

Nassau EM Stakeholders Whole Community Working Group

11 December 2024 – 10 AM at the EOC Minutes

EM Working Group Plan Reviews – Contact EM Planners anytime to provide updates to any of the Program’s supporting operational plans. *The two programmatic plans that have a set schedule requiring full review and written revisions in accordance with FEMA’s CPG-101 plan development process, submission of those documents to FDEM for review, and approval by FEMA, are:*

- the *Comprehensive Emergency Management Program (CEMP) Base Plan*, every four years; next due for final submission to the FDEM by **June 2026**
- the *Local Hazard Mitigation Strategy (LMS)*, every five years; next due for final submission to the FDEM by **September 2025**

EM Program – Quarterly Update

- Director Cooper requested that everyone who participated in EOC IMT activations during the 2024 Hurricane Season provide their observations and suggestions for improvements so that incident management planning and performance can continue to improve. Comments regarding any incident can always be added anonymously to the WebEOC AAR board.
- Equipment – the request for bids to provide the Trinity Pro Drone mapping system and the JPS Interoperability Gateways (EM funding was approved for 2023 UASI grant proposal) have finally been posted by COJ – vendors have not yet been officially selected but should be soon.
- To support local vulnerability studies, planning, and incident response, EM staff has stepped up to create and manage a definitive countywide inventory of facilities considered Critical to Community Lifelines and Emergency Management. Deputy Director asked EM Stakeholders to help verify data; once this new list is generated and vetted, it will be put into a manageable WebEOC database maintained by EM; Property Appraiser GIS specialists will be able to use the data to create custom map layers with critical facility attributes. Identified challenges are:
 - EM is not traditionally informed when structures are built, renovated, or repurposed.
 - Multiple agencies keep and publish lists of critical facilities that have not been independently verified. Entities that permit critical facilities should be authoritative sources – not all are permitted, records don’t exist for some types; primary sources of confirmed accurate data will be documented for input and maintenance of this new EM database.
 - Inaccurate and incorrect data are frequently shared and re-used (primary examples – FDEM online GIS system still indicates NCSO HQ is on Bobby Moore Circle and that Callahan has a Police Department – and FDEM is often considered an authoritative source)
- T&E Coordinator provided updates to 2025 public awareness and training plans:
 - Monthly Hands-Only CPR classes will continue at the EOC on 2nd Thursday evenings, open to the public; additional classes can be scheduled at locations and times for any group by emailing NassauCountyFLMRC@gmail.com

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- New EM Training Programs scheduled:
 1. Community Preparedness Program – different training program on the 3rd Thursday of each month, Participants will receive a “passport” at their first class and will get credit for each different class attended; can start any month.
January 16th is *Be the Help Until Help Arrives* and a tour of the 911 Dispatch Center other topics include: Fire Safety (with NCFR/FBFD training trailer and hands-on fire suppression experience); Stop the Bleed; CPR/AED/First Aid; NWS Storm Spotter; Active Assailant Response; Poison Control
 2. *TEAM for GIRLS* (Training, Education, Activities, and Mentorship for Girls Interested in Response, Leadership, and Safety) week-long day camp format the 3rd week of June, to increase exposure to public safety leadership roles and career opportunities and teach them valuable preparedness skills for all-hazard situations
 3. G-191 – *The Emergency Operations Center and Incident Command System Interface* will be offered for all public employees; a one-day class explaining how the EOC organizes and supports incident planning and resources for field operations; the ICS-300 and ICS-400 courses are not pre-requisites

Stakeholder Preparedness Review – Annual SPR Updates are Due to FDEM by December 31st

(changes to capabilities/capacities, updates to plans, grants, projects, training & exercises held)

- City of Fernandina Beach
 - Manager’s Office –New City Manager (Sara Campbell) started December 3rd, three new City Commissioners were elected; a 25-bed cold weather shelter has been established by Homeless Coalition at the MLK Center for use when overnight temperatures will be below 40 degrees; noted that using the center as a shelter for the community makes it a critical facility and eligible for hazard mitigation funding support (e.g., fire suppression)
 - CoFB Fire Dept – move into new Fire Station 2 at Airport should be in January; Feno Murallo is acting Fire Chief while interviews for a new Chief are conducted; application submitted for grant funding for an Air Assets Trailer
 - CoFB Planning – transitioning to new City View permitting system, streamlining the interface for the public, should go live in the first quarter of 2025
 - CoFB Police Dept – Chief and Deputy Chief were present but had no updates to report
 - CoFB Public Works/Utilities/Stormwater – Resiliency study underway and should have a report next month; Stormwater is launching a comprehensive vulnerability assessment
- FDOH-Nassau – new Director of Nursing with advanced nurse practitioner doctorate has been hired; PIO is temporarily filling the current Preparedness Planner vacancy; COOP update is in the works; inventory of emergency operations and shelter supplies will begin soon, will be collecting the new shelter blankets from the EOC soon; working with hospital, ALFs, and SNFs on improving ESF-8 support
- Nassau BOCC Departments

