State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR)

STEAR Program

- Replaced the Texas Transportation Assistance Registry (TAR) on March 15, 2013

- Requires annual registration which started on March 15, 2014

- Provides a means for local governments to obtain focused information related to citizens in their communities who need additional assistance during an emergency event due to a disability, functional and access needs, or lack of transportation for evacuation

Legal Requirements

- Chapter 242 & 247, Health & Safety Code – Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities

- Chapter 142, Health and Safety Code – home and community support service agencies

- Title 40, Part 1, Chapter 97, Texas Administrative Code – home and community support service agencies

STEAR Program

- Voluntary program for local governments and individuals

- Access to the database provided to local governments and citizens at no cost.

- Local governments are encouraged to:
  - Actively participate in the program
  - Assign a Data Custodian
  - Advertise locally

STEAR Program
Data Custodians

- Data Custodian Assignments can be for:
  - Single City or County
  - County and any jurisdiction within
  - Multi-County area

- Jurisdictions can register more than one Data Custodian
  - Each Data Custodian should have their own log in and password

- Act as the authorized representative for the program.

STEAR Program
Data Custodians

- Data Custodians appointment forms and other available documentation found at:

- http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/stear/local.htm
  - Flyers
  - Registration forms
  - Presentations
  - Frequently asked questions

2014 Updates

- Annual Registration began March 15, 2014

- Some question changes and updates

- On Line Registration added in March

- Data entry template 2-1-1 reformatted

- Local Data Custodian Web Site reformatted:
  - See and edit registrations
  - Additional statistics

- DC Web Site will be published shortly

STEAR Program
Registration

- Register on line @ https://STEAR.dps.texas.gov

- Call 2-1-1
  - Texas Information Referral Network (TIRN)

- Printed Forms found at:
  http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/stear/public.htm
  - Available electronically in English and Spanish
  - Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities use separate form

STEAR Program
Registration

- Must answer minimum questions
  - Name
  - Address
  - City
  - Telephone #
  - Primary language

