Unit 9: Readiness: Planning for the Threat

Helping make protective action decisions when threatened by tropical cyclones

Decision Making in a Hurricane



Readiness: Planning for the Threat

- Hurricane Readiness Checklist
- Defining the hazards in a hurricane
- Determining vulnerable populations/communities
- Understanding basic behavioral assumptions
- Importance of transportation analyses
- Evacuation Zone basics
- Real-time Risk





Planning for the Threat



Phases of Hurricane Readiness

Hurricane Readiness can be structured around the following phases:

- Pre-season and preparedness
- Monitoring the Storm
- Storm Threat Imminent
- Storm Hazard Impact



HURRICANE READINESS CHECKLIST

For Inland Emergency Managers

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*Lipdate local hurricane operation and evacuation plans and resource lists				
*Revise Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)				
*Reviewlocal emergency management ordinances and update				
*Test Hurrevac and other hurricane technology				
*ReviewStafford Act Policies with State Emergency Management				
*Mitigate Vulnerable Critical Facilities				
*Solidi fy and reviewm utual aid agreements				
*Determine evacuation decision making authority with line of succession				
Emergency Operations Center (EOC)				
*Replenish supplies and check equipment				
*Test communication lines				
*Update activation plans and train staff				
*Update HURREVAC to latest version				
Evacuation Zones				
*Identify Vulnerable populations that may need to be evacuated				
*Review/update evacuation m aps and add/change routes				
*Conduct public awareness campaigns to warn public of vulnerability				
*Design an in-county evacuation plan based on easily communicated zones				
Warning Order Communication Planning				
*Test National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radios				
*Exercise county/local Emergency Alert System (EAS)				
*Participate in National Weather Service (NWS) conference calls/meetings				
*Meet with media outlets to discuss evacuation warning order protocols				
*Meet with local NOAA/NVVS/RFC entities	_			
*Define evacuation order authority within the jurisdiciton				
Shelter Status				
Congregate Shelters				
*KevrewARC 4495 approved shelter list and update				
•Meet with sheltened and shelter requilatory adencies to identify shortfalls	1	1 1		

Hurricane Readiness Checklist

The Hurricane Readiness Checklist should be community-specific:

- The checklist should be time-sequenced
- Identify responsible agencies or officials for each task
- Evaluate priority of actions to be addressed



Importance of the HRC

- Prompts for timely action
- Supports decision/action-making accountability
- Structures documentation
- Ensures coordination and communication
- Facilitates Planning



Pre-Season Considerations

- Revise and update plans
- Train staff, conduct exercises/drills and table-tops
- Conduct pre-season coordination meetings
 - ESF primary/secondary agencies
 - Shelter managers
 - Local and Regional Media



1st Responders take part in "Hurricane Alicia" Full-Scale FEMA exercise drill to test emergency procedures in preparation for the 2006 hurricane season. Marvin Nauman/FEMA photo.



Pre-Season Considerations Evaluate Plan

- Review local hurricane plans and annexes with staff and Emergency Support Function agencies
- Assess jurisdictions capability and resourcesensure realistic/executable plan
- Conduct exercises/drills



Pre-Season Considerations Conduct Training

- Staff
- Elected officials
- Output Primary and Secondary ESF personnel
 - Mass care
 - Evacuation/transportation officials
 - Law enforcement
 - Local volunteers



Pre-Season Considerations Public Education and Awareness

- Use of Media for Communication
 - Devise a strategy that will be effective in your jurisdiction. For example, you will need to consider:
 - Media effectiveness
 - Language and literacy issues
 - Computer literacy and access
 - Special populations



Pre-Season Considerations NWS Coordination

- Meet with Weather Forecast Office (WFO) staff before a storm threatens
- Locate contact information for the National Hurricane Center, River Forecast Centers, other NWS resources
- Understand local WFO operations and advisory products
- Accessing advisory information: websites, conference calls, etc.



