

State-Led Disaster Housing Task Force

Agenda

- Functions of the Direct Housing Operations (DHOPS) Unit
- Background on the National Disaster Housing Task Force (NDHTF)
- Concept of Operations (CONOPS) and Practitioners' Guide
- National Disaster Housing Resource Center
- State-Led Disaster Housing Task Force (SLDHTF) and the Regions
- West Virginia Disaster Housing
- Ohio Disaster Housing Task Force
- North Carolina and the Brunswick County Recovery Plan
- Questions?

Direct Housing Operations Unit

Steve Miller – FEMA – DHOPS

Direct Housing Operations Unit

Functions:

- Support FEMA Regions and the field by providing guidance and interpreting policies in the development of the plans, procedures, strategies, and training that guide the implementation of FEMA housing programs
- Coordinate with support entities including USACE, IA-TAC, NPSC, LMD, and the IHP Unit, to ensure that FEMA Regions and field operations have the assistance they need to perform the housing mission.
- Upon Regional and/or Field Operation request, conduct on-site support to open operations.
- Coordinate concurrent and multi-state disaster housing operations from the national level

National Disaster Housing Task Force

Rafaela Monchek – FEMA – NDHTF

National Disaster Housing Task Force

Background:

- Established by the National Disaster Housing Strategy
- Oversees implementation of the Strategy
- Coordinates federal partners in disaster housing
- Offers crisis action support during disasters – innovation; technical support
- Provides guidance with the Concept of Operations (CONOPS) and Practitioners' Guide (June 2010)
- Coordinates online, interactive Practitioners' Guide

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National Disaster Housing Strategy Resource Center

www.fema.gov/emergency/disasterhousing/

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National Disaster Housing Strategy Resource Center

Information and Documents

- National Disaster Housing Strategy Fact Sheet [01/09] (PDF)
- PowerPoint Overview [01/09] (PPT)
- Frequently Asked Questions [01/09] (PDF)

Disaster Housing Strategy and Annexes

National Disaster Housing Strategy Document (PDF)

- Annex 1: Overview of Disaster Housing Programs (PDF)
- Annex 2: Methods to House Disaster Victims (PDF)
- Annex 3: Special Needs and Low-Income Populations (PDF)
- Annex 4: Disaster Housing Group Site Operations (PDF)
- Annex 5: Repair/Rehabilitation of Rental Housing (PDF)
- Annex 6: Additional Authorities (PDF)
- Annex 7: Stafford Act Housing Assistance (PDF)
- Printable Version of All the Annexes (PDF)

National Disaster Housing Resources

- Sheltering Resources
- Interim Housing Resources
- Permanent Housing Resources
- Planning Resources
- National Disaster Housing Task Force
- State-Led Disaster Housing Task Forces
- 2009 Disaster Housing Plan

Briefings, Training & Other Resources

- NDHS Briefings
- NDHS FAQs
- Disaster Housing Related Training
- Glossary/Acronyms
- National Response Framework Resource Center
- National Incident Management System Resource Center

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State-Led Disaster Housing Task Force and the Regions

Don Griffin – FEMA – Region IV

State-Led Disaster Housing Task Force

Preparedness Activities:

- Regional Monthly Conference Calls with State/OFA Members
- Identify Gaps in State and Federal Capabilities
- Identify solutions for the state and Federal Response and Recovery
- Pre-identify shelters
- Facilitate Coordination of Mass Care
- Training and Exercises



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Role After a Disaster:

Standing SLDHTFs has the capability to bring expertise needed to:

- Identify potential disaster housing needs
- Planning for the full life of the operation
- Develop a Disaster Housing Strategy



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Potential Membership:

State Agencies Such As ...

- Governor's office (State Legal Authority)
- Emergency Management
- Housing Community & Economic Development
- Health
- Public Works
- Transportation
- Natural Resources
- Environmental Protection

Federal Agencies Such As...

- FEMA
- HHS
- HUD
- SBA
- DOI
- VA
- USDA
- EPA
- USACE

Other Considerations ...

- State Tribal Authorities
- Local VOAD
- Regional Planning Councils
- Corporation for National and Community Services
- Neighboring States (EMAC)

West Virginia Disaster Housing

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West Virginia Disaster Housing

The History of Disaster Housing:

- Continuity has been a major contributing factor to the State's disaster housing efforts.
- Lasting nearly 25 years with the involvement of the WV Housing Development Fund.
- Lessons learned from previous disasters were used to better the process. (1985-2001)
- A consistent emphasis on long term flood safe housing in the areas that need it the most.

West Virginia Disaster Housing

How West Virginia's Task Force Was Formed:

- Followed FEMA's request to develop a state led housing strategy.
- Prior to the last disaster, a group of key partners met to begin that process.
- Task Force has a key partner in the WV Housing Development Fund.
 - Maintained and owned sites developed during previous disasters.
 - Allows for a more rapid deployment of a housing mission.
- Has the support of the Governor which is key to its success



West Virginia Disaster Housing

Challenges:

- Lack of easily developed land in the areas most likely to flood.
- The high cost of infrastructure to land made habitable by mountain top mining.
- Once infrastructure is in place the desire is greater to develop this property for other uses that preclude its use for disaster housing.

