

Virtual RISC Meeting Highlights- May 23, 2013

Opening Remarks

MaryAnn Tierney, Regional Administrator

Introduction to Hurricane Presentation

John McGowan, Response Division Director

Roll Call

Featured Presentation***

John Guiney- Chief, Meteorological Services Division, DOC/NOAA/NWS Eastern Region Headquarters, Bohemia, NY

**The presentation and meeting notes are available online:*

<https://www.fema.gov/regional-advisory-council-regional-emergency-communications-coordination-working-group>

State Partner Reports

Pennsylvania (No update provided)

West Virginia

Boy Scout Jamboree will be conducted July 15-24

Delaware (No update provided)

District of Columbia

DC will be rolling out its severe storm plan

Maryland

MD is currently working on updating several plans: All Hazards Response Plan, the State Operations Plan and Strategic Plan for emergency preparedness, State Recovery Plan, including the THIRA, also getting ready to kick off the state recovery plan.

Virginia (No update provided)

Region Reports

Response

On June 1st the RRCC will transition to using the [Regional Incident Support Manual](#) (RISM). The major changing component: the RRCC will not use the ICS model (RRCC is a support mechanism). We can provide the adobe connect RISM training to those that request assistance with this.

External Affairs (ESF 15)

[National Hurricane Preparedness week](#) is May 26- June 1, External Affairs is continuing to work on Hurricane Preparedness messaging,

ESF & Federal Partner Operations Reports

Infrastructure

ESF-1 Transportation (No update provided)

ESF-2 Communication

1. The National Coordination Center has been active in restoring the wireless system, the system proved to be very resilient and up to %95 restored. This is a good time to maintain relationships with service providers, let them know what your critical issues are, practice using GETS/WPS to prepare for future.

ESF-3 Public Works and Engineering (USACE) (No update provided)

ESF-12 Energy (No update provided)

Emergency Services

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

1. Nationally, ESF4 has updated the current PSMAs and PSOWs and developed two new ones which have been submitted to FEMA
2. ESF4 is preparing for the hurricane season

ESF-8 Public Health and Medical Services

1. **International:** HHS tracking [H7N9 Avian Influenza Outbreak in China](#). Currently, 36 deaths and 64 persons who were ill and have recovered or released from hospital. Trend has dropped off and cases diminished -- possibly due to closing of live bird markets in China and/or seasonal change. No sustained human to human transmission
2. **National:** Responded to OK City Tornado. National ESF 8 resources (DMORT/DMAT) have been released or deactivated. HHS Regional staff still involved in event.
3. **Regional:** Working closely with:
West Virginia Health Department to determine what type of federal support we can provide under our own authority since it is classified as a SEAR Level 4. Will send calendar invite to Adam Hamrick (OSHA) who mentioned interest in helping State from their Charleston office.
All 5 R3 states on hurricane preparedness activities (exercises, etc.)
FEMA, GSA, FEB on Medical Countermeasures (MCM) planning for closed federal Points of Dispensing (PODs) for anthrax scenarios.
Subject Matter Expert who has reviewed all R3 state and DC Mass Fatality Plans and provide technical advice. All technical assistance calls have taken place; Delaware's call is being scheduled.
4. **Veteran's Administration (Joe Copes):**
Working with hospitals for hurricane preparedness

ESF-9 Search and Rescue (No update provided)

ESF-10 Oil and Hazardous Materials Response (No update provided)

ESF-13 Public Safety and Security (ATF)

1. Terry Alverson is the new law enforcement coordinator for Region III.
2. AJ McAndrew is the new field coordinator for Region III.
3. ATF has developed 7 PSMAs (Pre-scripted Mission Assignments) , currently being vetted through FEMA.
4. ESF 13 continues to train with RIII IMAT Human Services Branch.

ESF-7 Logistics Management and Resource Support

1. GSA is working with HHS and FEMA on closed PODs (Points of Dispensing), PSMAs, and preparing for Hurricane Season.
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Human Services

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

1. ESF6 Staff continue to support the coordination and development of our mutual capacity in various areas:
 - National Shelter System (NSS) promotion and trainings to states
 - State-Led Disaster Housing Task Forces (SLDHTFs)
 - Preliminary Damage Assessments
2. How to engage with the Region's ESF6 staff:
 - Send a request to be on the "ESF6 Partners Emails"
 - Attend the "ESF6 Partners Conference Call"
 - For information about these contact: Michael.senycz@fema.dhs.gov
3. Congratulations to the [West Virginia VOAD](#) (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster)-recipient of the State VOAD of the Year Award! This award is a testament to how hard the member's agencies, the state, and FEMA worked in 2012 to promote recovery from disaster and also build resilience within WV.
4. There is a Children in Disaster Working Group – for more information contact William.evans@acf.hhs.gov

ESF-11 Agriculture and Natural Resources (DOI) (No update provided)

Defense Coordinating Element (DCE)

1. Joint Force Land Component finished multi-state event exercise, lessons learned have been published and will be available
2. A large number of staff rotations will occur in the near future for the DCO

OSHA

1. With the summer months quickly approaching there is a lot of information related to heat injuries and prevention, available online <http://www.osha.gov/index.html>

SBA

1. Continues to be involved in hurricane exercises and will do webinars on what SBA can do for States

Closing Remarks and Reminders

- Response Division Director John McGowan encouraged all ESF's to review PSMA's with RIII Response Operations Staff
- Hurricane Season Starts June 1st
- **Save the date- The next Virtual RISC meeting will take place on August 15th, 1:00pm-3:15pm.**
More information will be provided in the near future.
- Please direct any RISC questions or comments to Mary.McKenna@fema.dhs.gov or Madeline.Capocci@fema.dhs.gov