

NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL HighLights

Monthly Report of the Northeast Florida Regional Council June 2017

St. Johns County 2017 Hurricane Exercise

On June 8, 2017, the St. Johns County Emergency Operations Center filled with County staff for the 2017 Annual Hurricane Exercise, planned and facilitated by Regional Council staff. For many, this was their first time back in the EOC since the 24 day activation for Hurricane Matthew in October 2016. The day began with an overview of Hurricane Matthew and the impacts it made on the County. A facilitated discussion was held to address successes during the storm as well as identification of those areas that could be improved. Since Matthew, many process/plans/procedures have been updated based on lessons learned.

The exercise began before lunch with a scenario similar to that of Hurricane Matthew. It allowed many participants to use their knowledge from Hurricane Matthew during decision making processes to make more efficient decisions. Nearly 180 people worked together to address pre-landfall decisions on evacuation and preparedness actions and then to address response and recovery post landfall. The day was a successful start to the 2017 Hurricane Season. For more information, contact Beth Payne, epayne@nefrc.org.



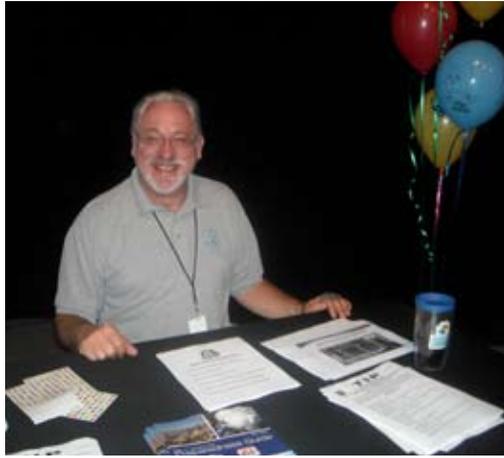
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Bringing Communities Together

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