

# C E M A S I G N A L

Chatham Emergency Management Agency

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## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the second edition of *CEMA Signal*. Since the beginning of the year CEMA has conducted a number of EOC staff training sessions including both Planning and Operations Group meetings. It's our intention to continue initial and refresher EOC type-training throughout the year. We've also hosted a second Multi-Agency Coordination meeting to bring stakeholders together and promote partnerships prior to the onset of a disaster. Thus far coordination has been extremely successful; future meetings will be scheduled in the Newsletter Training Calendar.

As "advertised" the CEMA Hurricane Conference, sponsored in large part by Gulfstream, is scheduled for May 24, 2011 at the Savannah Trade and Convention Center on Hutchinson Island, Savannah.

Registration is

available on CEMA's website at [ChathamEmergency.org](http://ChathamEmergency.org). This year we have again made an effort to expand the breakout sessions to include subjects that apply to every aspect of public safety. By ensuring that we're all adhering to the same principles, the sessions benefit Coastal Georgia by better coordinating plans and resources thereby minimizing the duplication of effort.

The Emergency Management Association of Georgia Conference will also be held at the Trade and Convention Center immediately following the Chatham County Hurricane Conference from 25 to 27 May; registration for this highly recommended conference is available on the EMAG website at [www.emagonline.com](http://www.emagonline.com).

Another hurricane season is right around the corner and we have an excellent opportunity to learn from a recent example of catastrophic proportions: Hurricane Katrina. The *Congressional Special Report 109-322, "Hurricane Katrina: A Nation Still Unprepared"* is now available online. The easy way to locate the almost 800 page

document is to search the title on Google then go to the link. Why would anyone ever want to read an 800 page After Action Report? If for no other reason, it's refreshing to read that someone actually called it like it was, "...leadership failures compounded [the] losses. New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin and Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco...did not specify ... needs adequately to the Federal government". Wow! The *Recommendations* section alone (pages 607 to 630) is easily identified and separated from the main body of the document. The *Report Recommendations* contain a number of locally applicable lessons learned as well as an interesting explanation of what will probably be things to come on future Federal agendas.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you'd like to see a particular subject addressed in future additions of the *Signal* and don't forget to send us any training or exercise information that may be of value to the public safety community so we can include it on the calendar.

Clayton S. Scott, Director

Can you guess the 2011 Atlantic Hurricane Names?



## Luck of the Irish Inside the EOC

Kate Underwood, Administrator, CEMA  
EOC Finance Section

Anyone familiar with St. Patrick's Day in Savannah is aware of the fact that Chatham County anticipates nearly twice its population to be in town for the parade and festivities. With the increased population and historical threats of severe weather, the Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) initiated a Level 2 activation of the Emergency Operation Center (EOC). A Level 2 Activation is required when an event could impact Chatham County is imminent and requires additional coordination of resources or an actual event is expected to escalate to a point where EOC coordination efforts are prudently assumed to be anticipated.

So, what goes on inside an EOC? A LOT OF PLANNING! For St. Patrick's Day this year the EOC was activated from 0600-2100, which included two separate operational periods. During each operational period there were numerous meetings held to insure that everyone was up to speed on their task lists and to see if there were any issues within each of the sections and units in the EOC. In addition to all the planning and meetings, CEMA in coordination with its partners, continuously monitored the weather and the crowds during and after the parade. With the skies clear and the temperatures nice, CEMA and

emergency management partners were able to practice the plans that were in place and become more comfortable working in the EOC.

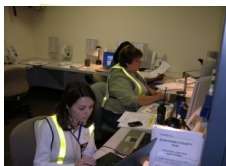
"Luckily we did not experience issues with the downtown crowd, so we used this as the perfect opportunity to train the people who will serve in the EOC," said CEMA Director Clayton Scott. We can only thank the luck of the Irish for having such an "uneventful" day.



CEMA Annex EOC



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Phone Operations

## Talking Trash

Don Sullens, Emergency Management Specialist, CEMA  
ESF 3, Public Works and Engineering

Debris Management following a significant storm like Floyd, Gustav, Hugo, or Ike is a long term, labor intensive and expensive project. As of February 2011, an estimated \$78 BILLION had been spent in the Gulf Coast region of the United States removing and disposing of the debris created by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Yes, almost six years after the storm that created the mess, the clean up continues.



Due to public safety and health issues created by the various types of debris randomly scattered about a community following a significant storm or event, simply ignoring piles of refuse is not an option open to local governments. The problem lies in the fact debris does not magically go away and the money available for its removal and disposal generally falls way short of actual expenses.

Communities with established debris management plans are better prepared to restore public services and ensure the public health and safety in the aftermath of a disaster. They are also better positioned to receive the full level of financial assistance available to them from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other participating entities.

