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EMERGENCY MANAGERS TO MEET FOR ANNUAL "CURRENT ISSUES" SEMINARS

TALLAHASSEE – Over 100 local and county emergency management officials will convene Tuesday at the State Emergency Operations Center for the first session of the 2007 *Current Issues in Emergency Management Seminars*, hosted by the Division of Emergency Management (DEM). DEM Director Craig Fugate will kickoff the three-day session titled "*Sweatin' the Small Stuff*," which is designed to give local managers an overview on the state's operation, current programs, as well as an opportunity to meet with members of the State Emergency Response Team (SERT).

"Again this year we will be featuring a local showcase panel to highlight some of the best practices across the state," said Director Fugate. "It's an important time for us to learn how we can best support each other as together we strive to meet the needs of the nearly 18 million residents who call the state of Florida home."

In addition to the local showcases by Duval and Sarasota counties, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida, discussion topics will include; National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliance, Recovery, Mitigation, and new products from the National Hurricane Center.

The annual session will repeat a similar agenda (Session 2) later this month, October 23-25, to allow additional participation among the emergency management community. All of Florida's 67 counties have an emergency management program.

"We have learned that flexibility is a key element to any plan so we've offered dual sessions again this year so our colleagues can work around any local events and still join us at the State EOC," added Fugate.

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STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER TO HOST CURRENT ISSUES IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SEMINARS

WHO: Division of Emergency Management Director Craig Fugate and staff from the Florida Division of Emergency Management (DEM), members of the State Emergency Response Team, and county emergency management directors.

WHAT: 2007 Current Issues in Emergency Management Seminar

WHEN: Tuesday through Thursday, October 9 -11, 2007

*******MEDIA AVAILABILITY*****Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.**

**WHERE: State Emergency Operations Center (South entrance)
2575 Shumard Oak Blvd, Tallahassee, FL 32399**

WHY: The Florida Division of Emergency Management (DEM) will host the first of two seminars at the State Emergency Operations Center in Tallahassee. The annual meetings are designed to give county emergency managers an overview on the state operation and programs as well as an opportunity to meet individually with Director Craig Fugate and DEM staff.

This year's sessions titled "Sweatin' the Small Stuff," will also showcase activities and best practices by counties as part of the multi-day seminars.

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(see Agenda Below)

Agenda

Tuesday, October 9, 2007

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| 10:00am - 1:00pm | Registration
Location: Front Desk/Lobby |
| 1:00pm - 1:10pm | Welcome
Speakers: Ruben D. Almaguer
Location: EOC, Big Room |
| 1:10pm – 1:40pm | “Sweatin’ the Small Stuff”
Speakers: Craig Fugate
Location: EOC, Big Room |
| 1:40pm – 3:00pm | County Showcase
Speakers: Duval County, Sarasota County, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida
Location: EOC, Big Room |
| 3:00pm - 3:15pm | Break |
| 3:15pm – 3:45pm | National Hurricane Center Products and Operations
Speaker: Dr. Rick Knabb, National Hurricane Center
Location: EOC, Big Room
New products from the National Hurricane Center such as Wind Speed Probabilities, Storm Surge Probabilities, and the Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook will assist your operations when tropical storms or hurricanes threaten our state. Dr. Rick Knabb discusses these new products followed by a question and answer session. |
| 3:45pm – 4:15pm | Local Considerations when using SLOSH
Speaker: Al Sandrik, National Weather Service JAX
Local factors such as coastal shape, bays, estuary systems and inlets impact storm surge values. This session will cover storm surge theory on a local level as well as recent events in which Florida's coastal features have significantly modified storm surge. |
| 4:15pm – 4:45pm | HazCollect, NOAA Weather Radios, & Hazardous Weather Awareness Week
Speaker: Bob Goree, National Weather Service Tallahassee and Ben Nelson
Location: EOC, Big Room
The National Weather Service has developed an all-hazards emergency message collection system known as HazCollect. In 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). Hazardous Weather Awareness Week takes place February 3-9, 2008 and State Meteorologist Ben Nelson will preview the week's activities and plans for the hazardous weather guide. |
| 5:00pm – 7:00pm | Current Issues/FEPA Reception – University Center Club, FSU Campus |

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

7:15am - 8:00am	Registration Location: Front Desk/Lobby
8:00am - 8:15am	NIMSCAST Speaker: Rupert Dennis, FEMA Region IV Location: EOC, Big Room The NIMS Compliance Assistance Support Tool (NIMSCAST) is designed as the web-based self-assessment instrument for State, County and local governments to evaluate and report their jurisdiction's achievement of all NIMS implementation activities. The NIMSCAST is designed for the emergency management community as a comprehensive self-assessment support tool. NIMSCAST will assist the nation's emergency management community to comply with NIMS requirements.
8:15am - 8:30am	07 Wildfire Season Speaker: Ira Jolly, Division of Forestry Location: EOC, Big Room This presentation will recap the 2007 Wildfire Season. It will provide an overview of the fire weather conditions, severity of the fire season and support from other state and local agencies including lessons learned.
8:30am - 9:00am	Fire Management Assistance Grant Program Update Speakers: Charles Bartell Location: EOC, Big Room Explain the difference between the Public Assistance Program (Disaster and Emergency Declarations) from the Fire Declarations including obtaining Declarations, Fire Cost Thresholds to qualify for FEMA assistance, eligibility issues, and reimbursement procedures. Also, discuss the status and circumstances of the 2007 wildfire season.
9:00am - 9:15am	Debris Management/PA Pilot Program Speaker: Marcia Chiricos and Gary Freekersen Location: EOC, Big Room This is a temporary program lasting until December 31, 2008. The applicant is able to determine which parts of the pilot program they want to use on a Project Worksheet basis. Of the four parts, the extra 5% federal share for having a pre-approved debris plan and regular time eligibility for full time staff performing debris removal work are most beneficial for Florida applicants.
9:15am - 9:30am	Florida National Guard Speaker: Maj. Tad Warfel Location: EOC, Big Room The FLNG plays a vital role in the SERT team, virtually every operation is touched by the FLNG. Civilian skills teamed with military skills and training make the FLNG an valuable asset to the Florida. This presentation highlights the skill sets and possible missions the FLNG can accomplish.