West Virginia Disaster Housing

Keys to Success:

- Post mine land use plans that require infrastructure to be put in place or left in place that makes the land available for disaster housing as well as long term housing for flood victims.
- Vision-recognizing the need for this type of effort as part of the state's overall land use plan and including disaster preparedness as part of it.
- Commitment from Government, the private sector and others.
- Continuity-the Vision must continue and having the same agencies, people and commitment helps to promote success.
- Realism-recognizing that small victories are still victories. Persistence-even in the face of disappointment.

Ohio Disaster Housing Task Force

Brigitte Bouska – Ohio Emergency Management Agency



Ohio Disaster Housing Task Force

Pre-Planning:

- National Disaster Housing Strategy: How does Ohio fit into this framework?
- Developed a concept paper
- Pre-determined timeline to develop Strategy
- Approved by Senior Management.
- Outreach: Personal contact made with potential housing partners, prior to invitation to attend organizational meeting.

Ohio Disaster Housing Task Force

Concept Paper:

- Identified potential housing partners
- Developed critical planning assumptions:
 - Supplement counties' capabilities
 - Strategy would not address all housing issues
- Identified Task Force goals (consistent w/ NDHS goals)
- Proposed strategy elements (mirrors several elements of FEMA's 2009 Housing Plan)

Ohio Disaster Housing Task Force

Selecting housing partners :

- Included state and federal agencies, non-governmental agencies, and a representative from local government.
- Most of these agencies were agencies in which we already had established working relationships. (i.e. Hurricane Katrina relocation project).
- Ohio EMA staff: IA officer, planner, field liaison, mitigation

Ohio Disaster Housing Task Force

Task Force meetings:

- Presented an overview of National Disaster Housing Strategy and FEMA IA programs.
- Reviewed planning assumptions
- Reviewed goals for the State Disaster Housing Task Force.
- Developed State Housing Strategy
- Established Roles and Capabilities which included: resources, disaster programs, technical assistance, coordination, etc.
- Developed Concept of Operations

Ohio Disaster Housing Task Force

End Product:

- State of Ohio Disaster Housing Strategy
 - I. Introduction
 - II. Disaster Housing Partners
 - III. Roles and Capabilities
 - IV. Roles for Local Governments
 - V. Concept of Operations
 - VI. Lessons Learned and Best Practices
 - VII. Appendices
 - Quick Reference (Websites for housing resources)
 - Acronyms

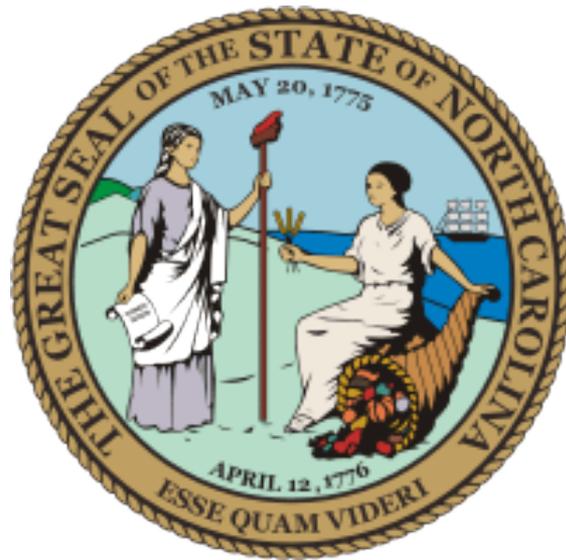
Ohio Disaster Housing Task Force

Next Steps:

- Roll out to local governments
- Develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the Housing Task Force.
- Exercise the Task Force during our next IA declaration.

North Carolina Recovery Plan

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North Carolina Recovery Plan

Planning Process:

- Determined recovery committees
 - Assembled Recovery Task Force
 - Assembled Recovery Steering Committee
 - Determined goals and objectives
- Understanding the situation
 - Conducted research of other plans and best practices
 - Analyzed current information



North Carolina Recovery Plan

Planning Process:

- Developed the recovery plan
 - Met with recovery function working groups
 - Determined Recovery Functions
 - Met with lead agencies
- Recovery plan review, refinement, and approval
 - Met with Recovery Steering Committee
 - Reviewed Recovery Functions
 - Reviewed Base Plan

North Carolina Recovery Plan

Brunswick County's 16 Recovery Functions:

- Emergency Management
- Administration and Continuation of Government
- Public Information Community Relations
- Individual Assistance
- Volunteers and Donations
- Security and Re-entry
- Health and Human Services
- Public Works
- Utilities Restoration
- Planning and Mitigation
- Economic Restoration and Recovery
- Environmental Preservation and Restoration
- Finance
- Housing
- Education
- Agriculture

Questions ?