Pre-Season Considerations Hazard Analysis and Planning

- Pre-season -Must start with Evaluating the Situation
 - Projections of hazards- Pre-event
 - Degree of severity
 - Extent
 - Then use of Actual forecasts -During the event





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Hurricane Evacuation Study Partnerships

Providing comprehensive technical assistance to decision makers





- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- NOAA: National Weather Service, National Hurricane Center & Coastal Services Centers
- State & Local Emergency
 Management Agencies
- Regional Planning Councils
- Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters
- Other local, state, and federal partners

Hazards Analysis

Helping coastal decision makers understand the maximum impact associated with the main hurricane hazard- Storm Surge

Wind **Storm Surge**

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Flooding



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Hazards Analysis Understanding Hurricane Wind Potential

Decay Model Max Envelope Of Wind- Gulf Coast Approach Max Wind 125kt (144mph) Forward Speed 8kt (9mph) >34Kt(39mph) □ >50Kt(58mph) □ >64kt(74mph) ■ >80Kt(92mph) >95Kt(109mp) >110kt(127mph) Grena StCla - Salho Clay Webst Onacl Calh Drew Cla Union Ashle Holm Kempe Hale lait Dall Hinds lacks lack: Ranki Smith UJim leffe Clark lovin Monn Ĩ Frank Dale Conec offe teen Mario Amite Mille Rapid Wilki Gene W Fel J Georg E Fel Erans Acad 💭 Select Max Envelope Of Wind (MEOW) Max Wind 85kt (98mph) Gulf Coast Approach -Forward Spd 22kt (25mph) ^ Gulf Coast Approach -Forward Spd 8kt (9mph) Max Wind 105kt (121mph) Max Wind 105kt (121mph) Forward Spd 12kt (14mph) Gulf Coast Approach -Gulf Coast Approach -Max Wind 105kt (121mph) Forward Spd 17kt (20mph) Max Wind 105kt (121mph) Gulf Coast Approach -Forward Spd 22kt (25mph) Max Wind 125kt (144mph) Gulf Coast Approach -Forward Spd 8kt (9mph) Max Wind 125kt (144mph) Gulf Coast Approach -Forward Spd 12kt (14mph Gulf Coast Approach -Max Wind 125kt (144mph) Forward Spd 17kt (20mph) Gulf Coast Approach - Max Wind 125kt (144mph) Forward Spd 22kt (25mph) SE U.S.Coast Approach - Max Wind 65kt (75mph) Forward Spd 8kt (9mph) Forward Spd 12kt (14mph) KATRINA2005 SE U.S.Coast Approach - Max Wind 65kt (75mph) SE U.S.Coast Approach - Max Wind 65kt (75mph) Forward Spd 17kt (20mph) <u>85 W</u> 92 W 89 W 88 W 87 W 86 W 84 W 93 W 91 W urricane Warnin ane Watch 💳 Trop.Storm Warning 🔲 Trop.Storm Watch

Maximum Envelope of Winds (MEOW)

Wind Decay Modeling

Hazards Analysis

Understanding Tropical Cyclone Flood Potential



- HURREVAC can be used to monitor threat
- Utilize FEMA Mitigation data to identify coastal flood inundation areas (100/500 year zones)
- Designating flood zones in Surge maps

Hazards Analysis Understanding Storm Surge Potential

- Storm surge has the highest potential for death and damage
- Storm surge is the main reason we evacuate the coast
- Hurricane Evacuation Studies utilize SLOSH for storm surge estimation







Storm Surge Atlas

Providing a picture of the maximum storm surge vulnerability



Evacuation Zones

Question: How does an Emergency Manager communicate the MOM storm surge risk to the public?



Evacuation Zones

Should be designed to effectively communicate the hazard warning order to the public; best practice considerations:

- Created by Local, State, and Federal EMA representatives to move people out of hurricane hazard vulnerable areas.
- Delineated by major geographic features, such as major roads, rivers, political boundaries, etc.
- Mainly designed to get citizens out of storm surge vulnerable areas.
- Designed to improve warning order communication and promotes phased evacuations
- Serve as the foundation for Evacuation Clearance times.

Did you know: Evacuation Zones may include areas that are not vulnerable to Storm Surge. Why is this?



Evacuation Zones

Typical problems and critical life safety issues:

- Zones must be communicated through an extensive public awareness outreach campaign
- Turnover of EM Staff zones are often forgotten
- In reality, evacuations can be politically driven and not planned
- Zone terms are confused with floodplain terms
- Evacuations may not be based on the official zones







Houston Metro Evacuation Zones

Vulnerability Analysis

Helping coastal decision makers identify risk and populations that may need to evacuate

Identifies who/what will be affected?

