



STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

"State Emergency Response Team"

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Dear County Directors,

Thank you for attending this session of the 2006 "Current Issues In Emergency Management" Seminar. These annual meetings are designed to give you an overview of the State Emergency Response Team operations, the Division's programs, as well as an opportunity to meet individually with DEM staff.

More importantly, it is a time for us to learn more about how we can best support you and your local operations as together we strive to meet the needs of the 17 million residents who call the great state of Florida home.

I hope you will find the next two days to be informative and helpful.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Craig Fugate".

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CIEM Schedule of Activities



Tuesday, October 24, 2006

10:00am - 1:00pm

Registration/SERT Badge Updates

Location: Front Desk/Lobby

1:00pm - 1:30pm

Welcome

Speakers: W. Craig Fugate, Director of Florida Division of Emergency Management

Location: EOC, Big Room

1:30pm - 2:45pm

County Showcase

Speakers: Martin County, Seminole County, and Chris Floyd with American Red Cross

Location: EOC, Big Room

2:45pm - 3:00pm

Domestic Security- The State of Florida, in cooperation with county/municipal representatives, is establishing and maintaining a comprehensive program to prepare for and manage the impacts of terrorist and cyber terrorist events. The program will provide for continuing assessment of the State's vulnerabilities, planning, and training to prepare for and respond to such events, pre-deployment of specialized response capabilities throughout the State, and definition of the operational concepts to be utilized to manage an actual or suspected event.

Speaker: Tina Mazanek

Location: EOC, Big Room

3:00pm - 3:15pm

Break

3:15pm - 4:15pm

Panel Discussion: NIMS Compliance- When NIMS is fully implemented, states and local jurisdictions will be able to:

- Ensure common and proven incident management doctrine, practices and principles are used to plan for protect against, respond to and recover from emergency incidents and preplanned events
- Maintain a response operation capable of expanding to meet an escalating situation and the ability to integrate resources and equipment from intrastate and interstate mutual aid agreements, state-provided assistance and federal government response;
- Order and track response assets using common resource typing and definitions, and draw on mutual aid agreements for additional assistance
- Establish staging and allocation plans for the re-distribution of equipment, supplies and aid coming into the area from other localities, states or the federal government through mutual aid agreements;
- Conduct situational assessments and establish the appropriate ICS organizational structure to effectively manage the incident; and
- Establish communication processes, procedures and protocols that will ensure effective interoperable communications among emergency responders, 9-1-1 centers and multi-agency coordination systems such as Emergency Operations Centers (EOC).

Panel Members: David Halstead – Moderator, Carla Boyce, Chuck Hagan, Sean Loughlin, and Steve Watts



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Location: EOC, Big Room

4:15pm - 4:35pm

County Capability Assessment- Is a vital part of the overall review of local Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans. These plans are reviewed by the state to ensure compliance with 9G6 of the Florida Administrative Code (FAC) on a four (4) year review cycle. Each county is required by contract to conduct exercises and drills on an annual basis. These exercise and drills, plus the actual events that will occur over a 4 year period, will provide ample opportunity for the capability assessment team which is comprised of (at a minimum) the area coordinator and the field operations manager, to evaluate the functions outlined in this assessment

Speaker: Linda Brown

Location: EOC, Big Room

4:35pm - 4:55pm

Local Mitigation Strategy- Is broad based, pre-disaster planning that provides highly effective and analytical methods of integrating hazard mitigation into routine policy decision making as well as the capital improvement programs of local governing bodies. Mitigation programs include: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program; Flood Mitigation Assistance Program; Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Trust Fund, and Community Development Block Grant Fund.

Speaker: Leroy Thompson

Location: EOC, Big Room

Wednesday, October 25, 2006

7:15am - 8:00am

Registration

Location: Front Desk/Lobby

8:00am - 8:15am

Training and Exercise- For the State's emergency management program to be successful, an effective and comprehensive Training and Exercise program is essential. The Division has designed a program with annual training and exercise components to evaluate the ability of the State and it's subdivisions to respond to minor, major and catastrophic disasters.

Speaker: Jim Roberts

Location: EOC, Big Room

8:15am - 8:30am

Citizen Corps- Citizen Corps, a vital component of USA Freedom Corps, was created to help coordinate volunteer activities that will make our communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to any emergency situation. It provides opportunities for people to participate in a range of measures to make their families, their homes, and their communities safer from the threats of crime, terrorism, and disasters of all kinds.