Wednesday, October 10, 2007 (continued)

9:30am - 9:45am	Break
9:45am - 11:15am	Panel Discussion: House Bill- 7121 Status Update Panel Members: Carla Boyce, Danny Kilcollins, John Cherry, Tom Congdon, and Chuck Hagan Location: EOC, Big Room Staff will provide status updates on the comprehensive legislation passed in 2006 relating to emergency management and the funds available to local and state agencies in response to lessons learned during the 2004-2005 hurricane seasons. Updates on funding for the construction of new or renovations of county emergency operations centers and designated alternate facilities will be discussed. Also updates on public special needs hurricane evacuation shelters, retrofitting of public shelters, enhanced hurricane evacuation planning, and required alternate generated power capacity for motor fuel dispensing facilities.
11:15am - 11:45am	Contra Flow Update Speakers: Patrick Odom and Mike Akridge, DOT Location: EOC, Big Room This presentation will provide a general overview of contra-flow routes and procedures. The decision to implement contra-flow is made by the Governor based on recommendations made by FDEM, Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Highway Patrol and the counties to the State Emergency Response Team Chief.
11:45am - 12:30pm	Break
12:30pm - 1:30pm (**Working Lunch**)	Managing the Drought from an EM Perspective & Economic Impacts of Drought Speakers: Olivia McLean, SFWMD and Mary Helen Blakeslee, Location: EOC, Big Room
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1:30pm – 1:45pm	Legislative Update Speaker: John Cherry Location: EOC, Big Room
1:45pm – 2:00pm	County Disaster Plans Review Speaker: Byron Underwood, Tom Congdon and Bart Frost Location: EOC, Big Room
2:00pm - 2:30pm	Resource Management Speaker: Chuck Hagan Location: EOC, Big Room
2:30pm - 2:45pm	Break

Wednesday, October 10, 2007 (continued)

2:45pm - 4:30pm

Breakout Sessions / Office Hours:

County Logistics Planning/State Logistics Response Center

Moderators: Chuck Hagan, Connie Nunn

Location: Rudd Building Conference Room

Scope of Work FY07-08/County Capability Assessments

Moderator:

Location: EOC, Rudd Building Conference Room

GIS for Decision Making/US National Grid/LIDAR

Moderators: Richard Butgereit, Erika Pitman

Location: EOC, Big Room

Thursday, October 11, 2007

7:15am - 8:00am

Registration

Location: Front Desk/Lobby

8:00am - 8:45am

07- 08 Funding and Financial Status Updates

Speaker: Suzanne Adams, Cherie Trainor, Diane Smith and

Tina Quick

Location: EOC, Big Room

8:45am – 9:00am

Introduction

DEM's New Disability Coordinator: An

Speaker: Chip Wilson and Tom Congdon

Location: EOC, Big Room

9:00am - 9:30am

Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) Presentation

Speakers: Dave Halstead and John Wilson, Lee County

Director

Location: EOC, Big Room

Presentation will provide an overview of Multi-Agency Coordination Systems (MACS) as defined by the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and demonstrate how Florida has established multi-agency coordination groups to support incident response and management.

9:30am - 10:00am

ESF 8 System Improvements

Speaker: Raymond Runo, DOH

Location: EOC, Big Room

Presentation will provide information on system improvements within ESF 8. Also information on the concept of operations within the framework of the State's CEMP, health care facilities, and updates on Department of Health issues.

10:00am - 10:15am

Break

Thursday, October 11, 2007 (continued)

- 10:15am -10:45am **Mass Care Procedures at the Local Level**
Speaker: Michael Whitehead
Location: EOC, Big Room
- 10:45am - 11:00am **What's New in ESF 15**
Speaker: Merrilee White
Location: EOC, Big Room
- 11:00am - 11:30am **Mitigation Status Updates**
Speaker: Miles Anderson
Location: EOC, Big Room
- 11:30am - 11:45am **Establishing Perspective on Nuclear Power Plant Events and Emergencies**
Speaker: John Stephenson, Progress Energy Florida
Location: EOC, Big Room
The speaker will make a presentation on the impacts of any event on counties outside of the emergency planning zones of the Florida nuclear power plants. Also, likely minor events that can cause great media interest and potential public over-reaction will be discussed.
- 11:45am - 12:00pm **Disaster Housing Issues**
Speakers: Roy Dunn
Location: EOC, Big Room
The speaker will address issues related to disaster housing and provide information on programs designed to provide assistance to affected individuals and households within Presidential-declared disaster zone. These programs enable citizens 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.
- 12:00pm – 12:30pm **Question & Answer**
Speakers: W. Craig Fugate and Deputy Director and FDEM
Location: EOC, Big Room
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