

City of Savannah

2015 Hurricane Exercise

April 28th, 2015

The 2015 Savannah Citywide Hurricane Exercise will be held in partnership with the Georgia Ports Authority and Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation. The exercise is titled “Hurricane Nicholas- beyond Response” and will focus on activities during initial and long term recovery phases after a major hurricane.

Date and Time: April 28th, 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Location: Savannah Civic Center 2nd Floor

Exercise Description: Discussion-Based Exercise in a Workshop format. The purpose of the exercise will be to familiarize key leaders on current trends, policies and plans regarding recovery, reimbursement and documentation following a Presidential Disaster Declaration for a Hurricane.

The exercise will consist of a general session with a briefing on the simulated scenario, then attendees will participate in one of four breakout groups to complete the discussion based exercise. The responses developed during breakout groups will serve as the foundation for future hurricane planning in 2015 with a particular emphasis on recovery operations.

- ❖ Group 1- Resource Ordering and Tracking / Cost Recovery and Documentation
- ❖ Group 2- Hazardous Materials / Re-Entry / Containment / Recovery-
- ❖ Group 3- Continuity of Government Strategy for Senior Leaders in a Major Hurricane
- ❖ Group 4- Re-Entry and Recovery Coordination with Historical and Culturally significant facilities

Exercise Goals:

- Facilitate an open discussion to address the challenges that will exist in compiling lists for, ordering and delivering the resources needed by responders in the field to conduct initial response and recovery activities, then develop solutions to address each challenge.
- Familiarize participants with existing best practices regarding Stafford Act requirements for documentation and other processes which guide Public Assistance reimbursement in a declared disaster. Participants will be encouraged to identify existing procedural gaps and be informed of available training which will be provided in Savannah prior to Hurricane Season 2015.
- Provide an opportunity for participants to discuss their plans, concerns, and intentions for re-entering and assessing Historical and Culturally Significant facilities in Savannah after a major hurricane with public sector planners and debris management officials to coordinate activities.
- Provide a facilitated discussion which allows Private Industry Partners with hazardous materials to openly discuss and improve their coordination plans regarding re-entry; render safe and reporting procedures for facilities with hazardous materials with the Savannah Fire & Emergency Services Hazardous Materials Team.
- Provide a facilitated discussion with Senior Leaders from The City of Savannah and Georgia Ports Authority to develop effective plans and procedures to sustain essential operations after a major hurricane.

Who Should Attend?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bureau Chiefs | Personnel Who Manage Bureau or Department: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Department Heads Facility | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Representatives with Hurricane Planning Responsibility for Historical and Culturally Significant Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Purchases & Costs |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Employee Time Sheets |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial and Accounting Records |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Partners Planning for Hazardous Materials in their Facility |

TO RSVP: Please accept electronic meeting notification for internal City Personnel or email Dan Stowers, Emergency Management Director for the City of Savannah. For logistical purposes, please limit attendance to only those personnel directly related to the functions and processes that will be exercised.

Agenda (Tentative)

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| 8:00 – 8:30 | <u>Sign In / Light Breakfast</u> |
| 8:30 | <u>Welcome and Introductions</u> |
| 8:45-9:00 | <u>Overview of 2015 Hurricane Exercise and Planning Priorities (Recovery)</u> |
| 9:00 – 9:15 | <u>Snapshot of the 2015 NOAA Hurricane Forecast</u>

Michael Emlaw, Meteorologist In Charge

National Weather Service Charleston, SC |
| 9:15 – 9:45 | <u>Lessons Learned and the Value of Advanced Recovery Planning</u>

Mr. Karl Dix- Ceres Environmental Services, INC |
| 9:45 – 10:00 | <u>Advantage of Planning for Public Assistance and Cost Recovery</u>

Ms. Angi Whatley, Director, Public Assistance Division

Georgia Emergency Management Agency / Homeland Security |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | <u>Presentation of Initial Storm Damage (96 Hours Post Landfall)</u>

Status of Search and Rescue Operations

Continuity of Government

Anticipated Federal and State Response Structure |
| 10:30- | <u>Move to Breakout Groups and Begin Exercise</u> |
| 12:00 – End | <u>Working Lunch</u>

Completion of Workshop Questionnaires and Discussions |