Facility Type	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4	Category 5
Hancock County					
Casino	2	-	-	-	-
Dam	-	-	-	3	-
EOC	-	-	-	-	1
Fire	2	3	4	1	1
Hazmat	-	4	-	-	-
Hospital	-	-	1	-	-
Hotels	2	2	5	-	-
Marinas/Boat Slips					
Police	-	-	4	-	-
School	1	3	6	1	-
Senior Center	-	-	1	-	-
Shelter	-	-	4	1	-
TOTAL	7	12	25	6	2

Table 5-1: Critical Facilities Summary Table

- Citizens residing in surge prone areas
- Critical facilities
- Mobile/Manufactured home communities
- Vulnerable Shelters
- Roadway network, bridges, critical facilities
- Other areas to be considered?



Vulnerability Analysis

Helping coastal decision makers identify populations at risk from hazards







Vulnerability Analysis

The following table shows the vulnerable population by dwelling unit for the various storm surge zones

County Surge Zones	Population	Mobile Home Population	Permanent Population	100 Percent Tourist Population	High Tourist Population	Low Tourist Population	Vulnerable Population 100 Percent Occ	Vulnerable Population High <u>Occ</u>	Vulnerable Population Low <u>Occ</u>
HANCOCK COUNTY									
COUNTYWIDE	37,384	2,798	34,586	2,422	1,937	969	39,806	39,321	38,353
CATEGORY 1	10,025	233	9,792	899	719	360	13,489	13,309	12,950
CATEGORY 2	18,116	551	17,565	1,218	974	487	21,581	21,337	20,850
CATEGORY 3	26,681	641	26,040	2,346	1,877	938	31,184	30,715	29,776
CATEGORY 4	27,334	719	26,615	2,346	1,877	938	31,759	31,290	30,351
CATEGORY 5	28,112	817	27,295	2,346	1,877	938	32,439	31,970	31,031
OUTSIDE	9,272	1.981	7,291	75	60	30	2,798	2,798	2,798



HURRICANE BEHAVIORAL ANALYSIS

Providing important information on the population and what their intentions are for evacuations and protective actions









Some examples of questions in the public survey

To what extent are you concerned about the threat of a hurricane?
 Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not concerned?

•How likely do you think it is that your home would every be flooded as a result of a hurricane? Is it very likely, somewhat likely, or not likely at all?

If a Category 3 or above hurricane was threatening your community, how likely is it that you would leave your home? Is it very likely, somewhat likely, or not likely at all?

●On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the most likely, how likely do you think it is that you will leave If government officials issue a mandatory evacuation order for a hurricane for your area?

If you had to evacuate how long would it take you and your household to get ready to leave? Would it be less than one day, one day, two days, or three days or more?





Telephone Interviewing

Sample Identification

- Landline and Cell
- Purchase all but last two digits of phone number
 - Random Digit Dialing for those
- Outputer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing
- Interviews Monitored
- Participation Rate
 - Depends on salience of the issue and questions
 - Depends on who's doing the survey
 - Depends on skill of interviewers



Can be measured different ways

Simple Percentages

Intended Destination and Distance Expect to Travel

How Far	Public	Family/Friends	Family/Friends		
Would Go	Shelter	Inside Area	Outside Area	Hotel	Other
	10%	17%	47%	21%	6%
< 10 Miles	27%	16%	2%	1%	7%
10-50 Miles	30%	41%	11%	18%	19%
50-100 Miles	19%	21%	30%	38%	29%
100-200 Miles	17%	11%	28%	26%	23%
> 200 Miles	6%	11%	30%	17%	22%



Q16. If you HAD to evacuate outside of your county, where would you MOST likely go? Would you go to a public shelter in a neighboring county, a hotel, or someplace else?



PROJECTED PUBLIC SHELTER USE:

- Bryan 8%
- Camden 6%
- Chatham 9%
- Liberty 10%
- McIntosh 15%

• African Americans more likely to say they would go to a shelter

Of past evacuees, those who said they stayed in shelters ranged from 1% in Bryan to 10% in McIntosh.





