

Nassau's Whole Community EM Stakeholders Working Group

11 September 2024 – Minutes

EM Program Plan Reviews – Updated maps have been incorporated into EM's Logistics and Resource Management Plans – EM Plans are all available for review in the WebEOC global file library; they can be reviewed by individuals anytime. Plans are tested and improvements are incorporated as needed. Notify EM Planners if you have questions about any of the EM Program's operational plans.

There are two programmatic plans that periodically require us to implement the complete planning process (FEMA CPG-101) for a "full re-write" prior to submission/approval by the FDEM and FEMA:

- the *Comprehensive Emergency Management Program Base Plan (CEMP)*, every four years; next due for final submission to the FDEM by June 2026
- the *Local Hazard Mitigation Strategy (LMS)*, every five years; next due for final submission to the FDEM by September 2025

Training, Exercises, and Outreach Conducted by EM Program Staff

- Held shelter planning sessions and participated in School Shelter walk-throughs and set-up practice
- Participated in the annual NWS Hurricane Tabletop Exercise and NWS forecast products training sessions
- Attended HurrEvac decision support tool training
- Participated in BMC-Nassau's Hospital Evacuation Tabletop Exercise
- Provided ICS Training & a Communications Tabletop for NCSO Explorers
- Activated the EOC to Level 1 in response to the County's Local State of Emergency issued for Tropical Storm Debby
- Conducted an ICS-300 course for the region
- Held monthly Hands-Only CPR classes at the EOC on 2nd Thursday evenings
- Developed three new EM Programs for 2025
 1. *Community Preparedness Passport* – monthly training opportunities on various topics, open to the public
 2. *EMpowerHER* – a week-long summer "day camp" program to introduce young women to emergency management and career opportunities in public safety
 3. *Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)* courses – the goal is to have a CERT in every county sub-division

Continuous EM Program Improvements – partners can log into WebEOC anytime to enter their observations and suggestions in the After-Action form – entries are anonymous – and see and comment on the items that have been included in the Improvement Plan.

Stakeholder Preparedness Updates identifying changes to capabilities and capacities, plans, grants, planned projects, training, and exercises:

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- City of Fernandina Beach – no elected officials present
 - Manager's Office – the City Engineer position is open but no changes to capabilities/capacity
 - CoFB Fire Dept – the Chief has announced retirement; new ladder truck for the new fire station opening at the municipal airport at the end of the month
 - *CoFB Planning – no report*
 - CoFB Police Dept – adding 2 sworn officers and enhancing drone operations
 - CoFB Public Works Operations – busy addressing flooding in the city
 - CoFB Utilities/Stormwater – currently at capacity with the unusually high/extended rainfall and addressing excessive inflow to waste water systems; working to identify underlying damage
- FDOH-Nassau – added a new Operations Manager responsible for public health emergency preparedness and public information
- Nassau BOCC – no elected officials present
 - Manager's Office – no changes to capabilities or operational capacity
 - *Animal Care Services – no report*
 - *Building Dept – no report*
 - Capital Projects – developing a comprehensive bridge maintenance program
 - *Development Services – no report*
 - Fire Rescue – New Station 10 on Edwards Rd in Yulee should be opening before the end of 2024; adding 18 new firefighters, new ladder truck, engine, and tanker; rebuilds of Stations 70 and 90 are in process and plans for Station 30 to move to Still Quarter are with the county
 - *Office of Management & Budget – no report*
 - *Parks & Recreation – no report*
 - *Planning Dept – no report*
 - *Procurement – no report*
 - Public Works – developing master plan for public works to include an overview of the department's capabilities
 - *Road Dept – no report*
 - Stormwater – proposing a mitigation project for the Spring Lake development to be added to the LMS
 - *Strategic Advancement – no report*
- *Nassau Clerk of Courts – no report*
- Nassau Property Appraiser/GIS – no changes to capabilities or operational capacity
- Nassau School District – retention ponds at all schools are full; all schools have completed their fire and active assailant drills; implementing the "Raptor Alert" system at all schools allowing faculty and staff to rapidly alert internal safety personnel or 911 with a button-press from their lanyards – the system will drastically reduce emergency response time.

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- Nassau Sheriff's Office – reorganizing daily operations to address population growth by dividing the county into three districts instead of east/west which will include increasing sworn staff and equipment, reorganizing leadership and increasing dispatch staff;
Emergency Management – awarded UASI funding for a specialized drone for mapping – it will be a regional asset, looking into another drone to collect hazard impact information, adding redundant communications capability with a Starlink system to increase WiFi connectivity and replace one of the SkyBase satellite systems for the EOC; changing the scope of the previous EM Volunteer Coordinator to provide EM Logistics support and resource management for the EOC in blue and gray skies
- *Nassau Supervisor of Elections – no report*
- *Nassau Tax Collector – no report*
- *Town of Callahan – no report*
- Town of Hilliard – recognized by NWS as a Storm Ready Community; Town has designated a Public Information Officer / Event Coordinator, looking for a Public Works Director, Town received a grant to build a new community center which will have offices and gymnasium space that could be used for emergency shelter operations
- Other Stakeholders (Authorities, Boards, Chambers, Committees, Districts, Private Partners) – Nassau County Council on Aging is transferring operation of Nassau Transit to JTA who is in subcontracting to MV Transportation, a nationwide para-transport management company which will not support the \$1 "Island Hopper" for tourists and the general public; NE FL Planning Council will get the new JTA Nassau Transit points of contact for NCEM.
BMC-Nassau has new personnel to replace individuals transferring to their new Nassau Crossing facility which is planned to open November 4th

Local Hazard Mitigation

- In light of the current flooding from our extended heavy rainfall, especially in areas that have not previously experienced significant flooding, partners are asked to consider mitigation strategies and forward projects that might qualify for mitigation funding to MLWilson@nassauso.com
- Local Hazards Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Planning Team Update – Town of Hilliard Commissioners have reviewed current LMS goals and said they agree with the six new goals and have no new goals to add to the list," also provided their updated Comprehensive Plan, flood plain management ordinances, and updated land development regulations, and brainstormed potential projects for inclusion in the new LMS

Next EM Stakeholder Workshop is Wednesday, December 11th, 10:00 – 11:30