**REGION 6 HIGHER EDUCATION COLLABRATIVE**

**Mission.** The mission of the Region 6 Higher Education Collaborative is to establish a regional community of educators, researchers and emergency managers, engaged in an ongoing dialogue to share information and foster collaboration among the emergency management field and colleges, universities, and Centers of Excellence in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Tribal Nations within those borders.

**Purpose**. To convene emergency management academics and practitioners with a focus on emergency management research, campus preparedness and growing the next generation of emergency managers.

**Goals.** Our goals are to:

1. Assist in establishing professional relationships between the Region 6 Higher Education Collaborative, Emergency Management practitioners in the field at federal, tribal, state, regional, and local levels;
2. Enhance visibility of the Region 6 Higher Education Collaborative within the area encompassed by the States of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Tribal Nations;
3. Identify and recruit representatives from colleges and universities in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Tribal Nation to the Region 6 Higher Education Collaborative;
4. Promote education, training, and research associated with institutions of higher education;
5. Confront challenges facing academic programs;
6. Incorporate practical experience and experiential learning into academic curricula;
7. Promote diversity in the profession;
8. Host bi-monthly Region 6 Higher Education Collaborative General meetings and an annual Summit of the Region 6 Higher Education Collaborative;