

# Nassau EM Whole Community Working Group

## 12 December 2023 Minutes

1030 hrs. – Sign in and Introductions

### Old Business

- County Manager’s Office report by Marshall Eyerman –
  - BOCC entered into new Disaster Debris Management contracts in October 2023, with extensions they should cover the county for the next five years
  - Disaster Recovery Services and Grant Management will be a full-time county position, interviews have not been completed
  - After-Action Report from the Public Information Consultant hired by the county was “high macro-level” on how to move forward.  
Director Cooper informed the group that Jami McCormick has completed Basic and All-Hazards IMT Public Information Officer (PIO) training, and will be taking the Advanced PIO course at NETC EMI next month. In addition to her EM Training, Exercise, and Public Outreach duties, Ms. McCormick is the PIO for the EOC.

### Standing Business

- Mitigation of Local Hazards – Mark Wilson announced that he will be submitting the annual Local Hazards Mitigation Projects report (e.g., the ranked project list, meeting sign-in sheets) to the state before the end of the year as required.  
Reminded the group that NCEM is only the liaison between the County’s Planning/Capital Improvements/Storm Water/Land Use/Development departments and the FDEM Mitigation Bureau. NCEM identifies local hazards, but does not have details about specific local impacts that could be mitigated, nor does NCEM develop or implement county projects. Funding becomes available for things like Flood Mitigation annually, and HMGP funds are earmarked for impacted counties following each declared disaster – HMGP applications for Ian have moved from the State to the Federal-level for funding consideration, HMGP applications for Nicole are still in the review process at the State-level.  
The County might have candidate mitigation projects but they are not eligible for federal funding support unless they have been added to the Local Hazards Mitigation Projects list and prioritized according to cost/benefit to the community by the County’s Planners and this Whole Community Working Group; projects submitted for mitigation funding support can’t begin before the grants are awarded. Land use, conservation, acquisition/demolition, flood

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management, coastal erosion management, and other projects that include hazard mitigation measures should be included on the ranked/prioritized project list. County departments involved in planning and development of mitigation actions, even if only the problem has been identified, need to promptly relay this information to the NCEM Mitigation Specialist so that the details can be added to Nassau's prioritized Local Hazards Mitigation Projects list and reported to the FDEM Mitigation Bureau.

- Other Funding Opportunities –
  - NCEM submitted a NACCHO “Operational Readiness” grant proposal in support of the Nassau Co. Medical Reserve Corps unit’s public outreach involving opioid awareness, naloxone administration, and Hands-Only CPR
  - NCEM assisted the School District Police with a grant proposal to fund AEDs for their Safer Schools Officers
- Stakeholder Preparedness Review – Martha Oberdorfer asked that all local preparedness and response partners let her know about any emergency response capability and capacity changes over the past year (e.g., staffing changes, equipment added/lost, etc.) so that the information can be added to the annual SPR report. FDOH reports the addition of MREs to last up to seven days in the medical Special Needs Shelter (SpNS), ten oxygen concentrators with manifolds that will accommodate up to 40 SpN shelterees, plus two portable power supplies to bridge any temporary power outage at the SpNS and keep life-sustaining equipment operational.  
Note that the SPR, our triennial THIRA, the LMS report, and others made by NCEM to the State are required deliverables for compliance with our grant agreements.

### New Business

- The County is updating the jurisdiction’s Vulnerability Assessment; studies have been done by their consulting group with input from public forums but input from this working group is also vital. A Vulnerability Advisory Committee was recommended and will be added as a Standing Business agenda item during the quarterly EM Program workshop so that subject matter experts and members of the public have an opportunity to discuss/contribute to the vulnerability assessment and mitigation process. Stormwater Director, Katie Peay, is the point of contact for information regarding county hazard vulnerabilities.
- Website Upgrade – NCEM staff have greatly enhanced the OneNassau.com website to include a live feed of Facebook posts, downloadable guides, quick-link

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buttons to report weather impacts, sign-up for alerts, register for special needs assistance, or contact the EOC for training or presentations; Information about EOC activations; all-hazards preparedness, response, and recovery information for residents; a page for the Incident Management Team (includes mandatory National Qualifications System, Florida Qualifications System (NQS/FQS) Minimum Standards/Requirements for core IMT positions and all “individuals frequently deployed to the EOC for local emergency response”); and a full page of links to helpful resources for all things related to emergency management. Check it out and let NCEM know if there are additions or changes that you’d like to see.

- Training & Exercises –
  - EM participated in the RYAM FSE on 12/06 and the Regional Catastrophic TTX in Jacksonville
  - NCEM needs input from local EM preparedness and response partners for the Multi-Year Training & Exercise Plan
  - The sixth cadre of our Youth Emergency Team (YET) training program will be starting at the end of January; there are still spaces available for interested youth
  - An adult Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) course will be offered in the spring
  - NCEM has several TTX in the works for 2024 – contact Jami McCormick to get involved in the planning and to have your organization included in the exercises.
- Upcoming EM Working Group Activities – review the EM Program’s Strategic Plan (in WebEOC Global File Library) and submit any proposed updates/changes before the next meeting/workshop

**1105 hrs – Workshop ended and participants networked in the EOC**