CEMA and representatives from several jurisdictions within Chatham County have formed a Debris

Management Coordination Workgroup. The purpose of this County-wide Workgroup is to establish procedures to assist jurisdictions in coordinating their debris management process.

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The County-wide Workgroup has recommended several planning initiatives to CEMA which will be presented during the Chatham County Hurricane Conference.

If you are interested in becoming a participating member of the County-wide Debris Management Coordination Workgroup, please contact: Don Sullens, CEMA, 912-201-4500, or Robert Drewry, Chatham County Public Works, 912-661-1352.

### ***We've Got Chatham County Covered***

*Tim Genest, Assistant Chief/EMS Director, Southside Fire/EMS  
ESF-8: Health and Medical*

On February 1, 2011 Southside Fire EMS acquired Medstar/Transport One from Memorial Health University in Savannah. This acquisition resulted in a single 911 EMS provider covering all of Chatham County's four EMS zones. EMS Zones are established to ensure compliance of the statutory criteria of economy, efficiency and benefit to the public welfare in administering and coordinating the ambulance zoning system in Southeast Georgia. The philosophy of the Southeast Georgia EMS Council is to assure the most appropriate ambulance is dispatched to the scene of a medical emergency at all times.

The EMS zone descriptions for Chatham County are as follows:

Zone 1: The City of Savannah North of Eisenhower Drive to the county line, West to include Savannah City Limits and East to the Wilmington River to Dutch Island and Isle of Hope.

Zone 2: West of I-516, South of I-16 to the County line, both sides of Eisenhower Drive East to Skidaway Road, South to the County line inclusive of Skidaway Island.

Zone 3: East of the Wilmington River including Tybee Island.

Zone 4: West of the City limits of Savannah, North of and including I-16 to the County line.

The response time

requirements are as follows: City of Savannah must be 8 minutes or less 90 percent of the time and all other areas must be 12 minutes or less 90 percent of the time.

Southside has added more than 1,000 additional man hours of EMS coverage each month in addition to what was provided prior to February 1.

On February 14 Southside combined its 24 hour emergency dispatch with that of Medstar/TransportOne by moving both Centers to a central location at Southside Fire Station One located at 10703 White Bluff Road.

A single source provider of Emergency Medical Services within Chatham County represents an opportunity to provide world class emergency care to all citizens of Chatham County. By operating under a single set of Medical Protocols the entire pre-hospital care system can easily be modified to reflect changes in the standard of care.

The Zoning Requirements in Chatham County Georgia also dictate what equipment must be carried on ambulances that is in excess of what is required by the State of Georgia. One notable addition is portable ventilators. When a patient cannot effectively breathe for themselves a paramedic can insert an endotracheal tube and actually take over the function of breathing for a

critically ill patient. All Southside Fire/EMS units have cardiac monitors that are capable of performing a diagnostic quality 12 lead EKG and transmit that EKG to hospital staff in advance of the patient's arrival; giving the hospital extra time to assemble the correct teams to provide essential care needed in critical situations such as heart attacks and strokes.

In the coming months you will notice changes in color schemes of ambulances operating in Chatham County, but rest assured that the quality of care provided is as high as it has ever been. Southside Fire/EMS looks forward to achieving even greater advancements as our system matures.

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## *It's Not If, It's When*

### *2011 Chatham County Hurricane Conference*

The CEMA Hurricane Conference will be held May 24th, 2011 at the International Trade and Convention Center on Hutchinson Island.

The purpose of the one-day conference is to focus on preparedness, response and recovery in the event a hurricane impacts Chatham County.

This year's guest speakers are **Brock Long**, Former Director of the Alabama Emergency Management Agency and current Vice President of Hagerty Consulting, and **Commander Timothy Tobiasz**, US Coast Guard Air Station, Savannah.

#### WORKSHOP SUMMARIES

##### **Command Policy Group—RESERVED SESSION**

A briefing for Senior Municipal and County elected officials.

##### **Debris Management Planning Considerations**

A look at current Debris Management planning considerations and initiatives.

##### **After the Storm - What's Left and Where to Begin**

This workshop will address the conditions and specific issues communities' may have to deal with after a hurricane.

##### **Coastal Evacuations from the State's Prospective**

Evacuation plans from the State's prospective and the support provided to coastal counties to ensure the region's population is evacuated in a timely, efficient and safe manner.

##### **Hurricane Evacuation Study**

An inside look at the recently completed GA HES and what coastal residents say they will do during an evacuation order.

##### **Hurricanes 101 for Newcomers**

Get schooled on the basics of tropical systems and how to stay safe and informed.

##### **SEGARRN Interoperability Training**

Basic training on using the Southeast Georgia Regional Radio Network (SEGARRN).

