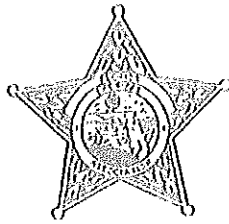


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**Quarterly Report
Gadsden County Division of Emergency Management**

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

CC: Robert Presnell, County Administrator

Reporting Period: December 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015

Date of Report: April 21, 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.

Staff: Major Shawn Wood, Director
Tashonda Whaley, Coordinator
Howard Smith, Administrative Assistant

State and Federally Funded Agreements:

- Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Program Base Grant #15-BG-83-02-30-01-020, Agreement period July 2014-June 2015 (\$105,806.00)
- Emergency Management Performance Grant # 15-FG-4D-02-30-01-087, Agreement period July 2014-June 2015 (\$50,438.00)
- Homeland Security Agreement #14-DS-L5-02-29-01-474 Agreement period October 2013-May 31, 2015 (\$30,900.00)
- Homeland Security Agreement #15-DS-P4-02-30-01-349, Agreement period February 2015 -December 31, 2015. (\$12,307)

Scope of Work:

1. **December 17, 2014 – Emergency Management Preparedness Assistance (EMPA) and Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) Mid-Year Review:**

Completed the EMPA/EMPG Mid-Year Review as required by the Florida Department of Emergency Management.

2. **February 17, 2015 - Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan (MYTEP):** Completed the 2016-2018 MYTEP Calendar of training and exercise for local first responders, emergency support functions and community partners.

Training and Exercise:

1. **March 17, 2015 - Tornado Recovery/EOC Activation Functional Exercise:**

The exercise was designed to update and re-familiarize local departments, agencies and organizations with their roles and responsibilities in a post disaster situation. The exercise focused on the activities that take place after a disaster event has occurred. This involved full activation of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The event was simulated over several weeks, but was condensed into a four hour period for the "day of play".

Topics included the legal authorities and responsibilities for federal, state and local disaster programs and agencies, roles and responsibilities of agencies and organization under the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, resources and personnel and the specialized training and equipment needed to ensure effective action and community safety.

2. **April 15-17, 2015 - 4th Annual Rural County Summit**

The Rural County Summit targets issues such as inadequate staffing, limited resources, insufficient funding and demographical and geological challenges; which influence all stages of emergency efforts. This year, professionals on the subject of sovereign citizens, hate groups, and extremism shared their experiences in making critical decisions during some of the nation's most dangerous and highly recognized events. Summit topics included:

- Understanding the Sovereign Citizen Threat
 - West Memphis Police Shooting
 - Waco Siege
 - 2009 Fort Hood Shooting
 - The Bundy Ranch Standoff
- Identifying Racial Hate Groups in Florida
- State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training

Impending Training and Exercise:

1. **May 21, 2015 - Statewide Hurricane Exercise:** In accordance with the 2014-2015 Scope of Work, Gadsden EM will participate in the Statewide Hurricane Exercise to maintain a comprehensive, all hazards training and exercise program and to evaluate and test all aspects of the local emergency management system which includes activation of the EOC. Gadsden EM's specific objectives during the Statewide exercise will include:

- Evaluate EOC operations, (ESF and community partners coordination)
- Demonstrate and evaluate coordination between Home Health Agencies and special needs population management
- Demonstrate and evaluate volunteer management during disaster
- Evaluate recovery strategies to include appropriate ESFs responsibilities and the proper documentation process with emphasis on debris management
- Evaluate coordination and operation between ESF8 and ESF15 of General and Special Needs Shelters

Planning:

1. **December 17, 2014 - The Gadsden County Local Mitigation Strategy Annual Update:**

The LMS Working Group conducted the annual update required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This update included:

- A current list of LMS committee/Work Group or Task Force members
- Review of the hazards assessment section of the LMS plan and evaluation of the repetitive loss properties, critical facilities and the Flood Insurance Rates Maps
- Review of the Prioritized County Project List

Equipment Inventory:

No new equipment has been purchased.

End of Report

