

Virtual RISC Meeting Highlights- April 24, 2013

Opening Remarks	Robert Welch, Deputy Regional Administrator
Introduction to first “Virtual RISC” concept	John McGowan, Response Division Director
Roll Call	
Featured Presentation***	John Guest, Protective Security Advisor, DHS Infrastructure Protection Program

***The slides have been sent out prior to the presentation, however if you would like another copy email: Madeline.capocci@fema.dhs.gov

State Partner Reports (5 Minutes each)

Pennsylvania

State Director, Glenn Cannon

1. PA held a hostile Action Based Exercise at a nuclear facility (Hostile attempt to take over Three Mile Island)
2. (Mike Sharon IMAT 2) said it was a great experience for the IMAT and the first time ESF 13 participated
3. Marcellus Shale Emergency plan approved

West Virginia

Director of Mitigation and Recovery, Al Lisko

1. West Virginia is conducting 3 near simultaneous events:
 - o Sesquicentennial Celebration
 - o Greenbrier Golf Classic
 - o the Boy Scout Jamboree

Not in Attendance

Delaware

District of Columbia

Maryland

Virginia

ESF & Federal Partner Operations Reports (approx 10 min each)

Infrastructure

ESF-1 Transportation (*No update provided*)

ESF-2 Communication

Marty McLean

1. Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) worked during the Boston Marathon incident with the Region I DEC to ensure network was optimized
2. With the summer and hurricane season approaching it is a good thing for agencies to make sure you have a good relationship with your (private sector) communications providers and to test your GETS and WPS
3. John McGowan said that region III is still awaiting our DEC
4. In response to a question about if there were any communication lapses in Boston; ESF 2 said the infrastructure was very resilient. There was some capacity to overcome congestion. Wireless/ self-service was never shut down

ESF-3 Public Works and Engineering (USACE)

1. ACE conducted meeting to look at Sandy Lessons learned in prep for this year's Hurricane season
2. Will conduct a Senior Leaders seminar date TBD
3. Working with Commonwealth of VA on temporary housing
4. 11-13 Jun will conduct a National Field exercise at Ft Mifflin. RRC will exercise at same time

ESF-12 Energy (*Not in Attendance*)

Emergency Services

ESF-4 Firefighting (U.S. Forest Service)

1. Spring fire season is underway throughout the FEMA R3 Region. Wildfire activity has been light this spring due to the moisture and low temperatures. Rapid greening in the Mid-Atlantic States will reduce the chance of significant fire activity.
2. We are offering training annually for ESF4s as we are in need of more folks to fill this role. A virtual ESF4 course is being developed by a group from our office, the FS Washington Office and FS Southern Region.
3. Bob Hartlove has completed an After Action Review – internal – of our Hurricane Sandy response. The report will be out soon along with an action plan.
4. FS personnel recently attended a Principle Advisor training which was instructed by FS Southern Region and State Personnel. FS now has 15 people certified. These personnel are mostly out of FEMA R4 area but we have access to them.
5. In FEMA R2, we participated in a FMAG Exercise in the fall. The states of NY and NJ participated. We would be happy to work on an exercise for FEMA 3 and states in the region if desired.
6. We also participated in FEMA R1 where an FMAG process presentation was held also in the fall.
7. ESF4 is looking ahead to being prepared for hurricane response. We would like to note that if resources other than ESF4 are anticipated (pre-staging, emergency response, etc.), early activation would be appreciated as it can take 36+ hours to get our resources activated and on location.

ESF 8* Public Health and Medical Services

1. **Response:** HHS currently deployed to support Boston Marathon Response with mental health teams. Demobilization begins Friday. Chart attached.

2. **Funding:** Funding opportunity for states related to Sandy response.
3. **ASPR** is funding research grants that will inform all going response to and recovery from Hurricane Sandy. Some topical areas that could inform long term recovery include resiliency, decision making, and the health system response, adverse health outcomes including behavioral health, communications and the use of social media. State, County, local governments, institutions of higher education and 501c3 are eligible to apply. \$500,000 grant. Deadline for applications is 20 May 2013. Details for applications can be found on the PHE.gov website.
4. **Influenza**– HHS working with international partners to characterize H7N9 Influenza A outbreak in China. Currently there are 108 confirmed cases of human infection with a novel avian influenza A (H7N9) from 7 provinces in China; 22 deaths.
5. **Preparedness**- Working closely with R3 State Public Health officials regarding ESF 8 readiness for hurricane season.

** See additional PowerPoint slides for more information from ESF 8*

ESF-9 Search and Rescue (No update provided)

ESF-10 Oil and Hazardous Materials Response

1. Mike Zigler thanked Christopher King for conducting web EOC training. (John McGowan extended offer to all partners)
2. Mike Zigler is retiring. Kristeen Gaffney is replacing him.

ESF-13 Public Safety and Security (ATF)

1. Dan Cornwell thanked the commonwealth of PA for opportunity to participate in TMI exercise.
2. ESF 13 National coordinator developing PSMA for DMORT and Fuel escort
3. Regional CONOPS for ESF 13 is being reviewed.
4. Dan will relocate to Region 7 and will be replaced by AJ MacAndrew on 1 Jul 13.

ESF-7 Logistics Management and Resource Support (No update provided)

Human Services

ESF-6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Housing and Human Services

1. Co-chairs the Children in disasters work group with FEMA. Call is open. Next one is 16 May predators in Mass shelters
2. Field operations winding down (reps in MD and NY)
3. Good meeting with WV HHS and EMA
4. Met with all Region III states in Baltimore

ESF-11 Agriculture and Natural Resources (DOI)

1. Dept of Interior Environmental Policy and Compliance met with Region II states and Heritage Foundation on how to restore libraries and other cultural resources during a disaster

Reminder

The next Virtual RISC meeting will take place on May 23rd, 2013, 1:00pm-3:15pm. The Featured topic will be on the 2013 Hurricane Season, presented by John Guiney of NOAA.