an individual's telephone bill (i.e., wireline, wireless and VoIP).

In addition, the Division operates a fully-equipped training/back-up facility for emergency personnel and provides classes ranging from basic telecommunications certification to stress management.

Homeland Security

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The Homeland Security Division is responsible for the state's homeland security planning at the regional level. In June 2002, the Governor's Office requested that all councils of governments develop regional homeland security plans as part of a state planning initiative. Planning at the regional level was chosen due to the scale and scope of potential weapons of mass destruction incidents and the geographic size of Texas.

Homeland Security planning addresses communications interoperability, mutual aid, equipment, and training. Ongoing strategic planning is done through multiple committees under the Homeland Security Task Force umbrella.

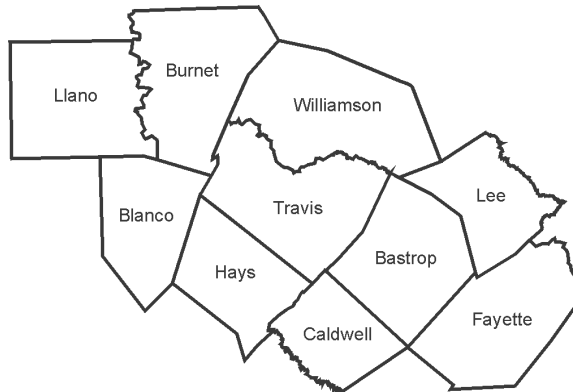
Regional Law Enforcement Academy

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The Regional Law Enforcement Academy (RLEA) was created within CAPCOG to establish a centrally managed method of delivering law enforcement training within the 10-county region. For the past 31 years, the RLEA has played a critical role in providing training to law enforcement personnel and individuals with an interest in a law enforcement career.

The Basic Peace Officer Course (BPOC) addresses the region's need for trained law enforcement applicants by providing students with the essential knowledge required to begin a career in law enforcement and to take the State Peace Officer Licensing Examination.

RLEA also provides a Basic County Corrections Course that prepares correctional officers to successfully pass the correctional officer's licensing examination and in-service training mandated by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE).



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Capital Area Council of Governments

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The Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) is a voluntary association including over 90 member governments; cities and counties as well as school districts, chambers of commerce, non-profit agencies, and any other organization that has an interest in regionalism. CAPCOG was established in 1970 under Chapter 391, Local Government Code as a Regional Planning Commission and is one of 24 COGS in Texas. For more than 40 years, CAPCOG has served as an advocate, planner and coordinator of initiatives that, when undertaken on a regional basis, can be more effective and efficient. CAPCOG assists the region in recognizing opportunities for cooperation and eliminating unnecessary duplication.

Executive Committee and General Assembly

The CAPCOG Executive Committee is the 27-member governing body of the COG. Executive Committee members are city and county elected officials nominated and selected annually to serve from January through December. Executive Committee members meet on the second Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m. to provide direction to CAPCOG staff regarding program implementation, budgets and contracts, and general policies and procedures for administrative management of the agency.

The CAPCOG General Assembly is composed of the official representatives of all member organizations which include cities and counties as well as school districts, chambers of commerce and non-profit agencies. The General Assembly meets at least twice per year and is responsible for approving the CAPCOG annual budget, amendments to the CAPCOG bylaws as well as to approve/appoint members to CAPCOG's Executive Committee.

Administrative Services

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The Administrative Services Division comprises general management, information technology and finance. General management includes the offices of the executive and deputy directors which have oversight over all program and administrative functions of CAPCOG as well as fiscal management/budget, human resources, records management and public information.

Regional Services

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The Regional Services Division includes several programs and initiatives to further regional and community planning related to air quality, criminal justice, solid waste, GIS mapping, land use, and rural transportation. The division completed a regional Assessment of Growth and Development in 2010 which received the National Association for Development Organizations (NADO) Innovation Award in 2011. CAPCOG continues to track growth trends related to urban, suburban, and rural growth and development. The Division partners with other regional organizations to support planning efforts.

Economic Development

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The Economic Development Division supports the Capital Area Economic Development District (CAEDD) through planning and technical assistance and development of the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). In addition, CAPCOG provides assistance to communities in support of local economic development efforts, including retail studies, fiscal and economic impact studies, and presentation of demographic and economic trends.

Sustainable Places Project

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CAPCOG is the lead agency of a consortium of local governments and other regional stakeholders known as the Capital Area Texas Sustainability Consortium. The project centers on the selection of activity centers identified in CAMPO's 2035 plan as demonstration sites for sustainable development. A new analytics tool will be developed by UT Austin to assess economic, social, and environmental impacts of different approaches to future development in each demonstration site. The demonstration sites include the cities of Hutto, Dripping Springs, Elgin, Austin and Lockhart.

Area Agency on Aging

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The Area Agency on Aging of the Capital Area (AAACAP) is a nonprofit agency whose mission is to provide quality services to support and advocate for the health, safety and well-being of older individuals and their informal caregivers. The primary focus is on the socially, economically, or physically isolated and minority seniors residing in the 10-county capital area.

Through the Area Plan for Aging Services, AAACAP assesses the needs of the region's older adults and develops program strategies to meet them.

The core programs include Information, Referral and Assistance; Benefits Counseling; Ombudsman Program; Health, Prevention and Wellness; Care Coordination and the Caregiver Support Program.