



EOC Vision

A disaster-prepared and resilient community.

EOC Mission

To serve as the coordinating focal point for preparedness, response, recovery, and education in any emergency or disaster that disrupts the community.

- The Austin Police Department Emergency Management Unit has been fundamental to the City and County-wide response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Austin Travis County Emergency Operations Center (ATCEOC) was opened on March 13th and maintained 12 hour operational periods for most of the event.

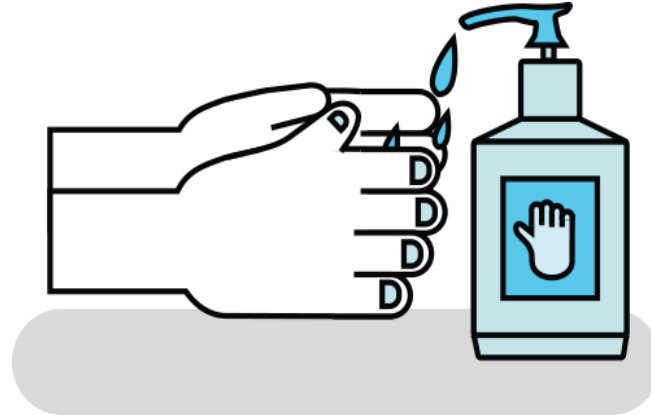
Working alongside Command and Executive Staff as well as leaders from HSEM, Austin Public Health, Travis County, AFD and EMS, the ATCEOC quickly mobilized and initiated planning for the pandemic response.



- APD has worked with the ATCEOC in developing safety protocols and guidelines for officers and other first responders.
 - Worked with APH to initiate APD testing, isolation and quarantine guidelines.
 - Worked to develop innovative staffing strategies to keep essential workers safe and teleworking employees engaged and informed.
 - Worked with our law enforcement partners to develop enforcement protocols according to CDC, State and local guidance.
 - APD Public Information Officers, through the ATCEOC JIC, worked diligently to provide a unified message for a whole-community approach to the COVID-19 response.



- SE/EMU staff created and assisted with training for proper use of the following equipment.
 - Approx. 3500 N95 masks to sworn and civilian personnel.
 - Approx. 2500 digital thermometers.
 - Approx. 2500 cloth masks and filters.
 - Approx. 25,000 surgical masks.
 - Approx. 2500 disinfecting chemical sachets for mask cleaning.



- Sourcing and procuring PPE equipment during this time has proven challenging. EMU staff worked with the Austin Police Association, APD Purchasing and Finance and the ATCEOC to source, procure and establish supply lines for PPE to keep our officers and civilian employees safe.

The generosity of our first responder partners and the Austin Community was also apparent through the many donations of PPE and offers of assistance that were received.



- APD developed and created a process for the decontamination of police vehicles based upon an EMS process. Special decon kits were assembled and deployed throughout the agency.

This process, and the accompanying training, has been referred to several other agencies.

Logistical support

- APD tracked down and purchased additional resources to ensure sufficient quantities of PPE for Sworn and Non-sworn staff.
- APD worked with the following community partners who donated additional PPE for assistance with COVID-19:
 - APA
 - Donations of masks, eye protections and other resources
 - Deep Eddy Vodka
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Titos Vodka
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Desert Door Distillery
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Rebecca Creek Distillery
 - Hand Sanitizer
 - Balcones Distillery
 - Hand Sanitizer
 - Austin Chinese Community COVID19-Fighting Alliance (ACCCA)
 - N95 masks
 - Medtomarket
 - N95 masks
 - McConaughey's
 - N95 masks





- APD has been part of the PACE program assisting code enforcement. Since March 15 the city has received 4967 calls for COVID related violations.
- These operations primarily involve community education and have been in operation almost daily since March 15, 2020.

- APD worked with APH and the ATCEOC to establish and provide ongoing security for one Isolation Facility (ISOFAC) location, five testing locations, four Protective Lodging (Prolodge) locations, and multiple Food Bank distribution sites. One ISOFAC AND 2 alternative care sites are on hold.



Questions?