Some Key Findings

- Serious under-concern about surge
- Evacuation intent over-stated
- Evacuation intent highest (and better predictor of actual behavior)
 - For major storms
 - For mandatory or ordered evacuations
 - For households with children
 - With recent real hurricane experience
- Often get "False Experience" effect



Shelter Analysis

Understanding Shelter Need

Key Sheltering Issues:

- Location/Identification
- · Capacity
- Structural Integrity
- Response Rates
- Official vs. Good Samaritan





Shelter Analysis Example: Understanding Shelter Capability in North Carolina

Evacuating People **Evacuating Vehicles Public Shelter Demand** Storm Category/Tourist Standard Standard Worst Case Standard Worst Case Worst Case **Occupancy Level** Scenario Scenario Scenario Scenario Scenario Scenario Category 1-2, Low Occ* 25.403 25.403 13,228 13,228 1.198 1.198 Category 1-2, High Occ* 29,021 29,021 14,494 14,494 1.234 1.234 Category 3, Low Occ* 25,403 13,228 13,228 25,403 1,198 1.198 Category 3, High Occ* 14,494 29,021 29,021 14.494 1,234 1,234 Category 4-5, Low Occ* 25.403 25,403 13,228 13.228 1.198 1.198 Category 4-5, High Occ* 29.021 29.021 14.494 14.494 1.234 1.234

	Local Area D	General			
Evacuating Area	Public Shelter	Friends / Relatives	Hotel/Motel	Out of Area	
Category 1-2 Evacuation Zones	5%	50%	5%	40%	
Category 3 Evacuation Zones	5%	62%	3%	30%	
Category 4-5 Evacuation Zones	2%	67%	1%	30%	
Portion of Coastal County Outside Evacuation Zones	15%	60%	0%	25%	
Adjacent Inland Counties	15%	65%	0%	20%	



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The transportation analysis addresses five primary steps:

- Developing of transportation evacuation zones and scenarios
- Establishing an evacuation roadway network
- Calculating the number of evacuees and vehicles
- Conducting evacuee trip generation and assigning destinations
- Routing evacuees along the evacuation roadway network



The Transportation Analysis utilizes data produced by the other analysis to determine traffic congestion and clearance times

- Inputs
 - Demographics
 - Behavioral Assumptions
 - Evacuation Routes
 - Levels of Service (Roadway Capacities)
 - Travel Destinations
 - Evacuation Scenarios





Helping coastal decision makers understand traffic congestion potential based upon evacuation decisions

- Products of the Transportation Analysis
 - Traffic Patterns (bottle necks)
 - Evacuating Vehicles
 - Clearance Time tables
 - Variables of:
 - Response
 - Population
 - Evacuation Scenarios (one way, Multi state)



A sample of Transportation Output products:

Table 9: Evacuating Vehicle Statistics by Destination

		Evacuating Vehicles				Vehicles to Public Shelters				Vehicles to Friends / Relatives			
		Low	Med	High	Max	Low	Low	Med	High	Max	Low	Low	Med
County	Scenario	Occ	Occ	Occ	Occ	Occ	Occ	Occ	Occ	Occ	Occ	Occ	Occ
Chambers	Scenario A Evacuation Zone - Cat 1-2	2,889	3,012	3,155	3,216	205	213	223	227	1,256	1,310	1,373	1,399
	Scenario B Evacuation Zone - Cat 3-4	13,923	14,126	14,364	14,465	995	1,009	1,025	1,032	4,609	4,677	4,756	4,790
	Scenario C Evacuation Zone - Cat 5	15,847	16,050	16,287	16,389	1,226	1,240	1,256	1,263	3,528	3,575	3,630	3,654
	Total	32,659	33,188	33,806	34,071	2,426	2,462	2,503	2,521	9,393	9,562	9,759	9,843
Jefferson	Scenario A Evacuation Zone - Cat 1-2	40,529	41,587	42,822	43,351	2,076	2,139	2,213	2,245	18,189	18,654	19,198	19,431
	Scenario B Evacuation Zone - Cat 3-5	97,339	98,914	100,751	101,538	6,053	6,152	6,268	6,318	18,282	18,576	18,920	19,067
	Total	137,868	140,501	143,572	144,889	8,129	8,291	8,481	8,562	36,471	37,231	38,117	38,497
Orange	Scenario A Evacuation Zone - Cat 1-2	27,460	27,813	28,226	28,403	1,413	1,434	1,458	1,468	12,317	12,473	12,655	12,734
	Scenario B Evacuation Zone - Cat 3-5	37,672	38,163	38,736	38,982	2,128	2,158	2,193	2,208	7,290	7,383	7,491	7,537



