STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM TO CONDUCT ANNUAL STATEWIDE HURRICANE EXERCISE, MAY 28- JUNE 3, 2009

“Hurricane Suiter” exercise will allow state and local agencies to test response and recovery capabilities.

TALLAHASSEE- State agencies will convene at the State Emergency Operations Center beginning Thursday, May 28, 2009 as the Florida State Emergency Response Team (SERT) to conduct the annual statewide hurricane exercise.

‘Hurricane Suiter’ is the 2009 version of the Great Miami Hurricane of 1926 that will challenge disaster response and recovery teams. This year, state, federal and local partners will be testing catastrophic plans and operations through June 3, with additional training events during the month of June.

The State EOC will be activated with anticipated hours of service from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday and Friday, May 28-29 and again Monday through Wednesday, June 1-3. All 18 emergency support functions (ESF’s) and 67 county emergency-management agencies are expected to participate during the 5-day event.

*Media Availabilities – EOC access

All media are invited for B-roll access to the EOC between the hours of 10 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. on drill days unless otherwise noted or advised.

Parking

Parking will be limited. Please make sure your vehicle has identification.

Shuttles will be available to remote lots.

Media please report to the south entrance of the EOC, located off Capital Circle, SE at 2575 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, Florida for credential check and facility access.

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