

Nassau EM Stakeholders Whole Community Working Group

13 March 2024 Minutes

1040 hrs. – Introductions

The EM Program's Whole Community Working Group provides a quarterly forum to ensure all community populations/groups have an opportunity to voice their concerns and visions for the EM Program, and so that stakeholders can coordinate to leverage resources in support of the EM Program in both blue and gray skies.

Old Business

- EM Program's **5-Year Strategic Plan** – in WebEOC – The Strategic Plan is a living document adjusted by consensus based upon jurisdictional changes, challenges, or opportunities for improvement identified in after-action reports. It establishes long-term programmatic objectives consistent with the EM mission and four overarching goals: Assess local hazards, potential impacts, local vulnerabilities, capabilities, and gaps; Prepare/train to respond to all-hazards incidents, Review and improve internal processes; Equip the EOC with up-to-date technology and supplies to continually improve operational readiness.
- **Communications** and **Human Services** annexes were exercised during the Regional Full-Scale Exercise – no participants or stakeholders voiced a need for substantive written changes to either document based on the extent of play; the review of and suggested updates to each annex were requested from stakeholders last quarter (e.g., professional planners and others responsible for communications technology, mass casualty incident response, infection control, and mass care operations) the most current plans for gray skies are kept in the WebEOC global file library.

Standing Business

- **Stakeholder Preparedness** – all present were asked to provide information as to any changes in their capabilities or capacities to perform their emergency management roles; no stakeholders or departments represented at the meeting provided any updates to their capability or capacity for all-hazards planning, training, exercising, response, or mitigation. All attendees were reminded that they can call or email the NCEM staff anytime with updates to local capabilities or capacities.
- **Hazard Mitigation** – a brief review of the current ranked project list was provided; all present were asked to provide information on any planned or desired projects which include the mitigation of any hazards; no information was provided at the time so individuals were encouraged to email mlwilson@nassauso.com with a synopsis of any projects that will reduce long-term expense of public funds (i.e. a favorable cost-benefit ratio). The County Stormwater Director stated that a proposal for an additional phase of the Thomas Creek Acquisition and Demolition project would be submitted. Attendees were reminded that it is in their best interest to identify potential projects well in advance of the announcement of funding opportunities; there is an annual funding cycle for some mitigation programs while others are tied to specific incidents such as the \$2.77M earmarked for Nassau County following Hurricane Idalia which must be applied for by the end of April or it will be available to other counties.

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Examples of mitigation projects for which the State of Florida has been approved for funding in the past year were provided:

- FY 2023 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Funding to Florida
 - 40 FMA projects, totaling \$24,544,197.05 (federal cost share)
 - Structure Elevations: 31
 - Acquisition/Demolition: 4
 - Project Scoping: 1
- FY 2023 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant Funding to Florida
 - 15 BRIC projects, totaling \$89,699,295.56 (federal cost share)
 - Generator: 6
 - Utility Mitigation: 5
 - Erosion Control: 2
 - Drainage: 2
- *Start thinking about 2024 now!*

New Business

- **5-Year Local Hazard Mitigation Strategy (LMS)** – an annual update of the multi-jurisdictional strategy is provided to FDEM as required by FEMA; it is now time to begin assembling the planning team for the complete re-write of the local strategy to reduce long-term expense of public funds due to the impact of any natural hazard (e.g., wildfire, hurricane, flood); planners from each jurisdiction covered by the LMS need to commit to the process. The County’s newly hired recovery coordinator was introduced and shared that he had a list of (12) individuals who will participate on the County’s behalf. No other jurisdictions provided names of subject matter experts.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
		Quarterly Stakeholders Meeting			Quarterly Stakeholders Meeting			Quarterly Stakeholders Meeting			Quarterly Stakeholders Meeting
Identify LMS Planning Team – Subject Matter Experts from County, City, and Towns			Data Collection and Organization - Planning Team SMEs are assigned the required sections: Planning Process (7), Risk Assessment (11) Mitigation Strategy (8), Plan Maintenance (7), and Plan Update (4)								

2025

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
		Quarterly Stakeholders Meeting			Quarterly Stakeholders Meeting			Quarterly Stakeholders Meeting		LMS & Cross Walk to FDEM	Quarterly Stakeholders Meeting
Planning Team submits final data to Lead		Lead Person’s Writing Period / Stakeholder Input						Stakeholder Review & Final Revisions		Cross-Walk and Revisions as required by FDEM	

- Each jurisdiction must provide vulnerability and risk assessment data for their natural hazards and identify ways to reduce future damage from them (e.g., impact-resistant window panes, tornado shelters, lightning rods, acquisition and demolition, building restrictions in the 100-yr flood plain, mitigation banking, power transfer switching gear for generators at community shelters)

