

LMS Quarterly Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended our webinar on September 19th. We had 69 people representing 42 different agencies.

Here is what we covered:

Announcements

- The next quarterly Whole Community Engagement Meeting will be on September 25th from 9:30 – 11:30 am at the MDRF Training Auditorium at 9300 NW 41 Street in Doral. Topics will cover:
 - Welcome from the Miami-Dade Office of Emergency Management Director Frank Rollason
 - Publix Supermarket Restoration Operations
 - Terrorism Prevention and Crisis Management
 - MD Communities Organized to Respond in Emergencies (CORE)
 - 2018 Hurricane Season Outlook Update
- The 10th Annual Southeast Florida Regional Compact Climate Change Summit will be held in Miami-Beach October 24 & 25th you can register here <http://www.southeastfloridaclimatecompact.org/event/10th-annual-summit/>
- Resilient Energy Systems Workshop will be held on September 27 & 28th at UM you can register here <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rcap-implementation-workshop-resilient-energy-systems-registration-48213855941?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=escb&utm-source=cp&utm-term=listing>

Recovery Support Function (RSF) Mitigation

Phil Myer from Tetra Tech led a discussion on the importance of us updating our RSF Mitigation Plan. RSF Mitigation will be implemented when we transition from response to recovery and begin identifying mitigation projects. This will essentially be the Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group implementing projects that had been previously identified or newly identified from the event. The discussion focused on a few key items.

- What are the strengths and challenges of the LMS/RSF Mitigation
- Other partners that should be involved?

As we had some technical difficulties the discussion happened via the chat on the webinar and here are some of the comments that were received.

- Provide BCA training

LMS Calendar

<http://www.miamidade.gov/fire/mitigation.asp>

Date: December 12, 2018

Time: 9:30-11:00 am

Location: TBD

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

Future Quarterly Meetings:

March 20, 2019 (webinar)

June 19, 2019 (in person)

- Identify all the items that are needed by the State to do the BCA to help gather everything for the grant writing process
- Little State guidance on hazard mitigation which is helpful for navigating the grant process
- We did also discuss an idea that had come up during the Steering Committee ranking for the HMGP and that is having Subcommittees that help to rank projects. An example would be CRS/Flooding Subcommittee that could help identify and prioritize drainage projects.
- Appointing new Steering Committee members and get a nice cross representation of folks to help us have a good broad perspective in relation to project prioritization and plan development.

Additional ideas were jotted down, and we look forward to the report from TetraTech so we can update the RSF Mitigation plan and also integrate the ideas into the 2020 LMS Update.

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

The State is getting ready to launch the first component of the CDBG monies for homeowners who had damages that they have not been able to repair. On Tuesday September 25th at 11:30 at 7900 NW 27th Ave, Suite 200 there will be a launch of the Rebuild Florida center for Miami. There will also be mobile sites and other locations where homeowners can apply for assistance to repair or rebuild their homes. We will send out more information as we receive it.

We were also contacted by DEO to provide them with a list of unmet infrastructure needs related to Irma. I had sent out a notice to the LMSWG to you to submit that to me. I submitted a list to the State on September 20th but let them know this was a partial list due to the short turnaround time.

DEO was seeking information pertaining to infrastructure that was:

- 1) infrastructure damaged by Hurricane Irma
- 2) infrastructure in an area impacted by Hurricane Irma and will mitigate future damage
- 3) or improvements to existing infrastructure that contributed to Hurricane Irma damage (e.g. Stormwater/wastewater systems that overflowed).

We will keep you posted as we learn more about this potential funding. This appears to be an initial information finding request.

HMGP Update

Next in our meeting we discussed the status of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

- We submitted the list to the State of the priority projects for HMGP and updated it again on September 20th. We did have some folks who were not able to apply or amounts that changed slightly so we have made those modifications.
- Applicants should receive an email from the State if additional information is needed. If you require an updated letter due to changes in dollar amounts, please let me know so we can assist with getting that to you.
- We are still waiting on the 12-month lock-in amount. Keeping our fingers crossed that we can get additional monies.

Steering Committee Members – Open for new nominations

We will be sending out an interest form for the Steering Committee nominations. I apologize for the delay in getting this done by now.

A Fond Farewell

The final item on the agenda was to let everyone know that I will be leaving Miami-Dade County effective October 12th. I have been provided the incredible opportunity to become the new Emergency Management Director for Pinellas County. I will start my new position up there on October 29th.

I have enjoyed working with all (most)– ha ha)) of you immensely. Your dedication to the work you do is truly inspiring and made running the LMS (almost) painless. You have helped to build up the program and I hope you will continue this trajectory. As of now I will transition the program to Steve Detwiler as lead and Yahiritza Alvarez as support. Both have been an integral part of the LMS for years now and I have full confidence that they will continue to assist all of you until a permanent replacement has been found. The LMS is so much more than one person and I hope you will all continue to engage and assist with the updates or the plan and projects.

I have learned so much in this position and am honored that I have had the opportunity to work alongside all of you. I will “best practice” (steal) all your great ideas and bring them to Pinellas and claim they are all mine (ha ha). I trust that you will all find a way to stop hurricanes from going to the west coast of Florida.

I wish you all the very best and hope we get to meet again.



Next Meeting

Our meeting was concluded, and our next meeting will be on December 12, 2018 at 9:30 am at a location to be determined. (I offered Pinellas County but that may be too far for you all to commute)

Thank you to all for your continued support and wonderful mitigation. You can reach me at perkins@miamidade.gov or 305-468-5429 until October 12th and after that please reach out to Steve Detwiler at 305-468-5423. You can also email the mdlms@miamidade.gov account.