



After Action Report

**Alabama Emergency Management Agency
and Covington County Emergency
Management Agency**

Hurricane "Romeo" 2014 Exercise

May 22, 2014

Exercise Overview

Exercise Name: Hurricane Romeo 2014

Exercise Date: May 22, 2014

Scope: A functional Exercise, planned to fully staff and operate the Emergency Operations Center.

Mission Area(s): Prevention, Protection, Response and Recovery

Objectives: (1) Familiarize EOC representative on procedures of the EOC.

(2) Activate the call down procedures for EOC.

(2) Familiarize EOC representative on basic equipment and communication procedures.

Threat/Hazard: Hurricane

Scenario: A category 3 hurricane is headed toward the Southwest part of Alabama near Mobile, Alabama. Hurricane "Romeo" was projected to impact the entire southern region of the state. Expect weather related issues will be wind damage, power outages and flooding.

Sponsor: Covington County EMA

Participating Agencies: City of Andalusia, City of Florala, Sheriff's Office, Engineer's Office, Red Cross, Covington County Health Department, VFD Association, National Guard, ALDOT, Andalusia Regional Hospital, Mizell Hospital, E911, Sheriff's Reserve, CCEMA. 14 local agencies were represented at this exercise.

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All 3 Objectives associated with the core capability rated (P) Performed without Challenges: The objectives were completed in a manner that achieved the objectives and did not negatively impact the performance of other activities. Performance of this activity did not contribute to additional health and/or safety risks for the public or for emergency workers, and it was conducted in accordance with applicable plans, policies, procedures, regulations, and laws.

The following were identified strengths from Hurricane "Romeo" Exercise.

Strengths:

- Pre-identified EOC Procedures were clear and understood by all representatives. Hard copies of documents were given to representatives.
- Pre-identified representative for each agency have been determined and have been placed in all critical areas for life-saving and basic citizen needs for pre and post hurricane events.
- Pre-identified communication equipment has been put in place. Numerous backups have been identified.
- All pre-identified EOC representatives responded to the call down in a timely manner.

The following were identified areas for improvement identified from Hurricane "Romeo" Exercise.

Areas for Improvement:

- Identify additional personnel to be responsible for the EOC during long term disasters.
- Add additional communication equipment to the EOC.

Corrective Action:

- Each agency will be responsible for identifying additional personnel to be responsible for the EOC.
- Covington County EMA will be responsible for purchasing additional equipment for the EOC to improve communication.

EOC Sign-in Sheet

Date: 5-22-14 Hurricane Exercise

| Organization | Name (print) | Time-in | Time-out |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Andalusia | Melanie Ray | 9:00 | |
| Floral | Tom Mitchell | 8:55 | |
| Opp | | | |
| Sheriff's Office | <i>[Signature]</i> | | |
| Engineer Office | Kip Johnson | 8:55 | |
| Red Cross | Sammy Gwinn Doc Dobson | 8:55 | |
| Health Dept | Bobbe Harper / Stacy Williams | 8:55 | |
| VFD | Jim MARLEY | 8:56 | |
| National Guard | Russ Stoggs | 8:55 | |
| ALDOT | <i>[Signature]</i> | 8:55 | |
| Andalusia Hospital | Patty Bonner | 5 | |
| Opp Hospital | <i>[Signature]</i> | 9:00 - | |
| 911 | <i>[Signature]</i> | 9:00 am | |
| EMA Volunteers: | | | |
| SARC-amateur Radio | | | |
| Radio Operator | | | |
| Security | Larry Baker | | |
| Radio Operator | | | |
| Call Taker | | | |
| Call Taker | | | |
| Runner | | | |
| Kitchen Staff | | | |
| Kitchen Staff | | | |
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| Vistors: | | | |
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| EMA Staff | | | |
| | Susan Harris | | |
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