Speaker: Erin Hays

Location: EOC, Big Room



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Wednesday, October 25, 2006 (continued)

8:30am - 9:00am

Interoperability/Information Management- Is the ability of products, systems, or business processes to work together to accomplish a common task. The term can be defined in a technical way or in a broad way, taking into account social, political and organizational factors. In telecommunication, the term can be defined as the ability of systems or units to provide services to and accept services from other systems or units and to use the services exchanged to enable them to operate effectively together. With respect to software, the term interoperability is used to describe the capability of different programs to exchange data via a common set of business procedures, and to read and write the same file formats and use the same protocols.

Speakers: Chuck Hagan, Carla Boyce

Location: EOC, Big Room

9:00am - 9:15am

Debris Management- County has established a debris management program that addresses clearing debris, removing, transporting and disposal of debris.

Speaker: Phil Worley

Location: EOC, Big Room

9:15am - 9:30am

Continuity of Operations- (COOP) is really "good business practice" to ensure that county and state agencies can maintain and continue operations. A COOP plan should identify those essential functions that are critical missions to implement a transfer vital essential function to alternate relocations in the event of an emergency or disaster resulting in disruption of normal and critical operations.

Speaker: Wendell Dumas







Location: EOC, Big Room

9:30am - 9:45am

Break

9:45am - 11:15am

Panel Discussion: House Bill- 7121- A bill relating to emergency management that provides for the legislature to make funds available to local and state agencies in response to the 2004-2005 hurricane season. This bill provides funding for:

-  Construction or renovation of county emergency operations centers and designated alternate facilities
-  Equip public special needs hurricane evacuation shelters with the permanent capacity to generate emergency power
-  Retrofit public hurricane evacuation shelters
-  improve logistical staging and warehouse capacity of commodities
-  hurricane evacuation planning
-  alternate generated power capacity for motor fuel dispensing facility

Panel Members: Eve Rainey-Moderator, Carla Boyce, Danny Kilcollins, Patrick Odom, Chuck Hagan

Location: EOC, Big Room



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11:15am - 11:45am

SERT Liaison/National Guard LNO Roles and Responsibilities-

SERT Liaisons and National Guard Liaisons are State resources tasked with facilitating communication of information between the SEOC or FLGN and the impacted county. They also serve as the single point of contact between the county and the SEOC or FLNG for resource requests and information.

Speakers: Sheri Powers, MAJ Warfel

Location: EOC, Big Room


11:45am - 12:30pm

Break

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Department of Health: State and Local Coordination Issues-

 State Pandemic Influenza Plan

 Concept of operations is within our own framework of a State CEMP

(**Working Lunch**)

Speakers: Ray Runo, Carla Boyce

Location: EOC, Big Room

1:30pm - 2:00pm

State Warning Point- The Division of Emergency Management operates the State Warning Point, a 24hour emergency communications center that provides Florida with a single communications point for reporting incidents. The State Warning Point disseminates warnings to local, state and federal government officials of potential or unfolding emergencies, and collects information from the affected areas pertaining to potential or ongoing emergencies or disasters.

Speaker: Dawn Irvin

Location: EOC, Big Room

2:00pm - 2:30pm

Fire Management- The destruction and hazards associated with wild land fires could be minimized with appropriate prevention and mitigation efforts. The increase in the wild land/urban interface areas necessitates the rapid development and implementation of a comprehensive wildfire prevention and mitigation program in Florida. Funding strategies and incentives that foster prevention and mitigation, and fire safe activities, are critical to the overall success in reducing wildfire risks. If Florida does not take the necessary preventative efforts to ensure wildfire safety, the devastation experienced in the wild land fires of 1998 will not only be repeated, but will also increase in severity.

Speaker: Bruce French

Location: EOC, Big Room

2:30pm - 2:45pm

Break

2:45pm - 4:30pm

Breakout Sessions/ Office Hours:

County Logistics Planning- Counties will develop a localized County Logistics Plan as an annex to their CEMP that supports and is supported by the State Unified Logistics Plan. The County Logistics Plan must address how the county will support local municipalities, unincorporated portions of the county, public shelters (general and special needs), critical facilities, County Staging Areas (CSA) and County Points of Distribution (POD); with resources such as emergency power, pumping, material handling equipment, food, water and medical supplies, as well as other necessary resources.



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Moderators: Chuck Hagan, Connie Nunn




Location: Kelly Training Center, Sadowski Building 3rd Floor

Disaster Recovery Center- (DRCs) are set up to provide information and assistance to the victims of a disaster. In a disaster of significant size, each declared county will normally have a DRC established, responsibility for which is jointly shared by the state, FEMA and the county where they are located. To the extent practical, they are staffed by representatives from each state, federal and local program which has a responsibility to provide services to victims.

