Mitigate FL Meeting Minutes

Facilitator: Laura Waterman
Purpose: Quarterly Mitigate FL Meeting
Meeting Location: Florida Division of Emergency Management, Kelley Training Room
2555 Shumard Oak Blvd, Tallahassee, Florida 32399
Also available via conference call and webinar
Date and Time: March 10, 2020 at 1:00 pm

Agenda Item: School Hardening and Harm Mitigation Workgroup Overview
Presenter: Sylvia Ifft, Dept. of Education

- Office of Safe Schools – Legislative requirements:
  - Active Assailant Response Plans
  - Compliance Monitoring
  - Data Repository
  - Emergency Drills
  - Physical Security
  - Mental Health Assistance

- Recommendations:
  - Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission
  - Statewide Grand Jury recommendation
  - Governor DeSantis’ February 12, 2020 letter
    - To improve emergency communications
    - Review FDLE’s threat assessment guidelines

- Marjory Stoneman Douglas Public Safety Commission
  - Investigate system failures
  - Recommendations include: Code red policies, locked doors, limited access to campus,
    designated hard corners/safe areas, train staff on protocols, 1:1 ratio of SRO/Guardian on each
    campus, advertise and promote use of FortifyFL
  - Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program
  - Florida Safe School Assessment Tool (FSSAT)
    - Risk assessment tool used at each school district
    - Helps identify threats, vulnerabilities and appropriate safety controls
  - Physical Security of School Buildings
• Approximately $98 million in funding, but when you divide that by district and then by school, it is a small amount per school

• Hardening and Harm Mitigation Work Group
  o EO 19-45
    ▪ Prevention (School hardening; intervention)
    ▪ Harm Mitigation
  o Best Practices document
    ▪ To provide officials with a tiered approach to security
    ▪ Best practices are researched-based
    ▪ Tiered Methodology start from low-cost, easy to implement to more advanced and expensive measures
  o Work Group Guidelines: Meet as necessary; Target practices in other states
  o Report Requirements
    ▪ Due August 1, 2020
    ▪ Must include best practices, as well as the estimated costs, and timeframes of implementing those best practices
  o Recommendations from Grand Jury Second Interim Report
    ▪ Education on suspicious activity reporting
    ▪ Couple reporting with a professionally vetted instrument
  o Focus area considerations
    ▪ Budget/costs
    ▪ Building codes (new and existing structures)
    ▪ Timeline for implementation
  o Wind mitigation, drainage projects, and elevation projects can positively affect school security

• Questions:
  o Eve Rainey, FEPA: Consider adding a requirement in the Florida Building Code so that any technical systems (such as security and alarms) are connected to emergency generators like other life safety components (like exit signage). Also consider the “per student” construction dollar caps for capital construction and exempt costs for measures that support mitigation (such as safety glass) from those caps.

**Agenda Item:** HMGP Update, Jared Jaworski, FDEM

• Completed Applicant Workshops for DR-4399 in December 2019 and January 2020
• Hurricane Michael Application deadline extended to May 1, 2020
• Question:
  o Laura Nelson – Which application do we use now?
  o Answer: Use the one on the website because it has current FEMA requirements, it’s coded for DR-4399
Agenda Item: PDM and FMA Update, Susan Harris-Council, FDEM

- FMA: 15 applications submitted
  - Total project cost: $3,505,572
- PDM: 13 applications submitted
  - Total project cost: $14,866,276
- Expect FEMA’s determinations around June 1, 2020
- There are three possible determinations:
  - Identified for Further Review (then Request for Information process begins)
  - Not Selected (had funding been available, they would have been selected)
  - Not Eligible (FEMA will issue a written explanation)
- Anticipated final award date is December 2020

Agenda Item: Fla. Admin. Code Rule 27P-22, Laura Waterman, FDEM

- There are proposed changes to the Fla. Admin. Code Rule 27P-22
- There will be a Public Hearing March 13, 2020 at 3:00 PM

Agenda Item: Floodplain Management and Insurance Topics, Barbara Cartwright, FDEM

- Insurance:
  - New rates were supposed to go into effect October 1, 2020
  - November 2019: FEMA announced additional time was needed to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the rating structure to protect policy holders and minimize unintentional negative effects of the transition
  - Congress determined formula for determining rates needed review
  - Implementation will be held off until October 1, 2021
  - Extension allows all policies to switch to new system
  - Private Market Flood Insurance
    - 6 new flood insurers licensed in Florida
    - 5 companies offer Stand-Alone flood insurance policies
    - 1 company offers endorsement and Stand-Alone options
    - OIR is updating Flood Insurance Writers in Florida list
- FL Legislative Updates
  - SB 1842
    - Required disclosure under real estate transaction of any past insurance claims for flood, present flood insurance coverage, past flooding, past FEMA or other federal assistance
    - Disclosure requires notice that the buyer should not rely on seller’s current property taxes because a change in ownership triggers reassessments
    - This bill has not gained traction in the Legislature
  - SB 710: Florida Building Code
• Require that the entire envelope of certain buildings being constructed or rebuilt to be impact resistant and constructed with high wind resistant construction materials
  • Corresponding bill was not proposed in the House
• FEMA/NFIP Flood Risk Map Release Updates
  o All coastal county maps have been released with the exception of Miami-Dade, Glades, Escambia, Bay, and City of Mexico Beach
• Floodplain Mapping, Mike DeRuntz, FDEM
  o Coastal Flood Risk Study is being updated because today’s risk is better defined through:
    o More advanced modeling; Updated elevation data; New climatological data; Super computing resources
    o Important to engage with constituents and encourage them to discuss changes
• Community Rating System
  o Reduces flood insurance premiums
  o Question:
    o Alyssa Hernandez, Florida DEO: What are the costs associated at the local level for being involved with CRS?
    o Answer: it depends on the projects the county performs. The biggest scorer is if the County is in a buyout program.
• State Floodplain Management Office
  o Conduct “State Community Outreach Regional Engagement (SCORE) Community Assistance Visits (CAV)
    o 240 communities per year, as opposed to 16 with traditional CAV
    o Has been very successful and we are receiving very positive feedback from communities