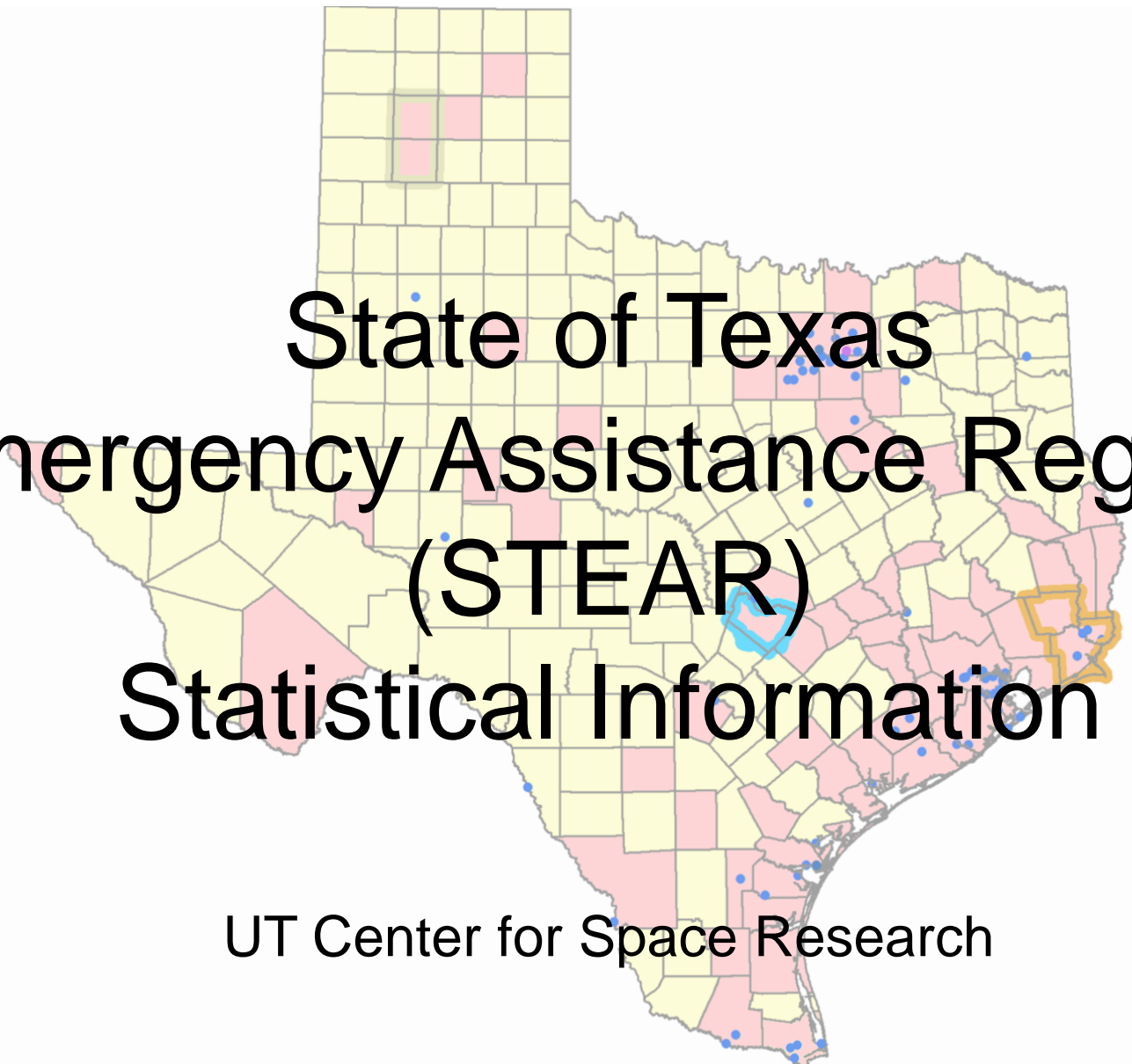- Additional questions are voluntary

STEAR Program
Focused Questions

- Emergency contact information

- Caregiver information

- Pets

- Transportation assistance for home evacuation

- Communications barriers

- Disability, functional, or medical needs

State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR) Statistical Information
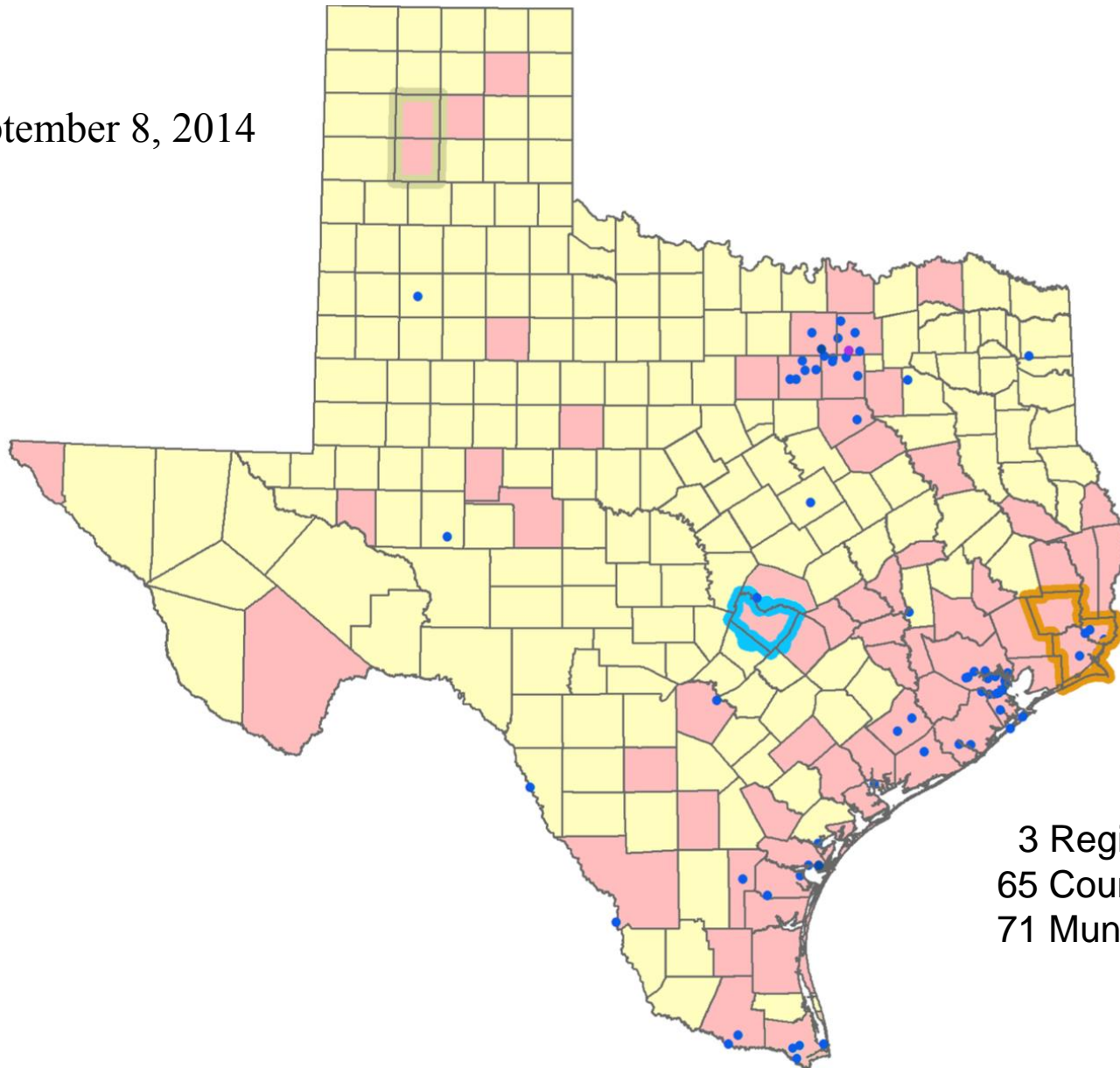
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STEAR Local Data Custodians