Moderator: Bart Frost

Location: EOC, Conference Room 120C

GIS for Decision Making- Provide tools for decision makers and responders that will facilitate decisions which positively impact the outcome of an event. During activation, provide support through ESF5: Information and Planning. During non-activation primary goals of the lab is to enable, assist and leverage technologies, information and datasets utilized by state agencies to perform their daily activities. Responsible for, but not limited to:

-  Spatial Analysis
-  Groove Virtual Office
-  Web Development

Moderators: Richard Butgereit, Erika Pitman

Location: EOC, Big Room

Temporary/Long Term Housing- Provide assistance to affected individuals and households within Presidential-declared disaster zones to enable them to address disaster-related housing and other necessary expenses and serious needs, which cannot be met through other forms of disaster assistance, insurance, or through other means.

Moderator: Roy Dunn

Location: EOC, Conference Room 130D

5:30pm - 7:00pm

Current Issues Reception- Florida Emergency Preparedness Association
Location: University Center Club at Doak Campbell Stadium on the Florida State University Campus



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7:15am - 8:00am

Registration

Location: Front Desk/Lobby

8:00am - 9:00am

County CEMP Plan Review/Criteria/Rule 9G6- These planning criteria are arranged to provide guidance for the development, review and capability demonstration of Local Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans (CEMPs). It is designed to parallel the Federal Response Plan with twelve emergency support functions and the state Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan with seventeen emergency support functions mirroring the Federal twelve. Local Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans are not required to mirror the State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, but should identify the organizational structure and resources available to the jurisdiction to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate identified hazards.

Speakers: Carla Boyce and Sean Loughlin

Location: EOC, Big Room

9:00am - 9:30am

Critical Infrastructure - The Critical Infrastructure/Facilities staff are responsible for the Division's hurricane shelter survey and retrofit program, and also take the lead on facilities related plans and initiatives. The topics that will be covered by this presentation are: a brief overview of the 2006 Statewide Emergency Shelter Plan, facilities related Base Grant scope-of-work items (shelter retrofits, special needs shelter emergency power, enhanced hurricane protection area, fuel strategy, etc.) and, time permitting, HB7121 issues.

Speaker: Danny Kilcollins

Location: EOC, Big Room

9:30am - 10:00am

El Nino Update/ Impact to Florida- According to the Climate Prediction Center and most meteorological experts, we have once again entered into an El Nino episode. El Nino is defined as an unusual warming of the waters in the equatorial Pacific region that impacts global weather patterns. Some of Florida's largest tornado outbreaks (1983, 1998) have been associated with strong El Nino events. Will this El Nino grow into a moderate or even strong event this winter? What are the potential temperature, rainfall, and severe weather impacts from this event during the upcoming months? Meteorologists from the Melbourne Weather Forecast Office have extensively studied El Nino's impacts on Florida's weather patterns and will provide a briefing on this year's event.

Speaker: Bart Hagemeyer, Melbourne Weather Forecast Office

Location: EOC, Big Room

10:00am - 10:15am

Break

10:15am -11:00am

Earthquake/Tsunamis/Tsunami Ready- A magnitude 6 earthquake in the central Gulf of Mexico following a 5.2 earthquake in the vicinity seven months earlier? What are the causes of this and does seismic activity need to be considered in Florida's emergency plans? Also, the National Weather Service is moving forward with their plans to make Florida's coastal communities "Tsunami-Ready". What are the specific tsunami threats to Florida and what do your beach



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communities need to do to become Tsunami-Ready? Dan Noah, the Warning Coordination Meteorologist from the Tampa Bay Weather Forecast Office, will fill you in on the details of these low-frequencies but deadly events and how to meet the "Tsunami-Ready" criteria.

Speaker: Dan Noah, Tampa Bay Weather Forecast Office

Location: EOC, Big Room

11:00am - 11:15am

HazCollection/Warning Systems- The National Weather Service is developing an all-hazards emergency message collection system known as HazCollect. In the future, this system will collect and efficiently distribute non-weather emergency messages (NWEMs) through the National Weather Service's dissemination infrastructure, including NOAA Weather Radio and the Emergency Alert System (EAS). Emergency managers will use the Department of Homeland Security's Disaster Management Interoperability Services (DMIS) to write and post NWEM text messages. Dan Noah will review the plans for implementation of the HazCollect system in Florida.

Speaker: Bob Goree, Tallahassee Weather Forecast Office

Location: EOC, Big Room

11:15am - 11:30am

Hazardous Weather Awareness Week 2007- Florida's annual Hazardous Weather Awareness Week takes place from February 12-16, 2007. State Meteorologist Ben Nelson will preview the week's activities and detail the distribution plans for the Lightning Ledger, which will be this year's hazardous weather guide.

Speaker: Ben Nelson

Location: EOC, Big Room

11:30am - 12:00pm

Question & Answer

Speakers: W. Craig Fugate and FDEM Bureau Chiefs