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2011 Hurricane Season Video Message from FDEM
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Mike DeLorenzo, Response Bureau Chief and SERT Chief:

“So I was in the State EOC when Andrew hit Monday morning at five am. And what it looked like, it looked like the path of a giant tornado that was five to ten miles wide and had swept across the area. And then in a matter of 72 hours, the state of Florida was impacted with the worst disaster in its history.”

David Halstead, Deputy Director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management:

“During the 2004 storm season, I was the Emergency Services Branch Chief. Well, during '04, of course Charley was the first storm. So the first storm itself would have been enough of storm season for Florida, but of course it was followed by three others, which really made it a season that's been unparalleled to the present.”

Linda McWhorter, Planning and Training Manager, FDEM:

“The Tropical Storm Fay incident, I was the Operations Section Chief for the division. During Tropical Storm Fay, it was the first time in Florida's history that a tropical storm had actually made four separate landfalls in the state of Florida. Pretty much two-thirds of the state of Florida was impacted by Fay, to the tune of millions of dollars of damage to the citizens of Florida.”

David Halstead:

“Well I think all seasons are typical in the fact that we hope it doesn't hit us, but if it does hit us we have to be prepared. Because once the winds start coming, no one is going to come rescue you. The 2011 Atlantic Hurricane Season is here. Get your family's plan today at FloridaDisaster.org. Because you've got to be prepared, you've got to have a plan, if you don't have a plan there's nothing anyone can do. Only you can have that plan.”

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