Agenda Item: Outreach, Laura Waterman, FDEM
  • Next meeting will be next week 3/16/2020
  • Outreach Toolkit will have #MitigationMonday resources and other mitigation outreach resources for your use
    o Contact Kristin Buckingham if you have questions Kristin.Buckingham@em.myflorida.com

Agenda Item: The Bulletin, Laura Waterman, FDEM
  • Latest issue released 3/9/2020

Agenda Item: LMS Updates, Laura Waterman, FDEM
  • 9 plans under review, 5 in revisions
  • G-393 trainings coming starting in April
  • Trainings at the Governor’s Hurricane Conference:
    o LMS Update Manual Workshop
    o Mitigation Funding: Application, Benefit Cost Analysis, and Environmental
Next Meeting:  June 9, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in Kelley Training Room / Webinar

Total Attendees: 92 people
In Person Attendees: (24)
- Laura Waterman, Florida Division of Emergency Management (DEM)
- Dan Curcio, DEM
- Michael DeRuntz, DEM
- Susan Harris-Council, DEM
- Brooke Kincaid, DEM
- Jared Jaworski, DEM
- Kevin Hardy, DEM
- Michael Spagnolo, DEM
- Phil Thomas, DEM
- Barbara Cartwright, DEM
- Barry Kincl, DEM
- Jeff Bryan, Florida Department of Corrections (FDC)
- Kristin Gousse, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
- Patti Broadway, Florida Department of Business and Profession Regulation (DBPR)
- Sylvia Ifft, Florida Department of Education (DOE)
- Alyssa Hernandez, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
- Jessie Boyn, DEO
- Caroline Pryor, DEO
- Terry Hume, DEO
- Paul Wotherspoon, DEO
- Sasha Jones, DEO
- Bryan Kenyon, Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA)
- Eve Rainey, Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FEPA)
- Julie Prevost, ICF

Webinar Attendees: (68)
- Miles Anderson, Florida Division of Emergency Management (DEM)
- Miguel Betancur, DEM
- Darcy Abbott, DEM
- Willie Bouie, DEM
- Kristin Buckingham, DEM
- Conn Cole, DEM
- Jose Colon, DEM
- Douglas Galvan, DEM
• Velma Noel, DEM
• Mitch Plummer, DEM
• Renee Singh, DEM
• Gillian Smith, DEM
• Kathleen Marshall, DEM
• Debbie Williams, DEM
• Joseph Bauer, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
• Tracy Woods, DEP
• Melissa Corbett, DEO
• Percy Griffin, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)
• Loren Lowers, Florida Lottery
• Brian Richardson, Florida Department of Transportation (DOT)
• Dianne Screws, Florida Department of Citrus
• Sherry Spiers, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
• Jay Best, Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE)
• Patrick Gardner, Florida Department of Revenue
• Darlene Booker, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
• Cherry Jochum, FEMA
• Gabriela Vigo, FEMA
• Ronald Knapp, United States Geological Survey (USGS)
• Dave Dickens, St. Johns Water Management District
• Leroy Marshall, Suwannee River Water Management District
• Beth McElroy, South Florida Water Management District
• Terese Power, Southwest Florida Water Management District
• Frankie Lumm, Bay County
• Tammy Harris, Citrus County
• Autumn Sherriff, Duval County (Jacksonville)
• Laura Nelson, Flagler County
• Randall Lanier, Hardee County
• Jill Newman, Hardee County
• James Wolfhope, Highlands County
• Angela Barton, Hillsborough County
• Eugene Henry, Hillsborough County
• Christina Hummel, Hillsborough County
• Joe Mastandrea, Hillsborough County
• William Twaite, Hillsborough County
• Randy Van Alstine, Lake County
• Britton Holdaway, Lee County
• Nicole Knapp, Manatee County
• Steve Litschauer, Manatee County
• Randy Hahn, Marion County (Ocala)
• Kenneth Odom, Marion County
• Kenneth Weyrauch, Marion County
• John Mulhall, Orange County
• Robin Hinson, Osceola County
• Joe Mercurio, Palm Beach County
• Ian Eppig, Pasco County
• Jared Lowe, Santa Rosa County
• Kelly Wilson, St Johns County
• Marty Sanders, St Lucie County (School District)
• Sharon Hingson, Suwannee County
• Janet Bowman, The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
• Dan Meeroff, Florida Atlantic University (FAU)
• Jeff Sonne, Florida Solar Energy Center (FSEC) University of Central Florida (UCF)
• Chris Zambito, Atkins Global
• Kelley Boree, CDR Maguire
• Caraly Foreman, CDR Maguire
• Jared George, CDR Maguire
• Krysten Bennet, Langton Consulting
• Leylah Saavedra, Pegasus Engineering
• Michael Garner, Synergy Disaster Recovery