Evacuation Clearance Times

Begins when the **first evacuating vehicle enters** the road network, ends when the **last vehicle reaches an assumed point of safety**

-Includes travel time and waiting in traffic congestion (does not relate to any one particular vehicle)

-Driven by bottlenecks



Evacuation Decision Calculation



Evacuation Clearance Times

		Times					Tin	nes		Times			
		Evac Zone A - Cat 1-2				Evac Zone B - Cat 3 (Chambers & Hardin) - Cat 3-5 (all others)				Evac Zone C - Cat 4-5 (Chambers & Hardin) - Cat 3-5 (all others)			
County	Response	Low Occ	Med Occ	High Occ	Max Occ	Low Occ	Med Occ	High Occ	Max Occ	Low Occ	Med Occ	High Occ	Max Occ
Chambers	Slow	9	9	9	9	16	16	16	16	18	18	18	18
	Medium	7	7	7	7	14	14	14	14	16	16	16	16
	Fast	4	4	4	4	11	11	11	11	13	13	13	13
	Immediate	4	4	4	4	11	11	11	11	13	13	13	13
Jefferson	Slow	12	12	12	12	31	31	32	32	31	32	32	32
	Medium	10	10	10	10	29	29	29	30	29	29	30	30
	Fast	7	7	7	7	26	26	27	27	26	27	27	27
	Immediate	7	7	7	7	26	26	27	27	26	27	27	27
Orange	Slow	11	11	11	11	20	20	21	21	20	20	21	21
	Medium	8	8	9	9	18	18	18	19	18	18	18	19
	Fast	6	6	6	6	15	15	16	16	15	15	16	16
	Immediate	6	6	6	6	15	15	16	16	15	15	16	16



Technical Data Reports

Detailed reports of the following analyses:

- Hazards Analysis
- Vulnerability Analysis
- Behavioral Surveys
- Shelter Analysis
- Transportation Analysis





Decision Assistance Tools

Helping coastal decision makers make effective and timely life safety decisions

HURREVAC 2010







HES in Hurrevac





Hurricane Irene # 19A August 25, 2011 2 AM EDT Thursday Current Location 24.2 N 76.0 W Max Sustained Wind 115 mph (Cat 3) Current Movement 12 mph O Current Location

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Report for Hurricane Irene Based on Advisory 19A Issued 08/25/11 2AM EDI

Based on Advisory 19A Issued 08/25/11 2AM EDT (OLD Advisory)

Evacuation Timing All Areas (407 Items)

