Air Operations

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Katrina Lessons:

- It was a MIRACLE that there were NO aviation mishaps!
- Lack of airspace coordination.
- Lack of mission coordination.
- Lack of ground support.
• Our Mission

– SAFETY!

– Develop a statewide Emergency Air Operations Plan

– Develop an organization for aviation mission coordination
• **Who:**
  - Any agency that...
    - Will fly aircraft during an emergency.
    - Potentially need to have resources flown.
    - Coordinate aviation activities.
    - Provide ground support.
• Who:

  • Florida National Guard / DOD
  • Division of Forestry
  • Department of Transportation
  • Civil Air Patrol
  • FAA
  • 1st Air Force / CONR
  • ESFs: 1/3, 4/9, 8, 10, 11, 16
  • Logistics Section
• **When:**

  – Any major emergency which will necessitate a major “airshow”

  – Planning benchmarks:
    
    • Major hurricane in the FL Keys
    
    • Isolated barrier islands
• What:

  – Airspace Coordination:
    • Who’s flying where, why, at what altitude, and how do we know they are there.

  – Mission Coordination:
    • Prevent duplication of effort and neglect elsewhere.
• What:

  – Ground Support:

  • Airport / Landing Zone Readiness
  • Fueling
  • Maintenance
• How:

– Created an “Air Operations” Branch under the Operations Section

– Two sub-units:

  • Aviation Tactical Group
  • Air Support Group

– Invited participation
• How:
  – 3 meetings to date.
  – Future meetings scheduled.
  – Telephone conference simulcast.
- Designate Branch Chief
- Identify Branch Facility
- Group subdivisions
- Draft Executive Order language.
- Airspace Coordination & Safety Plan
• Things to Do:

- Mission Prioritizations
- Asset Identification & Typing
- Request handing process
- Airport recovery & restoration plans
- Aviation fuel plan
• Get Involved:

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