07.03.01.B1 Political Activity

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Rule Summary

As an agency of the state of Texas and a member of The Texas A&M University System (system), the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) will maintain a neutral position on all issues related to political campaigns as well as state and federal legislation. TDEM encourages elected officials and candidates to visit TDEM to learn more of our operations and its facilities, but political campaign events may not be held on TDEM property.

Definitions

<u>Texas Division of Emergency Management Facilities (TDEM Facilities)</u> – a term which includes any property or facilities owned, leased or operated by TDEM or by the system for the use of TDEM.

Rule

1. Political Activity in TDEM Facilities

No political campaign events may be held in TDEM Facilities.

- 2. TDEM Neutrality on Political Issues and Campaigns
 - 2.1 Pursuant to state law and system Board of Regents (board) policy, employees of TDEM, while acting on behalf of the agency or in an official capacity, will take no actions which may be construed to support or oppose any legislation, political issue, or candidate for office.
 - 2.2 Pursuant to state law and board policy, TDEM resources will not be expended for any purpose which could be construed to support or oppose any legislation, political issue, or candidate for office unless such expenditure is specifically authorized by statute.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

System Policy 07.03, Conflicts of Interest, Dual Office Holding and Political Activities

System Regulation 07.03.01, Political Campaign Events in Facilities Under the Control of The Texas A&M University System

Tex. Gov't Code §§ 556.002(b), 556.003, 556.004, 556.006, 556.007

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