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- EM has launched a public survey on preparedness/mitigation on the [OneNassau.com](https://www.onenassau.com) home page; attendees were encouraged to complete the survey and to ask members of their jurisdictions and work units to complete it; data will help inform the LMS planning process.
- *Hurricane Season begins June 1st* – In partnership with the Nassau County Economic Development Board, EM will be hosting a community **Hurricane Expo** at the EOC from 9-11 a.m. on **May 30th**. Planned presentations include information on the National Weather Service (NWS), emergency preparedness, disaster recovery, and the national flood insurance program. Reservations will be required. DOH Nassau will provide Special Needs Registry brochures for distribution at the event. Nassau EM has recently completed a National Weather Service audit to re-qualify the county as “Storm Ready,” and has been officially recognized by the NOAA NWS as a “Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador”
- **EM Training & Exercises**
 - **Regional Catastrophic Incident Exercise** – the EOC IMT focused on post-disaster operations, including transitional sheltering, transportation, well-being checks, and reunification of displaced residents
 - **Youth Emergency Team** – the sixth cadre of YETies recently completed the eight-week course which included such life-skills as family emergency preparedness, patient triage and first aid, animal handling, shelter operations, fire suppression, post disaster damage assessments, and search and rescue. Enrollment for the next cadre will begin in November with classes beginning in January of 2025.
 - **NWS SkyWarn Storm Spotter** class will be held at 6 p.m. on April 22nd at the EOC
 - **Multi-Year T&E Plan** – includes departmental and position-specific training needs; training survey for all public employees who might participate on the EOC Incident Management Team has been launched on [OneNassau.com/IMT](https://www.onenassau.com/IMT); stakeholders were asked to share the link with their personnel who have disaster response and recovery roles.
 - Online reservations for the EOC’s first free **2nd Thursday Hands-Only CPR Class** “Sold Out” within two weeks of it’s posting.
- **Nassau Co. Medical Reserve Corps**
 - NCEM, parent agency for the Nassau Co MRC unit, received a **\$5,000** grant from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) to maintain operational readiness.
 - **Nassau Co MRC’s LifeSavers Initiative** – since January 2023, 1900+ residents have been taught Hands-Only CPR/AED training plus opioid awareness and Narcan administration by MRC volunteers; the Nassau Co MRC unit’s work in 2023 accounted for 2% of all MRC activity in the entire country. Free training can be scheduled for any small group at their location.
 - New for 2024, the MRC is working with the County Commissioners to launch an initiative to get Nassau recognized as a **HEARTSafe Community**, this national program through CitizenCPR.org encourages bystander CPR and placement of public-access AED units throughout the community.

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- **Upcoming** EM Working Group Plan Reviews will continue as scheduled, but stakeholder input for plans is welcome anytime

2024	30-Dec-23	Jan-Mar	12-Mar-24	Five-Year EM Strategic Plan - Annual Validate/Update	1	2025
2024	30-Dec-23	Jan-Mar	12-Mar-24	Crisis Communication, Public Alerts, and Warnings Annex	1	2025
2024	30-Dec-23	Jan-Mar	12-Mar-24	Human Services Annex (includes Mass Care, MCI, Reunification, and Infection Control)	1	2025
2024	N/A	Apr-June	11-Jun-24	Position-Specific Guides and Job Aids - update as needed	2	2026
2024	N/A	Apr-June	11-Jun-24	EOC Handbook - the Planning Cycle and WebEOC	2	2026
2024	N/A	July	10-Sep-24	<i>Refresher Training pre-Hurricane Season</i>	1	2025
2024	30-Jun-24	July-Sep	10-Sep-24	Logistics and Resource Management Annex	2	2026
2024	30-Jun-24	July-Sep	10-Sep-24	Disaster Volunteer & Donations Management VRC Annex	2	2026
2024	30-Sep-24	Oct-Dec	10-Dec-24	Complete Stakeholder Preparedness Review and Threats & Hazards Incidence and Risk Analyses (SPR-THIRA) - Due in December	3	2027
2024	30-Nov-24	December	10-Dec-24	Training & Exercise Annex with MYTEP - IPP Due to FDEM in January	1	2025
2024	per agency	per agency	10-Dec-24	Continuity of Operations Plans - proof of planning, training, and exercises for Key Stakeholders	1	2025

- **Presentations** were provided on the local *Flood Vulnerability Assessments* in progress – noted was that the City of Fernandina Beach’s Community Rating System (CRS) score increased during the most recent assessment and garnered a 25% discount on Flood Insurance policies for CoFB residents.
 - County Stormwater Director – Katie Peay
 - CoFB Planning Director – Kelly Gibson

Next EM Stakeholder Workshop is Wednesday, June 12th