



State of Texas Alliance for Response Team (START)
Strategic Directions
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1. To act as a clearinghouse for resources and information about disaster planning, response and recovery, via Web sites, resource tables at conferences, etc.
2. To act as a Speakers Bureau and disseminate information via presentations at appropriate professional conferences by developing talking points and presentations.
3. To facilitate the development of the START Initiative in the State of Texas:
 - a. To initiate committees in regional areas of the state;
 - b. To facilitate the development of ongoing regional meetings within the state;
 - c. To act as a liaison between the regional committees and the START Core Planning Committee;
 - d. To develop a needs assessment instrument in order to gather information on disaster-related needs within the state of Texas;
 - e. To secure funding to support the development of the START Initiative; and
 - f. To explore methods of sustainability of the START Initiative once funded.
4. To provide education, outreach, and advocacy-regionally and statewide-about disaster planning, response, and recovery.