PRELIMINARY OVERVIEW OF THE 2008 COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SURVEY
Response Rate

• As of 5:00 p.m. on 10/14/08:
  – 65 of 67 Counties Responded (97%)
  – 54 of the 65 Counties that responded answered all questions in the survey. (83%)
Survey Question:
In your county who does the Emergency Management Director/Coordinator report directly to?

- Board of County Commissioners: 23%
- County Manager/Administrator: 28%
- Public Safety Director: 19%
- Sheriff: 10%
- Other: 12%
- Mayor: 1%
Survey Question:
Is your County Emergency Management Director/Coordinator a full-time or part-time position?

Part-Time
4%

Full-Time
96%
Survey Question:
Does your County Emergency Management Director/Coordinator have other duties and job requirements that fall outside of the emergency management field?

Yes 39%
No 61%
Survey Question:
How many years of experience in the emergency management field does your County Emergency Management Director/Coordinator have?

- 0-5 years: 15%
- 5-10 years: 16%
- 10-15 years: 28%
- 15-20 years: 18%
- 20-25 years: 7%
- 25-30 years: 13%
- More than 30 years: 3%
Survey Question:
How many years has your County Emergency Management Director/Coordinator held their current position?

- More than 20 years: 6%
- Less than 1 year: 12%
- 16-20 years: 7%
- 11-15 years: 13%
- 7-10 years: 12%
- 4-6 years: 18%
- 1-3 years: 32%
Survey Question: Please choose the current base salary range per year for your County Emergency Management Director/Coordinator

- Less than $25,000: 1%
- $25,000-$50,000: 30%
- $50,001-$75,000: 32%
- $75,001-$100,000: 25%
- $100,001-$125,000: 9%
- $125,001-$150,000: 3%
Survey Question:
Please indicate the highest level of education that your current County Emergency Management Director/Coordinator has completed.

- Bachelor's Degree: 40%
- Master's Degree: 22%
- High School Diploma: 22%
- Associate of Arts Degree: 13%
- GED: 3%
Survey Question:
Does your county have its own minimum standards or requirements for the County Emergency Management Director/Coordinator?

Yes: 63%
No: 37%
Survey Question:
What do you feel should be the top legislative priority for emergency management in the State of Florida for the 2009 Legislative Session?

• Sampling of Answers:
  – Increased funding for County Emergency Management Agencies.
  – Special Risk Designation for Emergency Managers
– Provide technology upgrades/redundant communications between weather field offices (WFO) and transmitter sites that broadcast emergency messages to NOAA weather radios.

– Pet friendly shelter initiative/funding.

– Adequate funding for the State DEM program.

– Disaster Housing Issues

– Give legitimacy to the EM profession by mandating certifications and standards for EM professionals.
Survey Question:
Is your county currently accredited by the Emergency Management Accreditation Program?

Currently pursuing in 2008-09. 7%
Yes 3%
No 90%
Survey Question:
Does your local emergency management agency intend to pursue accreditation through EMAP in the next 1-3 years?

- Yes: 46%
- No: 47%
- Already accredited or pursuing accreditation: 7%
Survey Question:
Do municipalities within your county boundaries have emergency management programs?

Yes 39%

No 61%
Survey Question:
Does your county have a public education/outreach program to educate citizens about how to prepare for disasters and their impacts?

- Yes 93%
- No 7%
Survey Question:
Does your county have active Community Emergency Response Teams?

Yes 80%
No 20%
Survey Question:
Does your county include disability groups or individuals with disabilities in emergency planning or in exercises?

Yes 78%
No 22%
Survey Question:
Does your county preposition commodities (water, meals ready to eat, tarps, etc.) or have contracts in place to provide these items to survivors following a disaster?

Yes 57%
No 43%
Survey Question:
Does your county have an emergency plan in place for fuel needs for vital facilities and first responder needs?

Yes: 89%
No: 11%
Survey Question:
Does your county have a FEMA approved debris management plan?

Yes 50%
No 50%
Survey Question: Does your county have Firewise Communities?

Yes 41%

No 59%
Survey Question:
Is your Emergency Operations Center organized under the Incident Command System (ICS)?

- Yes: 81%
- No: 19%
Survey Question:
Does your county's emergency support functions (ESF's) mirror those of the State?

Yes 78%
No 22%