##### **Critical Workforce Sheltering-Review & Update**

A presentation and discussion on changes to Chatham County's Critical Workforce Shelter Program.

##### **Been There, Done That**

This workshop will review best practices and lessons learned from Wilmington, NC Emergency Operations.

##### **Making the Private Partnerships Public**

How to keep the public aware of who, what, when and how various agencies fit into the emergency management plans for response and recovery.

##### **Re-Entry: Time Tables, Partner Participation, Priority Routes, Priority Facilities, Cost Tracking**

Addressing issues such as who needs to be first into an area, support and safety of the re-entry teams, routes, and priority of facilities.

##### **DCSA-Integrating Military Assets into Local Response Efforts**

Understanding how to access Department of Defense assets.

##### **Using GIS Based Damage Assessment Tools**

How to use GIS to assess damage after a disaster.

##### **Corps of Engineers Missions**

What the US Army Corps of Engineers can offer after a disaster.

##### **Maritime Response**

Maritime Response capability for all fire services including fire fighting, search and rescue and hazardous materials response.

##### **Temporary Housing Task Force**

FEMA has proposed that a Temporary Housing Task Force be formed to address the issue of temporary housing following a disaster.

##### **Family Assistance Centers**

A one-stop facility that will provide all the necessary information and support to help both individuals and families recover from a disaster.

##### **Hazardous Material Considerations**

Response to hazardous materials that are spread throughout a community by storm surge waters and flooding rains that often accompany a hurricane.

##### **Animals USDA APHIS Regarding Wildlife**

The plan to ensure that wildlife is properly returned to their environment.

##### **Social Media**

The basics of how to effectively use social media within your agency and the benefits of using it during emergencies.

##### **Campaigns to Engage the Public**

How to get people off the couch and developing preparation plans.

##### **Plan to help manage "Unsolicited Volunteers"**

Understand strategies to develop an effective and efficient volunteer management program.

**2011 Coastal Hurricane Evacuation Full Scale Exercise**

*Jimmy Gordon, Safety Officer, Memorial University Medical Center  
ESF-1: Evacuation and Re-entry*

Planning and communication amongst state and local agencies have proven to be the best resolution in developing a collaborative plan that will help save lives and minimize pandemonium in the event of a disaster.

With that mission in mind, Memorial Health University Medical Center (MHUMC)

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and other surrounding Region J hospitals would like to invite you and your agency to participate in the 2011 Region J Coastal

Hurricane Evacuation Exercise (FSE). The exercise will take place on May 19, 2011.

The planning meeting dates are as follows:

- \*February 17, 2011 at 9:00am in MUMC Hoskins Center Classroom 4
- \*Mid Planning Exercise – Mar 10th Thursday - Hoskins Center Classroom 1
- \*CE Training - Mar 31st
- \*MSEL Planning Conference – Apr 13th Thursday – Main Building Conference Room A
- \*Final Planning Meeting – Apr 28th Thursday - Hoskins Center Classroom 1

Please contact Jimmy Gordon, MUMC Safety Officer at 912-667-1542 or [Gordoji1@memorialhealth.com](mailto:Gordoji1@memorialhealth.com).

**Hurricane Hunter is Coming to Savannah**

*Ron Morales  
National Weather Service, Charleston*

It’s a chance to step aboard a plane that goes inside of one of Mother Nature’s most powerful storms.

The National Weather Service’s annual Hurricane Awareness Tour will roll into town on May 5, 2011 at the Savannah Hilton Head International Airport.

The highlight of the tour will be the display of the Lockheed WP-3D Orion, NOAA’s Hurricane Hunter

aircraft. The event will be hosted by both NOAA’s National Weather Service Office in Charleston, South Carolina and the Savannah Hilton Head Airport, in conjunction with the NOAA’s National Hurricane Center out of Miami Florida, NOAA’s Airport Operations Center at MacDill Air Force Base located in Tampa Florida, and CEMA. The P-3 Orion aircraft not only plays a vital role in helping NOAA’s National Hurricane



Center forecast the track and strength of hurricanes, but also participates in many other national and international research missions.

Some recent missions and experiments that the P-3 has been involved in include: a climate study off the west coast of Mexico, a low level wind jet experiment over Central and South America and a study of bow echoes and mesoscale convection in the U.S. Midwest.

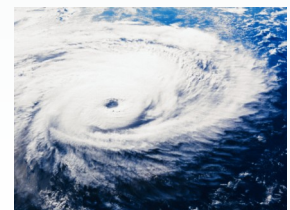
In addition to the Hurricane Hunter aircraft, expect to see vehicles and aircraft on display from other agencies such as the US Coast Guard, Marine and Fire/Emergency services. There will also be some other static displays and information booths. Although the target audience for this event will be a select group of approximately 500 4th and 5th grade elementary school students, there will also be an opportunity for the general public to view and tour the aircraft and exhibits.

