GOVERNOR SCOTT AND LT. GOV CARROLL VISIT AND TOUR STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

Governor Rick Scott and Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll made their first official visit to the State Emergency Operations Center last week, and received an hour-long briefing on the facility's capabilities and the role of the State Emergency Response Team during disasters.

Director David Halstead and Major General Emmett Titshaw, the Adjutant General of the Florida National Guard, gave the operations briefing which included an overview of Florida's highly developed response network. This network is composed of hundreds of emergency management partners at the local, state and federal level to ensure a rapid and effective response in the event of a disaster.

Governor Scott commended both Director Halstead and Maj. General Titshaw for their outstanding service to the state, and acknowledged the Division of Emergency Management's "international reputation" for its high preparedness and response standards. Senior agency staff were on hand to brief Governor Scott and Lt. Governor Carroll on numerous issues, including: evacuations, disaster logistics, communications, food and medical supply distribution and other key functions of the state's responsibilities during disasters.

"We have a great team and the state is well prepared," said Governor Scott at the conclusion of the briefing.

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