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- Manager's Office – not present
- Animal Care Services – not present
- Building Dept – new CRS Coordinator has been hired; developing
- Capital Projects – continuing to build out their proactive bridge inspection and maintenance program, includes cooperative plans with FDOT and a dashboard
- Development Services – not present
- Fire Rescue – new grant-funded tool for public education about fire safety, interactive Fire Prevention Trailer was obtained in cooperation with FBFD; three fire stations are still under construction, the one on Edwards Rd should open in January; Port Security funds have been awarded that will add Marine Rescue capabilities with a customized 48 ft boat, but that will take a couple of years to build out; Director Cooper suggested looking into a waterborne drone for unmanned ocean operations
- Office of Management & Budget – not present; adopting the Florida Recovery Obligation Calculation (FROC) system for next hurricane system
- Parks & Recreation – no updates reported
- Planning Dept – not present
- Procurement – not present
- Public Works & Roads – new excavator and back-up generator to power lift station acquired; drainage improvement contracts to proactively address issues before next season; first draft of the Public Works emergency response plan has been completed; Director Cooper asked the PW Director about the purchase of generator switching gear for the Yulee Sports Complex gymnasium; the County-owned site has been discussed as a potential community shelter site for years, moving evacuees who can't return home to an interim shelter would help get schools re-opened sooner, but the facility cannot accommodate an alternate power source; School District Safety Coordinator offered that he had been attempting to get cost estimates for switching gear as well.
- Recovery – no updates reported
- Stormwater – not present
- Strategic Advancement – not present – EM questions regarding the ongoing Conservation Land Acquisition Management (CLAM) program and having the SA Department keep EM "in the loop" so that CLAM's contributions to hazard mitigation can be documented will have to wait until 2025.
- Nassau Clerk of Courts – new Clerk/Comptroller for 2025 (Mitch Keiter)
- Nassau Property Appraiser/GIS – new Property Appraiser (Kevin Lilly); GIS is transitioning from ArcMap to ArcPro system with expanded capabilities
- Nassau School District – every school now has Knox Boxes installed, they hold keys for emergency services access to facilities; new camera system and mobile SOS panic system is being implemented in all schools for 2025 and will be in communication with the NCSO real-

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time crime monitoring center; critical response mapping project is underway; each middle and high school now has two portable metal detectors, some of which have been used for athletic events

- Nassau Sheriff's Office – 40-acre training facility is operational, includes classrooms that could be used by partners; reorganization of field operations and changes to supervision in the field for 2025 allows increase of the patrolled districts from two to three, each with multiple zones, that will decrease call-response time and improve safety for the deputies in the field per shift and the community; all sworn and civilian personnel have completed AHA CPR/AED training
- Nassau Supervisor of Elections – not present
- Nassau Tax Collector – not present
- Town of Callahan – not present
- Town of Hilliard – in cooperation with FDOT and the FAA, 36 acres have been purchased to realign Pea Farm Rd to get it out of the Air Hazard Protection Zone; ToH is bringing the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall to the County Fairgrounds beginning April 17th – local VFW post is assisting; contact Alicia Head to get involved or support this community project
- *Other Stakeholders* (Authorities, Boards, Chambers, Committees, Districts, Private Partners) –
 - American Red Cross, NE Florida introduce new supervisor dedicated to Nassau County (Diane Gee), in January will be launching the 2025 residential smoke alarm program in cooperation with NCFR, includes free 10-year smoke alarms and bed-shaker alarms for hearing impaired; NCEM will be able to help with maps of mobile home and RV parks as well as volunteers to assist with canvassing.
 - Baptist Medical Center Nassau – Mary DeAngelo is new decontamination unit coordinator; new freestanding ER at Nassau Crossing in Wildlight is open
 - Nassau Council on Aging – reminder that COA no longer operates Nassau Transit; it is run by JTA now but the office leased from the county remains in the same location for 2025.

Local Hazard Mitigation Task Force meets in the Planning Room immediately following the Working Group meeting to review current Mitigation Priorities and Project List (projects funded/initiated, completed, or withdrawn; changes to local priorities; any additional projects); update EM's progress writing the community profile, analyses of hazard data, and jurisdictional data needed for collaborative development of the *LMS for 2026-2030*.

**Next EM Stakeholder Working Group Meeting is
Wednesday, MARCH 12th, 10:00 – 11:30**