Visit <http://weather.gov/chs/misc/hat2011.shtml> for more information.

**WHAT’S IN A NAME**

*2011 Atlantic  
Hurricane Names*

- Arlene
- Bret
- Cindy
- Don
- Emily
- Franklin
- Gert
- Harvey
- Irene
- Jose
- Katia
- Lee
- Maria
- Nate
- Ophelia
- Philippe
- Rina
- Sean
- Tammy
- Vince
- Whitney



## ***Integrating Culture and History in Emergency Management***

*Dennis Jones, Assistant Director, CEMA*

*ESF 11: Natural, Cultural and Historic Resources*

It seems each week we see a new story about destruction caused by a natural disaster striking a populated area. If we also consider the destructive events caused by man-made threats and emergencies; disasters become an almost daily occurrence. What is often omitted, however, is the effect of these disasters beyond the high profile topics of human suffering and tragedy. During many of these incidents, cultural institutions are affected and valuable artifacts are damaged or destroyed. While it is impossible to eliminate natural disasters, much can be done to mitigate the effects of destructive events and to reduce the risk of damage or loss from other types of emergencies.

Across the Nation, preparedness and planning for Natural, Cultural and Historical (NCH) institutions are often overlooked or postponed for what are perceived as higher priorities. In a culture rich environment, these institutions are highly valuable in promoting tourism and providing economic stability. To support a comprehensive emergency management program, it's essential emergency management professionals account for these elements and give consideration to organizing a group focused on NCH prevention, preparedness, response and recovery. Defining the foundation of an emergency management system for NCH institutions and the steps necessary to integrate constituents into the jurisdiction's Multi-Agency Coordination System (MACS) requires the use of key components of the National Incident

Management System (NIMS) and the National Response Framework (NRF).

Through design and adoption of an NCH emergency management framework, institutions will have access to a program that:

- \* Integrates NCH institutions into the local Emergency Management System;
- \* Incorporates NCH elements into the overall jurisdiction's Emergency Operations Plan, Hazard Mitigation Plan and Disaster Recovery Plan;
- \* Coordinates NCH identification and hazard vulnerability assessment;
- \* Facilitates development and application of mitigation protection actions;
- \* Manages, monitors, and assists in response and recovery actions to minimize damage to NCH resources.
- \* Collectively coordinates community-based contracting, contract management, procurement, construction inspection, and NCH restoration, preservation, protection, and stabilization.



The importance of emergency preparedness and planning cannot be emphasized enough to an institution's staff, administration, and board of trustees. For a relatively obscure discipline to become fully integrated into an emergency management system will require a dedicated group to design the program, educate partners and maintain momentum with planning development. The planning group should be co-lead by an experienced emergency management planner and a NCH representative who is actively involved in the jurisdiction's facilities. This joint leadership effort will guide the group in the plan design and program incorporation while simultaneously ensuring the common NCH elements of the community are accounted for. Active partner participation is required and the efforts of prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery are most effective when there is full participation and collaboration that includes personnel from:

- \* Multiple jurisdictions,
- \* A combination of specialties or disciplines,
- \* Several levels of government,
- \* Nongovernmental organizations, and
- \* The private sector.

Once the primary planning team is organized and the leadership roles are defined, the group should collectively decide on a mission statement that declares the overall goal or purpose of the group. From this agreement, the four phases of emergency management (prevention, preparedness, response and recovery) will become the guiding

force for the group to establish a series of objectives to address the immediate needs of the NCH community. At a minimum, the first phase objectives for this group should include the following items:

- \* Define and solicit participation from community-wide NCH institutions;
- \* Conduct facility reviews to establish a baseline of community-wide collections, points of contacts and emergency readiness level;
- \* Using the jurisdiction's Hazard Mitigation Plan, conduct facility specific Hazard Vulnerability Assessments. For continuity, the threats identified in the jurisdiction's mitigation plan should be addressed in each facility vulnerability assessment;
- \* Evaluate those NCH institutions considered critical assets to the community and ensure these facilities are included in the mitigation plan's critical facility inventory;
- \* Select a group focused on reviewing Emergency Support Function (ESF) 11, the Historic Sites Act of 1935 and 36 CFR Part 800 (Protection of Historic Properties) to brief the group on local, state and federal law/guidance regarding protection of historic sites; and
- \* Provide technical advice and guidance on procedures and protocols for preservation of historic resources.

