



**Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security
Executive Committee Meeting
September 6, 2017**

I. Call to Order

Mr. William Vedra, Chair, called the meeting of the Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Executive Committee to order at 8:33 a.m. The meeting was held at Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security, 5300 Strawberry Farms Boulevard, Columbus, OH 43230.

II. Roll Call

Officers Present:

William Vedra, Jr., Chair, representing Mayor Ike Stage, City of Grove City

Members Present:

Ramona Patts, representing Mayor Andrew Ginther, City of Columbus

Cathy Collins, Columbus Division of Public Safety

Christian Selch, Columbus IT Planning & Governance

Lt. Steve Farmer, representing Dana McDaniel, City Manager, City of Dublin

Ken Wilson, representing Franklin County Commissioner Kevin Boyce

Mike Hochron, representing Franklin County Commissioner Marilyn Brown

Erik Janas, representing Franklin County Commissioner John O'Grady

Jim Gilbert, representing Franklin County Sheriff, Dallas Baldwin

Steve Kennedy, Prairie Township

Dan Ralley, City of Upper Arlington

A quorum was present.

Staff and Others Present:

Jeffrey Young, FCEM&HS

Darrel Koerber, FCEM&HS

Labran Alio, FCEM&HS

Becky Brady, FCEM&HS

Kelly McGuire, FCEM&HS

Brian Shang, FCEM&HS

Steve Smith, FCEM&HS

Pam Tickle, FCEM&HS

Fred Bowditch, Franklin County Homeland Security

Kathy Crandall, Franklin County Homeland Security

III. Pledge of Allegiance
Chair William Vedra led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Hurricane Harvey Final Briefing Information – September 1, 2017

A. Director Young reported several facts regarding the Houston, TX (Harrison County) area and the damage created by Hurricane Harvey.

- Governor Abbott signed Texas State Disaster Declaration covering 58 counties
- Governor Abbott requested and was approved for Presidential Disaster Declaration covering 29 counties providing Individual Assistance, Debris Removal and Emergency Protective Measures.
- Flood Control releases decreasing and local water runoff is tapering off.
- Harris County’s (Houston) EOC continues to stay open at Level 1 (Emergency Condition Level).
- 240 Shelters are open providing service to 3,523 evacuees – of those 240, 100 smaller shelters have no occupants.
- Shelters
 - Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center 985
 - George Brown Convention Center 7,550
 - NRG Center 1,030
- AEP – Largest impacted electric supplier reports 76,622 without power. Full restoration expected by September 8, 2017. 4,600 employees and contractors working in service area.
- Texas Military Department
 - 25 locations with 14,132 personnel
 - 600 vehicles
 - 43 boats
 - 32 rotary aircraft (Helo)
 - 11 fixed wing
- American Red Cross
 - 2, 570 personnel mobilized – working in evacuation centers.



Hurricane Harvey Situation Overview - OEMA

B. Director Young had a telephone conversation with Kathy Crandall, Director, Franklin County Homeland Security, who spoke with Bill Meeks, Deputy Emergency Manager, Houston, on September 5, 2017. Deputy Meeks said FEMA is diverting 400 truckloads of water, ice, and food from Houston to Florida in preparation for Hurricane Irma. Houston has all but one water treatment facility at full capacity. Its largest task is 200,000 – 300,000 homes that must be gutted and cleaned out. Deputy Meeks stated he is overloaded with assistance and is diverting 80 truckloads of water out of Houston today.

C. Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)

1. Director Young reviewed the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). EMAC is a national interstate mutual aid agreement that enables states to share resources during times of disaster. EMAC has grown to become the nation’s system for providing mutual aid through operational procedures and protocols that have been validated through experience. EMAC is administered by the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA), headquartered in Lexington, KY.
2. EMAC acts as a complement to the federal disaster response system, providing timely and cost-effective relief to states requesting assistance from assisting member states who understand the needs of jurisdictions that are struggling to preserve life, the economy, and the environment. EMAC can be used either in lieu of federal assistance or in conjunction with federal assistance, providing a “seamless” flow of needed goods and services to an impacted state. EMAC further provides another venue for mitigating resource deficiencies by ensuring maximum use of all available resources within member states’ inventories. Additional information on EMAC is provided in these minutes.



EMAC



EMAC FAQs

3. Mr. Kenneth Wilson stated it is key that the media and public know that FCEM&HS continues to monitor the hurricane situation. Director Young will contact the media to assist in educating the public on EMAC, information on how to volunteer for Hurricane Irma Disaster Relief, and that groups are unable to self-deploy. Ms. Crandall suggested a pre-Hurricane Irma press conference. Chief Gilbert stated the media is always looking for a positive story. Director Young will arrange a Press Conference with the media.
4. The Ohio Task Force was demobilized on September 4, 2017, and are heading home.
5. Ohio Task Force, a 72-person team, is repositioned to go to Florida if needed.
6. The best way to donate to evacuees in Ohio is to give through a faith based organization such as Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD). VOAD is a network of non-profit, primarily faith based organizations with approximately a dozen teams from their network currently in Texas and Florida.



Congressional Affairs Advisory – How to Volunteer for Hurricane
Irma Disaster Relief

7. Lt. Farmer asked if there was guidance that could be provided to law enforcement on Federal, State regulations for deployment to a disaster and the steps that law enforcement agencies can follow. Director Young said he would reach out to OEMA regarding having a workshop regarding the EMAC process, forms to be filed, etc.

8. Lessons learned post Hurricane Katrina that can be utilized with Hurricanes Harvey and Irma are included with these minutes.



Hurricane Katrina Lessons Learned

9. The Hurricanes in Texas and Florida have sparked conversation between Director Young, Jamie Stout, Planner, Brian Shang, GIS Manager, and other FCEM&HS staff on how to model for our community a mitigation plan.

V. FCEM&HS Website

- A. Director Young reported Kelly McGuire, PIO, FCEM&HS, has been working on a mock-up of the Home Page of the new FCEM&HS website. The expected go-live date is September 22, 2017.

VI. Adjournment

Chair Vedra asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Cathy Collins motioned to adjourn; Mr. Erik Janas seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

- VII. Next meeting date: The next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2017. Location is to be determined.

Submitted by:

Rebecca Brady, Recording Secretary

William F. Vedra, Jr., Chair

Jeffrey J. Young, Director

Date

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