Location	Evac. Type	Decide	Dur.	Dark	Cat/Oc/Re	>34kt(39)	>64kt(74)	Eye	Nearest 🔹 🔺
NC Dare	US158 Only	08/26 04E	18	3	4/M/M	08/26 22E	08/27 10E	08/27 13E	2 mi.
NC Dare	LgtTrafHES	08/25 21E	25	10	4/M/M	08/26 22E	08/27 10E	08/27 13E	2 mi.
NC Dare	US158 US64	08/26 06E	16	1	4/M/M	08/26 22E	08/27 10E	08/27 13E	2 mi.
NC Dare	US64Only	08/25 22E	24	9	4/M/M	08/26 22E	08/27 10E	08/27 13E	2 mi.
NC Dare	HvyTrafHES	08/25 21E	25	10	4/M/M	08/26 22E	08/27 10E	08/27 13E	2 mi.
NC Hyde	Ocracoke	08/26 01E	21	6	4/M/M	08/26 22E	08/27 09E	08/27 13E	11 mi.
NC Hyde	MainIndHvy	08/26 08E	14	1	4/M/M	08/26 22E	08/27 09E	08/27 13E	11 mi.
NC Hyde	Mainland	08/26 09E	13	1	4/M/M	08/26 22E	08/27 09E	08/27 13E	11 mi.
NC Carteret	HvyTraffic	08/26 02E	17	4	4/M/M	08/26 19E	08/27 07E	08/27 10E	24 mi.
NC Carteret	Standard	08/26 04E	15	2	4/M/M	08/26 19E	08/27 07E	08/27 10E	24 mi.
NC Currituck	HvyTraffic	08/26 02E	25	10	4/M/M	08/27 03E	08/27 14E	08/27 18E	28 mi.
NC Currituck	LgtTraffic	08/26 02E	25	10	4/M/M	08/27 03E	08/27 14E	08/27 18E	28 mi.
NC Tyrrell	Standard	08/26 15E	9	3	4/M/M	08/27 00E	08/27 12E	08/27 16E	34 mi.
NC Tyrrell	US64 Heavy	08/26 02E	22	7	4/M/M	08/27 00E	08/27 12E	08/27 16E	34 mi.
NC Tyrrell	US64 Light	08/26 03E	21	6	4/M/M	08/27 00E	08/27 12E	08/27 16E	34 mi.
NC Camden	Standard	08/26 18E	9	6	4/M/M	08/27 03E	08/27 14E	08/27 18E	41 mi.
NC Camden	US17 Heavy	08/26 00E	27	12	4/M/M	08/27 03E	08/27 14E	08/27 18E	41 mi.
NC Camden	US17 Light	08/26 01E	26	11	4/M/M	08/27 03E	08/27 14E	08/27 18E	41 mi.
VA Va Beach	Cat34 RevH	08/25 15E	38	17	4/M/M	08/27 05E	08/27 16E	08/27 20E	44 mi.
VA Va Beach	164 Heavy	08/24 17E[Past]	60	22	4/M/M	08/27 05E	08/27 16E	08/27 20E	44 mi.
VA Va Beach	164 Light	08/24 20E[Past]	57	22	4/M/M	08/27 05E	08/27 16E	08/27 20E	44 mi.
VA Va Beach	US58 Light	08/24 23E[Past]	54	22	4/M/M	08/27 05E	08/27 16E	08/27 20E	44 mi.
VA Va Beach	Cat34 RevL	08/25 17E	36	17	4/M/M	08/27 05E	08/27 16E	08/27 20E	44 mi.
VA Va Beach	US58 Heavy	08/24 19E[Past]	58	22	4/M/M	08/27 05E	08/27 16E	08/27 20E	44 mi.
NC Pasquotank	US17 Heavy	08/26 00E	27	12	4/M/M	08/27 03E	08/27 14E	08/27 18E	46 mi.
NC Pasquotank	Standard	08/26 18E	9	6	4/M/M	08/27 03E	08/27 14E	08/27 18E	46 mi.
NC Pasquotank	US17 Light	08/26 01E	26	11	4/M/M	08/27 03E	08/27 14E	08/27 18E	46 mi.
VA Accomack	In County	08/27 04E	6	2	4/M/M	08/27 10E	08/27 21E	08/27 23E	48 mi.
NC Pamlico	HvyTraffic	08/26 05E	17	2	4/M/M	08/26 22E	08/27 09E	08/27 13E	48 mi.

Post Storm Assessment

To understand how HES products are utilized, the following are conducted:



- ✓ High Water Mark Survey
- ✓ High Wind Survey
- Local/State EMA meetings
- ✓ Behavioral Analysis
- ✓ Transportation Analysis
- ✓ Findings Report
- Others reports as needed





Monitoring the Storm

- Understand pre-existing conditions Hazard related or infrastructure/facilities
- Ensure internal and external communication channels are open
- Realize the operational time frame
 - Anticipate staffing issues/local issues that may impact the activation





Monitoring the Storm

Shelter and Lodging considerations

- Advocate friends & family outside of evacuation zone
- Motel and Hotel availability
- Public Shelter (American Red Cross and others)
- Know Capacities
- Contact Trained Staff
- Good Samaritan Shelters
 FEMA



Hurricane Operations-Effective Decisions

Evacuation decisions can make or break careers Understand the impact on your community:

- Politics vs. planned evacuation processes
- Economic impacts
- Decision making authority
- Accountability: can you support your decision?