Emergency management activities rely on supporting a standardized framework with emphasis on communicating a common operating picture among partners. This concept is the primary foundation for NIMS and MACS, and allows us to work together to prepare for, prevent, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of incidents. Effective

integration promotes the ability to:

- \* Provide a reliable infrastructure to support NCH institutions.
- \* Acquire, analyze, and act on information.
- \* Be flexible in the face of rapidly changing conditions.
- \* Allow all levels of government and private partners to work together more efficiently.

Full integration is not quite complete however. A significant component to survivability is the entity's *ability* to recover. The group's second year should allow for a focused attention on continuity. Continuity of Operations Planning represents a continual process for developing, validating, and refining the entities' ability to recover from the effects of a disaster. Through the planning process:

- \* Essential functions that must be performed are identified,
- \* Leadership succession and delegation of authority is clearly defined;
- \* Alternate sites are researched and identified,
- \* Interoperable communications and vital records management functions are identified;
- \* Procedures are developed to address reconstitution capabilities;
- \* A facility specific continuity plan is developed,
- \* The functions of the plan are tested, and
- \* The plan is shared with community partners.

Thankfully, integrating the NCH community into the emergency management system requires very little funding. A focus placed on planning and training will accomplish a significant portion of the group's objectives with the largest commitment

originating from staff that actively champions the program. Subordinate resources such as equipment or supplies will be needed to support the Program; however, most of these expenses can be funded by participant agencies.

Each community is vulnerable to a variety of hazards. Emergency management provides a structure for anticipating and dealing with emergency incidents by involving participants from all governmental levels and the private sector. The effectiveness of the community's emergency management system rests on a network of relationships among partners in the system. Integrating

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discipline specific activities is necessary and organized by phases before, during, and after emergency events. This integration provides a conceptual framework for organizing and managing emergency protection efforts and defines when and how local officials and agencies will work together to deal with any threat to their jurisdiction.

**TURNING UP THE HEAT—AN ESF 4 UPDATE**

*Hugh Futrell, Assistant Chief, Southside Fire/EMS/Security  
ESF-4: Fire Fighting Services*

ESF4 met in early January to discuss the rapidly unfolding year of 2011. Two meetings were held, one at the Civic Center in conjunction with our fellow ESF partners, 9 and 10, and the other one at the Association of Chatham County Fire Chiefs. Several topics were brought forward as items that need to be updated for the ESF4 position in the Emergency Operations Center:

1. Annual updates of resource lists were requested for updating the ESF4 lists for EOC operations. All information is confidential for use in CEMA operations. CEMA forwarded requests to all Chatham County Fire Departments with the previous resource list attached.
2. Annual update of all contact information for each fire department was also requested.
3. Creation of a list of EOC qualified candidates to work the ESF4 positions during activations was started. All fire departments were asked to submit a list of EOC trained officers capable of working the ESF4 coordination positions during disasters.
4. CEMA asked for each agency to review its Mutual Aid Agreements with local partners.
5. A review, by all agencies, of the current Chatham Emergency Operations Plan with particular attention paid to the ESF4 section was requested.

All ESF4 partners should be aware that CEMA has created a calendar of upcoming training opportunities and also required training sessions that must be attended to maintain qualifications for working in the EOC and the ESF4 positions during disasters.

**PLANE AND SIMPLE**

*Live Aircraft Disaster Exercise  
Savannah/Hilton Head Intl. Airport*

The Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport will be conducting its triennial live aircraft disaster exercise on May 12, 2011. This exercise is conducted in accordance with Federal mandate 14 CFR 139.325. This full-scale exercise will provide the opportunity for affected local public and private sector mutual aid/medical entities to work collectively to enhance response skills for aviation mass casualty incidents.

It is anticipated that this on-airport exercise will be conducted between the hours of 9:00am and 1:00pm. A series of preliminary coordination meetings will be conducted during the month of April to discuss agency involvement, exercise scenario, communication, and other areas of mutual concern for this exercise.

We ask that each agency with responsibilities noted in the Airport Emergency Plan to assign a point of contact to review the plan. This review should ensure the accuracy of your noted responsibilities and/or resources, as well as to determine

the ability to actively participate in the 2011 exercise. The airport's point of contact is Mr.

Kim Arnsdorff, Airfield Operations Manager, 912-313-2472, email [karsdorff@savannahairport.com](mailto:karsdorff@savannahairport.com).



Spotlight  
Nell Hart



Nell Hart joined CEMA in 1988 when CEMA was known as Chatham County Civil Defense. She is currently the Administrative Assistant and brings tremendous talent to the development of CEMA's disaster preparedness designs and publications. Mrs. Hart developed and designed Chatham County's first Tornado Safety booklet and with data input from CEMA's Director, Clayton Scott, also designed Chatham County's first Evacuation Map.

