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**Quarterly Report  
Gadsden County Division of Emergency Management**

**Recipients:** Gadsden County Board of Commissioners  
The Honorable Brenda Holt, Chair  
The Honorable Eric Hinson, Vice Chair  
The Honorable Sherrie Taylor  
The Honorable Dr. Anthony Viegbesie  
The Honorable Gene Morgan

**CC:** Robert Presnell, County Administrator

**Reporting Period:** August – November 2015

**Date of Report:** December 14, 2015

**Prepared by:** Tashonda Whaley, Emergency Management Coordinator

**Introduction:** In accordance to the required deliverables of the Inter-Local Agreement between Gadsden County Emergency Management and The Gadsden County Board of Commission, the following is a summary of activities executed by the Division of Emergency Management. Documentation available upon request.

**Staff:** Major Shawn Wood, Director  
Tashonda Whaley, Coordinator  
Howard Smith, Training & Operations Manager

**State and Federally Funded Agreements:**

- Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Program Base Grant #16-BG-83-02-30-01-019. Agreement period: July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 (\$105,806.00)
- Emergency Management Performance Grant #16-FG-5A-02-30-01-086. Agreement Period: July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 (\$50, 542.00)
- Homeland Security Agreement #15-DS-P4-02-30-01-349. Agreement period: February –December 31, 2015. (\$12, 307.00)

## Scope Of Work

**September 11<sup>th</sup>** – Completed the 2015 Storm Ready Re-Certification process through the NOAA National Weather Service. This achievement highlights our efforts through vast community partnerships to provide the citizens of Gadsden County the best emergency preparedness possible. Our ability to receive accurate and timely weather notifications through the Emergency Operations Center and then disseminate information to the public demonstrates our efforts to saving lives.

## Training and Exercise:

1. **August 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>** - Participated in the US Army Civil Reconnaissance and Key Infrastructure Assessment of the Woodruff Dam in Gadsden County.
2. **August 18<sup>th</sup>** – Participated in the Florida Division of Emergency Management Statewide Special Needs Registry Training.
3. **September 11<sup>th</sup>** – Hosted Whether Spotter Training for local first responders and volunteers through the National Weather Service.
4. **October 6<sup>th</sup>** – Participated in the Current Issues in Emergency Management Training hosted by the Florida Department of Emergency Management.

## Planning:

1. **Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, Continuity of Operations Plan and Logistics Plan Updates:**  
September 15<sup>th</sup> - Executed agreement with The Management Experts to review and update plans as required by the Florida Department of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Updates are set to be completed by December 31, 2015.
2. **Shelter Retrofit Project:**  
In the completion of the 2015 Florida Division of Emergency Management Shelter Retrofit Report, additional space was identified at West Gadsden High School for potential funding through the State Hurricane Retrofit Project. In October an agreement in the amount of \$97,500 was accepted to retrofit three additional buildings to meet American Red Cross Hurricane Shelter Guidelines. Upon completion, the project will increase the shelter risk capacity of the school by 1,180.

**3. Local Mitigation Strategy Plan Annual Update:**

The Gadsden County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Working Group will conduct the Annual Local Mitigation Strategy Workshop on December 16<sup>th</sup> to update the LMS as required by FEMA. Documentation of all changes will be forwarded to the county administrator's office.

**Updates will include:**

- LMS Committee/Work Group or Task Force members
- Review of the hazard assessment section of the LMS plan and evaluation of the repetitive loss properties, critical facilities and the Flood Insurance Rate Maps
- Prioritized County Project List

**4. Local Mitigation Strategy Plan Five-Year Update:**

An agreement between the Gadsden County BOCC and the Management Experts LLC has been executed to complete the five-year update of the Gadsden County Local Mitigation Strategy Plan. FEMA requires that all Hazard Mitigation plans be reviewed and updated as appropriate and resubmitted to FEMA for approval within five years. This requirement allows jurisdictions to apply for assistance under the following mitigation grant programs:

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM)
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

**Community Outreach Activity:**

**September 18<sup>th</sup>** – Distributed emergency preparedness information to citizens in the Robertsville community.

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Conducted an Emergency/Disaster Preparedness Presentation at Glory Tabernacle Church in Gretna.

**September 25<sup>th</sup>** – Distributed emergency preparedness information to citizens of Greensboro.

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Distributed emergency preparedness information in the Shiloh and East Quincy communities.

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Distributed emergency preparedness information to citizens of the Scott Town and St. Hebron communities.

**November 13<sup>th</sup>** - Distributed emergency preparedness information to citizens of Havana.

**Equipment Inventory:**

There was no new equipment purchased this quarter.

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