As of September 8, 2014

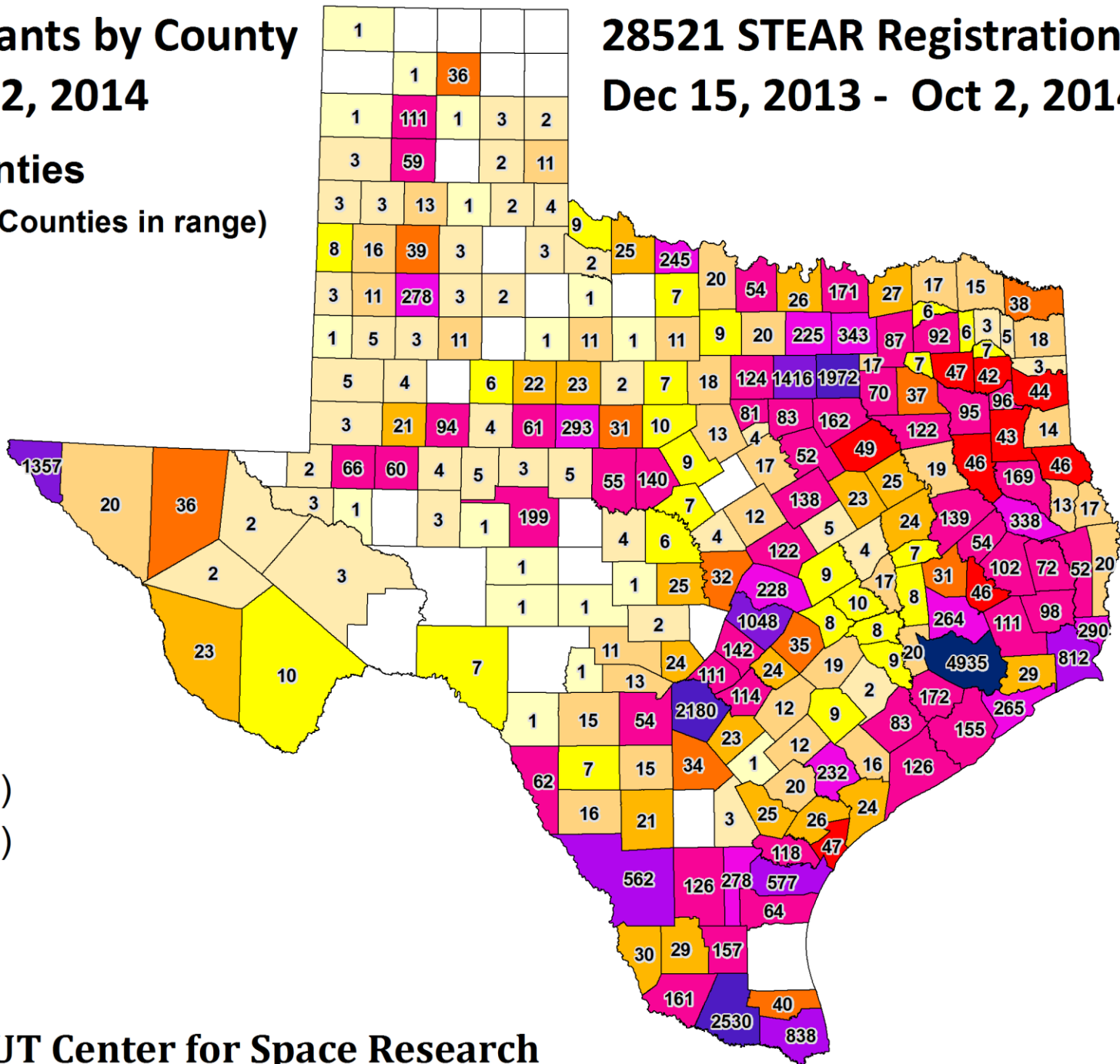3 Regions
65 Counties
71 Municipalities

STEAR Registrants by County as of October 2, 2014

28521 STEAR Registrations Dec 15, 2013 - Oct 2, 2014

230 Texas Counties

Regisant Count (# Counties in range)