Prior to joining CEMA, Mrs. Hart worked as a Temp with the Chatham County Tag Office and then worked as a Clerk and later advanced to Senior Clerk with the Chatham County Sheriff's Department.

Mrs. Hart is a 1970 honor graduate of Lillian Street Elementary and High School. After graduating from high school she received advanced education from Albany State College University pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Biology with an emphasis in Science Education; Savannah State College University receiving certificates in Bookkeeping and Accounting; Savannah Technical College continuing education in Microsoft programs and the International College of Correspondences earning a Diploma in Medical Office Assistant. She is a graduate of the University of Georgia's Management Development Program. She attends State and Federal training courses throughout the year to continue her Emergency Management education.

**JIM DRINNON SAYS "SYONARA"**  
*CEMA Emergency Management Specialist*

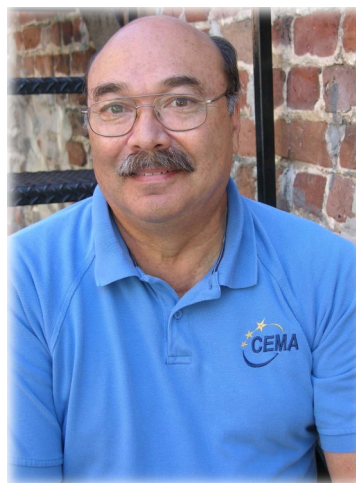
It's been quite a journey for Jim Drinnon; there isn't much he hasn't done in the past 40 years when it comes to public service and emergency management. Although in July this year Jim will trade in his radio and boots for a life of leisurely retirement, a decision that didn't come as easy as some nearing retirement would imagine.

Jim began his career with the Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) in July 2006 as an Emergency Management Specialist where he served as the representative for Emergency Support Functions 6 and 8. Jim was assigned to coordinate activities involving emergency sheltering and mass feeding, as well as issues concerning public health and medical needs during emergencies and disasters.

During his time with CEMA, Jim has many accomplishments to be proud of. He served on the team that helped build out the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the Chatham County Annex, as well as staffed numerous EOC activations including St. Patrick's Day events, Tropical Storm Hanna and Hurricane Earl. During Jim's tenure he supported the Imperial Sugar Refinery Explosion response and coordinated veterinarian Medial Services for Recovery Dogs. He also worked to update Chatham County's HAZMAT Plan and collaborated with Public Health on the First Secondary Treatment,

Triage and Transportation Center for Special Needs Evacuation.

Along with many of Jim's duties as a CEMA Emergency Management Specialist, he was also the Secretary/Treasurer of the Chatham County Fire Chief's Association and the CEMA representative to Savannah Spill Response Corporation.



Before joining CEMA, Jim spent 35 years in public health. He worked for the State of Georgia as the Public Health Representative to the State Operations Center; served as Director of the Environmental and Injury Control Branch for the Division of Public Health; and ended his career in Public Health as the District Environmental Health Director for the Coastal Health District. During this period he received the 1976 Outstanding County Environmentalist Award from the Georgia Environmental Health Association; he co-shared the Vice President Al Gore Golden Hammer Award for his work on the 1996

Olympics; and he received the 2006 Outstanding Environmentalist Award from the Georgia Public Health Association.

Jim is a retired United States Army Reserve Officer having achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. His military badges and awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Master Parachutist Badge and the Parachute Rigger Badge.

Jim is married to Elizabeth (Locke) Drinnon and has four sons James, Steven, Michael and Bruce. He plans to spend time travelling with his wife and his grandchildren. CEMA wishes Jim happiness in his retirement and thanks him for his dedication to the agency over the last five years.



**Jim distributes family preparedness information during Thunderbolt's National Night Out in October 2010.**

# CALENDAR

## Meetings

**April 5, 10AM-11:30AM**

**MACS Group (ESF-5)**

CEMA Annex EOC  
Jennifer Rodriguez, CEMA  
(912) 201-4500  
jlrodriguez@chathamcounty.org

**April 4, 11AM-12:30PM**

**USPS Support Coordination Mtg**

US Post Office on Fahm Street  
Don Sullens, CEMA  
(912) 201-4500  
dwsullens@chathamcounty.org

**April 5, 1PM-2PM**

**SHER Annual Meeting (ESF-11)**

Juliette Gordon Low House  
Dennis Jones, CEMA  
(912) 201-4500  
dtjones@chathamcounty.org

**April 6, TBD**

**Pets and Animals (ESF-11)**

SCMPD Animal Control  
Kate Underwood, CEMA  
(912) 201-4500  
dtjones@chathamcounty.org

**April 13, 7:30AM-8:30AM**

**EMSAC**

Location varies  
Dennis Jones, CEMA  
(912) 201-45400  
dtjones@chathamcounty.org

