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Highlights

Monthly Report of the Northeast Florida Regional Council

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Energy: It keeps North Florida Moving: Workshops

The Florida Regional Councils in association with the U.S. Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, and the Florida Office of Energy are reviewing energy issues in each region and collecting recommendations for goals, strategies, and measures to be assembled in a statewide energy resiliency strategy. Two workshops were held in August – one in Gainesville (8/13/2012) and one in Jacksonville (8/29/2012). Both were facilitated by the Northeast Florida Regional Council and the North Central Regional Planning Council and well attended. Discussions centered on the current state of energy in North Florida and its vulnerabilities. Break out groups worked on goals, strategies, and measures and prioritizing the recommendations and next steps. For more information contact Margo Moehring at: mmoehring@nefrc.org



Bill Leary Elected as FRCA Second Vice-President

The Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) elected St. Augustine City Commissioner and NEFRC Member Bill Leary as its Second Vice-President at the meeting on August 24, 2012. FRCA is the statewide organization of the eleven Regional Planning Councils (RPCs). FRCA strengthens Florida's RPCs, partners with government and the business community to enhance regional economic prosperity, and improves the consistency and quality of RPC programs to ensure they add value to state, regional, and local initiatives. For more information contact Brian Teeple at: bteeple@nefrc.org



Commissioner Bill Leary

NEFRC CEO Addresses Florida League of Cities

NEFRC CEO, Brian Teeple presented at the "Connect with Your Region: Regional Economic Development Workshop" at the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference in Hollywood, Florida on August 24, 2012. The workshop was moderated by Representative-Elect Travis Cummings who is currently a Clay County Commissioner and a graduate of the NEFRC's Regional Leadership Academy. Representatives of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and Enterprise Florida, Inc. also made presentations at the Workshop. For more information contact Brian Teeple at: bteeple@nefrc.org

WJCT's First Coast Connects Features the SRPP and Energy Issues

The September 6, 2012 edition of First Coast Connects, hosted by Melissa Ross focused on two ongoing NEFRC activities. NEFRC CEO, Brian Teeple talked about the NEFRC's update to the Strategic Regional Policy Plan and its connections to Reality Check First Coast and the First Coast Vision. In addition, the energy segment touched on the NEFRC's current initiative in energy resiliency – the recent Florida Energy Summit and the North Florida Transportation Organization's Clean Cities Coalition. More information about these two projects can be found on the website at www.nefrc.org and archived recordings of the September 6th broadcast of First Coast Connects can be found at www.wjct.org. For more information contact Brian Teeple at: bteeple@nefrc.org



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Updates to the Hurricane Evacuation Study

Northeast Florida is currently underway on the update of the 2010 Hurricane Evacuation Study. The update will incorporate newer "Sea Lake and Overland Surges from Hurricanes" (SLOSH) information from the National Hurricane Center that was not available in 2010. Wednesday, August 22nd was the official kick off meeting for the update and brought together Emergency Management staff from the seven counties in Northeast Florida.

The overall update process was reviewed and highlighted the new data utilized in what will be the 2013 Hurricane Evacuation Study for Northeast Florida. Census 2010 data will be incorporated and used for an update planning horizon of 2015 and 2020. Results from the Study will include clearance times, identification of at-risk populations, and shelter demand. Also included for the first time is Volume 9: the Depth Analysis Atlas. This Atlas is similar to the Storm Tide Atlas, but provides the depth of the storm surge for each category of storm. The timeline for the update process is one year and will be provided to Emergency Management Directors in the Region by the beginning of Hurricane Season 2013. For more information contact Beth Payne at: epayne@nefrc.org

COML Class in Tallahassee

Recently, the NEFRC, through a Florida Division of Emergency Management Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP) contract conducted a Communications Unit Leader (COML) course on the campuses of Florida Agriculture and Mechanical University (FAMU). The class was attended by sixteen communications discipline personnel from responder agencies across the State. The purpose of these courses is to introduce key concepts associated with each Incident Command System (ICS) position for members of local incident management teams. The course provides an overview of key duties and responsibilities for Type III Communications Unit Leaders (COML) for all types of hazard incidents. For more information contact Calvin Williams at: cwilliams@nefrc.org

FIN Training in Daytona Beach (August 3) and Ft. Myers (August 20)

The NEFRC collaborates with the Florida Division of Emergency Management to develop and implement the Florida Interoperability Network (FIN). This communication network is designed to provide secure communications across several emergency responding agencies to improve response time and effectiveness in daily critical events and emergencies or greater disaster scenarios. To date, the FIN includes over 240 PSAPs (Public Safety Answering Points) in all 67 Florida counties. The implementation of FIN has dramatically changed the scenery of emergency and daily radio communications in Florida. The FIN training is a one-day course that targets first responders in government, public, and private sectors. For this iteration of FIN training, the NEFRC teamed with the other Planning Councils to host this valuable training. There will be other FIN trainings throughout the fourth quarter of this year. For more information contact Calvin Williams at: cwilliams@nefrc.org

LEPC Training

The District IV Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) met for their quarterly meeting on August 8th at the Clay County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Green Cove Springs. Clay County Emergency Management seized the opportunity of hosting the meeting to showcase their EOC facilities and response equipment. This was a great chance for civilian LEPC members to see and interact with commonly used, first responder equipment. Members also had a chance to see what the "situation room" looks like for a county-level emergency response.

There are efforts being made to implement a tract of classes associated with hazardous materials to be offered at the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association, Fire-Rescue East 2013 Conference taking place in Daytona Beach, FL January 23-26, 2013. The top three requests for classes were for Illicit Drug Labs, Victim Care for HazMat, and Understanding Chemical Physical Properties. The next meeting of the District IV LEPC will be at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, Jacksonville, FL on November 14th at 10am. For more information contact Eric Anderson at: eanderson@nefrc.org