- 1 (18)
- 2 - 5 (42)
- 6 - 10 (25)
- 11 - 20 (35)
- 21 - 30 (21)
- 31 - 40 (11)
- 42 - 50 (9)
- 52 - 200 (46)
- 225 - 500 (12)
- 562 - 1000 (4)
- 1048 - 1500 (3)
- 1972 - 2530 (3)
- 4935 (1)

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STEAR Statistics

STEAR Statewide Statistics – Part 1
March 2013-September 2014: 28,531 registrations

STEAR Question	Affirmative Responses	% Total Responses
Speaks English	22902	80.3%
Speaks Spanish	5211	18.3%
Speaks other language	418	1.5%
Uses sign language	455	1.6%
Is visually impaired	1607	5.6%
Has a communication barrier	3723	13.0%
Is a minor	1235	4.3%
Has a caregiver	14889	52.2%
Caregiver evacuates with registrant	9338	32.7%
Has a service animal	852	3.0%
Has pet(s)	6387	22.4%
Needs transportation assistance	17456	61.2%

STEAR Statewide Statistics – Part 2
March 2013-September 2014: 28,531 registrations

STEAR Question	Affirmative Responses	% Total Responses
Needs moving assistance	13968	49.0%
Needs assistance to get to evacuation point	7564	26.5%
Has functional need(s)	17483	61.3%
Requires medical treatment from doctor/nurse	6154	21.6%
Needs assistance for daily living activities	14172	49.7%
Has provider help for daily needs	8149	28.6%
Needs a gurney/bed for transportation	4741	16.6%
Weighs more than 350 lbs	503	1.8%
Requires oxygen	3557	12.5%
Needs power for life-sustaining device	3467	12.2%
Requires wheelchair	8059	28.2%
Has motorized wheelchair	2317	8.1%

Top 30 Counties

Having most STEAR registrations

December 15, 2013 – October 2, 2014

Top 30 Counties (first half)

	County	Registered Individuals	Individuals needing transportation assistance	People accompanying individuals needing transportation assistance	Pets accompanying individuals needing transportation assistance
1	Harris	**4935**	3910	6643	1241
2	Hidalgo	**2530**	1518	2472	524
3	Bexar	**2180**	986	1386	417
4	Dallas	**1970**	1263	1517	332
5	Tarrant	**1416**	655	780	258
6	El Paso	**1357**	867	1039	284
7	Travis	**1048**	608	761	307
8	Cameron	**838**	472	863	147
9	Jefferson	**812**	575	658	130
10	Nueces	**577**	400	583	164
11	Webb	**562**	330	436	94
12	Collin	**343**	180	297	97
13	Angelina	**338**	243	359	146
14	Taylor	**293**	204	162	109
15	Orange	**290**	197	334	68

Top 30 Counties (second half)

	County	Registered Individuals	Individuals needing transportation assistance	People accompanying individuals needing transportation assistance	Pets accompanying individuals needing transportation assistance
16	Jim Wells	**278**	123	217	78
17	Lubbock	**278**	182	240	99
18	Galveston	**265**	224	328	95
19	Montgomery	**264**	167	292	145
20	Wichita	**245**	159	164	139
21	Victoria	**232**	62	53	69
22	Williamson	**228**	112	150	43
23	Denton	**225**	132	153	85
24	Tom Green	**199**	101	114	84
25	Fort Bend	**172**	103	236	32
26	Grayson	**171**	112	111	70
27	Nacogdoches	**169**	132	117	66
28	Ellis	**162**	60	60	26
29	Starr	**161**	112	194	9
30	Brooks	**157**	50	67	14

Use of Data

Planning

- Mapping:
  - Determine proximity to known risk areas
  - Identify clusters versus isolated individuals or facilities

- Coordination:
  - Validate planning assumptions
  - Assess procedures for response operations
  - Identify potential resource needs
  - Identify resource availabilities and gaps
  - Develop contingencies

Preparedness

- Targeted messaging to increase risk awareness and encourage personal/facility planning

- Relationship building

  - Service providers (home healthcare, meals-on-wheels, cultural community centers)

  - Licensed facilities (nursing homes, assisted living centers, hospice, dialysis centers)

- Training first responders and support agencies

- Provisions for Functional Needs and Support Services (FNSS) integrated in plans and events

Response

- Evacuation
  - Types of incidents

    wildfire, flooding, storm surge, cascading impacts of drought, etc.

  - Resources and methodology

    ambulatory versus non-ambulatory

- Mass Care Operations
  - Shelters

    - general population versus medical needs

    - practical use of Texas FNSS Toolkit

  - PODs

    fixed sites and mobile delivery

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Success of the Registration Depends Upon Local Participation

Questions?