**April 13, 10AM-11:30AM**

**Quarterly Meeting (ESF-7)**

County Purchasing Dept.  
Bill Parson, Purchasing  
(912) 790-1626  
wparson@chathamcounty.org

**April 14, 10:30AM-12:00PM**

**Training & Exercise MACS**

**Subcommittee Meeting**  
American Red Cross  
Jennifer Rodriguez, CEMA  
(912) 201-4500  
jlrodriguez@chathamcounty.org

**April 19, 10AM-11:30AM**

**Quarterly Meeting (ESF-1)**

CEMA Annex EOC  
Michael Grant  
(912) 652-6875  
migrant@chathamcounty.org

**April 21, 10AM-12PM**

**EMAG Area 5 (ESF-5)**

Wayne County EMA  
Dennis Jones, CEMA  
(912) 201-4500  
dtjones@chathamcounty.org

**April 26, 9AM-11AM**

**EOC Planning Sec. Group Mtg (ESF-5)**

CEMA Downtown EOC  
Jennifer Rodriguez, CEMA  
(912) 201-4500  
jlrodriguez@chathamcounty.org

**April 28, 8:30AM-9:30AM**

**CLEO (ESF-13)**

Weston House Residence Hall  
Wynn Sullivan, Armstrong PD  
(912) 344-3222  
Wynn.Sullivan@armstrong.edu

**April 28, 11AM**

**Region J Hospitals Hurricane Evacuation/Recovery (FSE) Final Planning Mtg.**

Memorial Medical Center  
Jimmy Gordon, Memorial  
(912) 350-8645  
gordoji1@memorialhealth.com

**May 11, 7PM-9PM**

**Fire Chief's Assoc & ESF-4**

Savannah Fire Dept (Skidaway)  
Dustin Hetzel, CEMA  
(912) 201-4500  
djhetzel@chathamcounty.org

**May 17, 9AM-10:30AM**

**EOC Operations Group Mtg (ESF-5)**

CEMA Annex EOC  
Jennifer Rodriguez, CEMA  
(912) 201-4500  
jlrodriguez@chathamcounty.org

**May 18, 10AM-12PM**

**LEPC (ESF-5)**

Savannah Civic Center  
Noel Perkins, MPC  
(912) 651-1477  
perkins@thempc.org

**May 24, 3:30PM-4:30PM**

**County PIO Assoc (ESF-15)**

Intl Trade and Convention Center  
Kelly Foster, CEMA  
(912) 201-4500  
klfoster@chathamcounty.org

**May 26, 8:30AM-9:30AM**

**CLEO (ESF-13)**

Weston House Residence Hall  
Wynn Sullivan, Armstrong PD  
(912) 344-3222  
Wynn.Sullivan@armstrong.edu

**June 15, 10AM-12PM**

**EMAG Area 5 (ESF-5)**

Joint Area 5 & 8, TBD  
Dennis Jones, CEMA  
(912) 201-4500  
dtjones@chathamcounty.org

**June 21, 7AM-8:30AM**

**EOC Finance Group Mtg (ESF-5)**

CEMA Downtown EOC  
Jennifer Rodriguez, CEMA  
(912) 201-4500  
jlrodriguez@chathamcounty.org

**June 21, 9AM-10:30AM**

**EOC Logistics Group Mtg (ESF-5)**

TBD  
Jennifer Rodriguez, CEMA  
(912) 201-4500  
jlrodriguez@chathamcounty.org

**April 29, 10AM-11:30AM**

**Quarterly Meeting (ESF-3 & 12)**

CEMA Annex EOC  
Robert Drewry  
(912) 652-6842  
rwdrewry@chathamcounty.org

**June 30, 8:30AM-9:30AM**

**CLEO (ESF-13)**

Weston House Residence Hall  
Wynn Sullivan, Armstrong PD  
(912) 344-3222  
Wynn.Sullivan@armstrong.edu

**Region J Hospitals (FSE) After Action Report**

TBD  
Memorial Medical Center  
Jimmy Gordon, Memorial  
(912) 350-8645  
gordoji1@memorialhealth.com

# CALENDAR

## Training

**April 6, 8AM-5PM**  
**EOC General Staff Training**  
CEMA Annex EOC  
Prerequisite: IS-100, 200 and 700  
Jennifer Rodriguez, CEMA  
(912) 201-4500  
jlrodriguez@chathamcounty.org

**April 12-14, 8AM-5PM**  
**CAPTAP Training**  
CEMA Annex EOC  
Zach Shuman, SCMPD  
(912) 652-6627  
zshuman@savannahga.gov

