



## **State Hazard Mitigation Plan Advisory Team Meeting**

July 12, 2011  
1:00 p.m.

### **Meeting Summary**

#### **Opening**

The July 2011 SHMPAT Meeting began at 1:00 PM and was facilitated by Jared Jaworski. Please refer to meeting sign in for attendees.

#### **Welcome – Introductions and Meeting Goals**

Attendees were thanked for their time. Introductions were made around the room and over the phone. An overview of the meeting agenda was given. Please see the meeting's PowerPoint for more details concerning the items discussed below, as well as contact information of the various speakers.

#### **Presentation on the use of portable units for schools- Florida Department of Education by Mr. John T. Olson, Administrator for Planning Area for the Office of Education Facilities and Mr. Jon Hamrick, Senior Education Program Director**

John T. Olson and Jon Hamrick were introduced as representatives of the Department of Education. Mr. Olsen and Mr. Hamrick provided an overview of the definition of relocatables; various types of relocatables; the state and local role in obtaining, using, and maintaining relocatable classroom space; regulations and policy involved; funding sources; annual safety inspections; removal of relocatables; and emergency management and mitigation concerns and facts. The presentation also outlined the differing responsibilities of private and public schools, as well as resources that civil servants and the public can access to learn more.

Mr. Olsen and Mr. Hamrick stressed that relocatable classrooms are governed by the Florida Building Code and must match or exceed design wind speed for an area they will be placed or moved into. All relocatables are subject to local floodplain ordinances.

Relocatables are subject to annual inspections. Policies governing relocatables include Rule 6A-2.0010 and Florida Statutes 1013.20, 1013.21, 1013.37, and 423.25, to name a few. Please see this meeting's PowerPoint for more detail.

### **Floodplain plan integration into the Local Mitigation Strategy**

Jared Jaworski provided an update on the progress of the best practices guide to integrating floodplain management into local mitigation strategies. The guide is currently being finalized.

### **Florida Forest Service Wildfire Mitigation Guide and Wildfire Season Update – Daniel Stanley, Florida Forest Service**

Jared Jaworski introduced Daniel Stanley with the Florida Forest Service and asked him to provide an update on the progress of the Wildfire Mitigation Guide, as well as the 2011 fire season. The guide is in its final stages of completion. Mr. Stanley explained that the winter of 2010 resulted in hard freezes which, combined with a neutral El Nino / La Nina and higher level of the jet stream, have moved the usual storms that would have already affected Florida and generated tornadoes in other parts of the country. This has resulted in a drought index as high as experienced in 1998, which was among the worst fire seasons in Florida. As of June 20, 2011, 450 fires were burning over 200,000 Florida acres. Nevertheless, mitigation to homes appears to be working. Structures involved in these fires have dramatically decreased to result in a several hundred structure difference from past seasons. The Florida Forest Service suspects this is due to a strong prevention message and mitigation plan.

### **SHMPoints Newsletter**

Jared Jaworski presented the first edition of the new quarterly SHMPoints Newsletter and invited participants to submit short 250-300 word articles. Please see the July 2011 Meeting Package for a copy of this newsletter.

### **SITE Report**

Carly Cermak gave a brief overview of the SITE report. The Bureau will be releasing results of the internal review of the SITE at the next meeting. Please see the July 2011 Meeting Package for a copy of this quarter's SITE report.

### **Funding Opportunities**

Joy Duperrault provided an overview of currently open grant cycles. FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Programs are accepting applications for funding consideration under the FY12 HMA Grant Programs now through close of business October 3, 2011. All applications must be submitted via eGrants for Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC), and Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL).

### **Announcements/Comments**

Jared Jaworski and Joy Duperrault explained that SHMPAT liaisons will soon be receiving bi-weekly emails from the mitigation bureau which are intended to entertain and educate civil servants and the general public interested in mitigation. These emails will contain fun facts taken from the 2010 Enhanced State Hazard Mitigation Plan

(SHMP). Anyone wishing to be added or subtracted to the list should email [DEM-SHMPAT@em.myflorida.com](mailto:DEM-SHMPAT@em.myflorida.com).

**Next meeting is October 4, 2011 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm**

**Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.**