

Status of the 5 Year Update

The LMS plan was Approved Pending Adoption by the State of Florida on May 5th. We are working on getting it to the Board of County Commissioners. It has to pass through the Metropolitan Service Committee on July 8th then it will tentatively go to the Commission on July 28th. If you are a CRS community and use the LMS as your floodplain management plan, you will need to do a local adoption of the plan. You do not need to wait until the BOCC adoption. You can access all of the approved portions of the plan at <http://www.miamidade.gov/fire/mitigation.asp> or I can send you a Dropbox™ link with all of the files in it.

Can You Mitigate in an Hour?

Yes I know that doesn't sound like much time, but our friends at FLASH (Federal Alliance for Safe Homes) have identified some activities you could do in a short period of time to help protect your home. In an hour you can create an inventory of the items outside that you need to secure or bring in for a high wind event. Have a whole day? You can do a home insurance inventory with descriptions and pictures. You can make your landscaping more hurricane resistant. Clean out your gutters and check for rust spots and fasteners. For more information go to http://greathurricaneblowout.org/protect_flash.php

Call Down for Emergency and Evacuation Assistance Program

Would you like to help some of our most vulnerable residents get prepared for hurricane season? Roberto Cepeda will be conducting a call down to reach out to our residents to make sure they are ready. If you are interested in helping for this event please contact Roberto at 305-468-5419 or Roberto.Cepeda@miamidade.gov. It will be held on Saturday, June 6th and lunch will be provided. Our own LMS member, Yirah Ochoa, from Jackson, graciously volunteered last year.

Hurricane Preparedness Week: May 24-30, 2015

#ItOnlyTakesOne

Next week is National Hurricane Preparedness Week. Are you helping your community/agency/employees get ready? The Weather Ready Nation has a great site with information on the hazards and information you can share for outreach presentations.

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/hurricane_preparedness.html#.VV8joOko-71

There are a series of short videos that provide general information on hurricanes, storm surge, winds, flooding and other related hazards. The "Taking Action" video from day 7 provides a very nice overview

LMS Calendar

Next LMS Quarterly Meeting:

Date: June 17, 2015

Time: 9:30-11:30 am

Location: Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Training Facility (Behind main building)
9300 NW 41 Street
2nd Floor Auditorium
Doral, FL 33178

All Working Group Members and the public are welcome to attend.

SubCommittee Meetings:

None at this time

Future Quarterly Meetings:

September 16, 2015

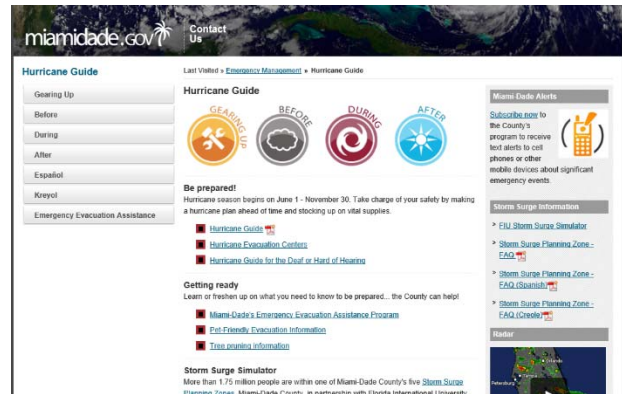
December 9, 2015 – tentatively in
Harbor Island



of the timeframe of watches and warnings, supplies needed and concerns post-event. This may be a great tool for you to show for outreach to your community. Another great resource is the <http://gisweb.miamidade.gov/communityservices/> so residents can see if they are in a storm surge planning zone, where their closest evacuation center and bus pick up locations. When a storm is approaching we will update this site so when they enter their address they will know if they are in an evacuation zone.

Hurricane Information on the Web

The County has placed on their home page a link to hurricane information. This would be a great link for you to have as well as it directs folks to the 2015 Hurricane Guide and information on our Emergency and Evacuation Assistance Program, Pet Friendly Shelters and Tree Pruning Information. <http://www.miamidade.gov/hurricane/>



Annual Feel the Force Event

This year's Feel the Force will be held at the Miami Science Museum located at 3280 South Miami Avenue on Saturday May 30, from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm. And it is FREE.

Activities fit for the whole family include the following:

- The world premiere of the museum's **new hurricane theater show**, "A Hurricane Carol," with special guest appearances.
- Meet the mascot **Owlie** from NOAA's Young Meteorologist Program and see if you have what it takes to be a Meteorologist; provided by PLAN!T NOW.
- Be a TV meteorologist in the **Hurricane Broadcast Center**; provided by Miami Dade College.
- Interact with **Tsunami Tim** for a wave of entertainment and exciting weather science.
- Meet and greet with real **Hurricane Hunters** and discover the adventure of flying through a hurricane.
- Challenge yourself to **outsmart the experts**, including **Curt Sommerhoff** of Miami-Dade County Emergency Management, **Max Mayfield** of WPLG Local 10 ABC, and **Chris Landsea** of the National Hurricane Center.
- Build a house and see if it can stand up against Category 5 winds at **FIU's mini Wall of Wind (WOW)** exhibit and then chat with the wind engineers behind WOW.
- Music, games, and prizes powered by **Radio Disney Miami**.
- Explore how forecasts are made and learn what is expected for this year's hurricane season at **Tropical Weather Briefings** with experts from the National Hurricane Center and National Weather Service.
- Learn how to **be prepared for any disaster**, including hurricane evacuation zones, with Miami-Dade County Emergency Management.
- Become part of the story with an **interactive, disaster-themed storytime** featuring characters from Miami-Dade Public Library.
- Explore a busload of activities with **Weather on Wheels**.
- Get ready for summer and hurricane season with rip current, water, and hurricane **safety tips**.