**April 13, 12PM-4:30PM**  
**SSRC Training**  
GA Tech Crossroads Campus  
Tom Wright/AARC/SMA  
(912) 429-3350

**April 15, 8AM-12PM, 1PM-5PM**  
**E-Plan Training**  
Savannah Tech Campus (Sav)  
Jennifer Rodriguez, CEMA  
(912) 201-4500  
jlrodriguez@chathamcounty.org

**April 18-22, 8AM-5PM**  
**ICS-320 (ESF-5)**  
Savannah MCU  
Invitation Only  
Registration: March 30  
Keith Jones, MSU  
(912) 652-4353 xt 229  
james.k.jones@uscg.mil

**April 30, May 1, 8AM-5PM**  
**CERT Train the Trainer**  
CEMA Annex EOC  
Kelly Foster, CEMA  
(912) 201-4500  
klfoster@chathamcounty.org

**May 3, 8AM-5PM**  
**EOC General Staff Training**  
CEMA Annex EOC  
Prerequisite: IS-100, 200 and 700  
Jennifer Rodriguez, CEMA  
(912) 201-4500  
jlrodriguez@chathamcounty.org

**May 9-14, 8AM-5PM**  
**Command & General Staff for Local IMT's**  
Pooler  
Ashley Fields, City of Pooler  
afields@pooler-ga.gov

**June 21, 10:30AM-12PM**  
**EOC Staff Training-Logistics (ESF-5)**  
TBD  
Jennifer Rodriguez, CEMA  
(912) 201-4500  
jlrodriguez@chathamcounty.org

**May (TBD)**  
**CERT Training**  
Savannah  
Kelly Foster, CEMA  
(912) 201-4500  
klfoster@chathamcounty.org

## Exercises

**May 12, 9AM-1PM**  
**Live Aircraft Disaster Simulation**  
Sav/Hilton Head Intl. Airport  
Kim Arnsdorff, Ops Manager  
(912) 313-2472  
karsdorff@savannahairport.com

**May 19, 8AM-5PM**  
**Region J Hospitals Evacuation/ Recovery (FSE)**  
Memorial Medical Center  
Jimmy Gordon, Memorial  
(912) 350-8645  
gordo11@memorialhealth.com

**June 2011 (TBD)**  
**EOC Exercise**  
Location TBD  
Jennifer Rodriguez, CEMA  
(912) 201-4500  
jlrodriguez@chathamcounty.org

## Special

**April 30, 9AM-11PM**  
**Stand up for America Day**  
Port Wentworth  
Patrick Foran, City of PW  
(912)966-7428  
pforan@cityofportwentworth.com

**May 5, 8AM-5PM**  
**2011 Hurricane Awareness Tour**  
Flight Safety (Old Airport Terminal)  
Ron Morales, NWS (Charleston)  
(843) 744-1436  
ron.morales@noaa.gov

**May 24, 7AM-5PM**  
**Chatham Cnty Hurricane Conf**  
Intl Trade and Convention Center  
Dennis Jones, CEMA  
(912) 201-4500  
dtjones@chathamcounty.org

**May 25-27, 8AM-5PM**  
**GA Emergency Mgmt Conf**  
Intl Trade and Convention Center  
Dennis Jones, CEMA  
(912) 201-4500  
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**REMINDER: WebEOC Monthly Login is required of all Emergency Operations Center Staff in April. Staff can login anytime during the week of April 4th–8th.**

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## **Hats Off!**

### *Two CEMA Employees Receive their Georgia Certified Emergency Manager Certification*

Two CEMA employees are celebrating a big accomplishment. Kate Underwood and Jennifer Rodriguez have completed the Georgia Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) program. The purpose of the program is to certify individuals in the emergency management profession and also maintain professional standards.

Both Underwood and Rodriguez were required to complete a combination of independent study courses, emergency preparedness courses and field delivered courses in order to receive their certification. Now certified, they will need to complete a minimum of 24 hours annually of continuing education to maintain their Georgia CEM.

Hats off to both!



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**Dennis Jones**  
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- **Submissions emailed to:** Kelly Foster, Emergency Management Specialist/PIO (kifoster@chathamcounty.org)
  - **Deadline:** June 10, 2011
  - **Article Length:** 100 - 750 words
  - **Article Submissions:** Include Article Title, Author Name, Title and Agency
  - **Meeting Notices:** Include Meeting Title, Date, Time, Location and Point of Contact (Name, Phone and Email)
  - **Training Notice:** Include Training Title, Date(s), Time(s), Location, Prerequisites, Registration Deadline, Costs, Point of Contact (Name, Phone and Email Address)
  - **Exercise Notices:** Include Exercise Title, Date(s), Time(s), Location and Point of Contact (Name, Phone and Email Address)
  - **Editorial Note:** The Editor has the discretion to edit submissions. If changes are considered substantive, the author will be contacted to review the changes prior to publication.
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