Members of a Boy Scout Troop as part of a Community Service outreach activity in conjunction with FL State Emergency Response (SERT) perform outreach. Photo: FEMA



Importance of the HRC in operations

- Prompts for timely action
- Supports decision/action-making accountability
- Structures documentation
- Ensures coordination and communication
- Facilitates Planning



120 Hours Before Landfall

- Alert Council/Commission Representatives
- Ontact Local NWS WFO
- Ontact Chamber of Commerce
- Alert Special Needs Entities
- Situational Awareness actions
- Realizing Operational Time frames



72 Hours Before Landfall

- Storm-monitoring actions
- Onference calls with NWS/STATE
- Output States of the states
- Notify response plan agencies and conduct preliminary briefings
- Partially activate EOC, activate phone lines, personnel, stage equipment, etc.
- Conduct preliminary Decision Timing meetings (clearance times)
- Initial protective actions to be taken by Emergency Management



48–36 Hours Before Landfall

- State conference calls
- Activate EOC fully
- Public awareness considerations
- Issue situation reports/press releases
- Shelter meetings
- Additional evacuation/Traffic Control Coordination Meetings
- Voluntary/mandatory/recommended evacuations
- How does a hurricane watch impact decisions?
- Identify vulnerable populations



24 Hours Before Landfall

- Evacuation coordination/Decision meetings
- Monitor critical infrastructure
- Finish sheltering ops-Consider refuge of last resort
- Respond to various public awareness, information, and security issues





Storm Threat Imminent Decision Considerations

- Protective action decisions within a jurisdiction are most often made by an elected official
 - Define ultimate authority
 - Consensus from other elected officials
 - Verification by local ordinance or state code





Storm Hazards Impact



- Timing shut down of evacuations and services
- Relocation of emergency work force
- Refuge of last resort implementation



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Storm Hazards Impact

- Begin planning immediate response based on the perceived and experienced impacts:
 - What assets/commodities will need to be available immediately
 - Meeting the immediate needs of the victims
 - Safety of the responders



Workmen ready generators to be placed in communities affected by Hurricane Rita. Bob

McMillan/ FEMA Photo



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Resources for Hurricane Planning

• The Internet -

http://www.fema.gov/government/index.shtm

- Output Comprehensive Preparedness Guide
- Local HES's
- Mitigation
 - FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grants
 - State/Local Hazard Mitigation Plans
 - Flood Insurance Rate Maps
 - HAZUS



Online Hurricane Program Resources



National Hurricane Program - Resource Center - Mozilla Firefox

File Edit View History Bookmarks Tools Help

<u>vww.iwr.usace.army.mil/nhp</u>/

Training Opportunities

- State and Local Emergency Management Offices
- FEMA, Emergency Management Institute (EMI)
 - Independent study courses IS324 IS271
 - Resident courses at EMI <u>http://training.fema.gov/</u>
 - L324 Hurricane Preparedness for Decision Makers
 - NWS JetStream weather school: <u>http://www.srh.noaa.gov/srh/jetstream/</u>

Other

- Conferences
- Higher education institutions
- Web-based courses





Other Links

- National Hurricane Center www.nhc.noaa.gov
- River forecasts- http://www.weather.gov/ahps/
- Tide Predictions- http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/curr pred.html
- Water Level Observation Network-http://storms.nos.noaa.gov/geographic.html
- NOAA Watch NOAA's All Hazard Monitor- http://www.noaawatch.gov/
- To register for Hurrevac and training- www.hurrevac.com •
- **Community Hurricane Preparedness** http://www.meted.ucar.edu/topics emt.php
- EMI http://training.fema.gov/ ΗE.



Conclusion

Hurricane planning is an ongoing effort. It requires continuous evaluation and planning to ensure that the community is always prepared, should a hurricane strike.





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levels during the next 3 days. The graphic is based upon an ensemble of Sea, Lake, and Overland Surge from Hurricanes (SLOSH) model runs using the current National Hurricane Center (NHC) official hurricane advisory. Storm surge probabilities depend on the historical accuracy of NHCs