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Chatham Emergency Management Agency

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the first edition of the *CEMA Signal*, Chatham Emergency Management Agency's Newsletter. With the countless training opportunities, exercises, local initiatives and remarkable accomplishments that occur each month throughout our community, it seems appropriate to share these issues both before and after they occur. Before, in order to publicize forthcoming events and allow members of the emergency response community to participate in the myriad activities available and after, to capitalize on our cumulative lessons learned and advance our shared learning experiences.

What has CEMA done in 2010? As hurricane seasons go, 2010 was memorable; principally because all the tropical cyclones went out to sea and became much loved "fish storms". Hurricane Earl was our only close encounter. A category four storm, all the forecasts predicted Earl to move easterly without

affecting the Georgia Coast; however, the forecasters forgot to tell Earl. As the storm continued its northward movement, in spite of the consensus of all the computer models, it kept shifting to the west. The National Hurricane Center hedged its bets by inserting caveats in the forecasts with the possibility of as much as a 300 mile error in the path of this storm. The County evacuation recommendations are based on these outside chances of westerly movement. As Hurricane Earl gradually approached and threatened Chatham County, CEMA came within one hour of recommending the evacuation of Nursing Homes and Special Needs patients. That is a dramatic measure, but with the continually westward track of the storm we were left without options. Thankfully, in the last hours of the decision timeline the storm finally turned to the east. With Earl passed and quickly forgotten, we settled down to our planning commitments and reviewing, coordinating, testing and rewriting the existing plans.

One important plan that was completed during 2010 was coordination with every County municipality; the Multi-Jurisdiction Hazards Mitigation Plan. Initially mandated in 2005 by both

the Georgia and the Federal Emergency Management Agencies, the Plan required a five year revision and update. As well, the Plan was expanded from mitigating the effects of Coastal Storms, Storm Surge, Rainwater Floods and Tornados to also include Wildland Fires, Hazardous Materials, Terrorism and Major Transportation Incidents. In addition to establishing benchmarks for mitigation actions, the approved Plan is a prerequisite to pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant funding.

Two major initiatives that occurred in CEMA were the hiring of Jennifer Rodriguez and Kelly Foster. Both are Emergency Management Specialists with Jennifer's focus on readiness, plans, operations, training and exercises; Kelly's concentration is public information, volunteers, donations, Citizen's Corps and the Community Emergency Response Team.

In conclusion, I hope this Newsletter will be beneficial to our emergency response community and that it will serve as a local public safety bulletin board. We actively solicit your suggestions for issues that relate to public safety; please do not hesitate to contact us if we may assist in any fashion.

Clayton S. Scott, Director

The 2011 Chatham County Hurricane Conference is scheduled for May 24th at the Savannah International Trade and Convention Center.



MULTI AGENCY COORDINATION SYSTEM AND THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

*Dennis Jones, Assistant Director, CEMA
ESF-5: Emergency Management*

In the Chatham County area, it is inevitable that we will work with others outside of our own agency. The process allowing all levels of government and disciplines to work together more effectively and efficiently is called multi agency coordination. In order to ensure that this coordination occurs as gracefully as possible, the Chatham County Emergency Management Program (EMP) operates using the Multiagency Coordination System (MACS) to better define how we will work together.

The County EMP is much larger than it's coordinator (CEMA) by involving all jurisdictional and non-governmental emergency management partners throughout the County. CEMA works with the EMP partners to ensure effective and efficient coordination and execution of emergency response and recovery parameters.

Community-wide coordination and operation follow under the MACS structure. MACS is a key component of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and is critical to ensure compliance with Federal standards. The MACS structure accounts for:

- the architecture to support coordination for incident prioritization;
- critical resource allocation;
- communication system integration; and
- Information coordination.

The MACS structure is not just a facility or a group. It is comprised of a variety of components necessary to ensure an effective county-wide emergency program. Components include:

- Facilities (communication centers, EOC's, hospitals, etc);
- Equipment;
- Personnel;
- Procedures; and

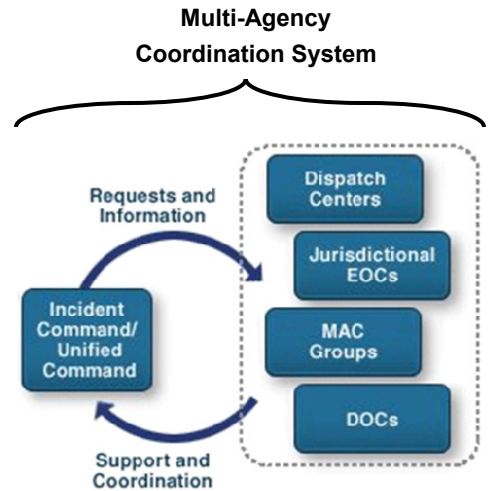
- Cooperative Planning with local, State and Federal partner.

Ultimately a well coordinated MACS provides support, coordination, and assistance during times of emergency or disaster response.

The Emergency Operations Center is a critical component of the MACS structure. EOCs are intended to facilitate MACS functions, and provide support to field command elements when resource needs exceed local capabilities. EOC's provide a central location for interagency coordination, resource support, and policy directives to the on-scene incident commander.

An EOC is a physical location that is located separately from the on-scene Incident Command Post and supports the on-scene response by providing external coordination and securing of additional resources. The MACS structure does not have direct incident command involvement and does not command the on-scene level of the incident, but rather supports the Incident Command Post's command and management efforts through cooperative coordination through the EOC and Emergency Support Functions (ESFs).

Following the NIMS directive, there are several allowable methods for compliance. The more common structures are based on principles from ESFs and the Incident Command System (ICS). The ESF structure is commonly used by the Federal and State government, while the ICS structure is commonly used by field operations. In Chatham County, we combine both structures into a hybrid system to ensure there is continuity from the State to the County to our field forces with the EOC serving as the lynch-pin ensuring continuity from the ground-up.



“Ultimately a well coordinated Multi-Agency Coordination System provides support, coordination and assistance during times of emergency or disaster response.”



EOC...WE'RE GOING PLACES

*Jennifer Rodriguez, EM Specialist, CEMA
ESF-5: Emergency Management*

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) or any EOC by nature is an uncomfortable place to be during an activation. I found this to be true on my second day on the job with Chatham Emergency Management Agency, when Hurricane Earl tempted us with his presence. I have been around EOCs for years and probably should feel almost at home in them. However, the one thing that Earl showed me is that no matter how much training and experience you have in EOCs, a new one that you haven't spent quality time in will cause potential anxiety when you receive that activation notification. Now that I have sufficiently scared you more about working in the Emergency Operations Center, let me tell you what we are doing to try to make it a more comfortable experience if and when we have to activate it to support an emergency.

Training: Most people learn to crawl, then walk, run, then ride a bicycle. This principle works in emergency management as well. Training is important before we can have expectations of a successful operation. Thus, we are working to redevelop staff training that everyone takes to become a staff member of the EOC. This training will focus on more about what an EOC is, how it supports events, and what to expect when that call comes in requesting your support. Furthermore, we are developing position-specific training for Section Chiefs and those that could be tasked with working in that role. Section specific training for the planning and logistics sections is also being developed. These will be open

to people that work in these sections as well as those that just want to learn more about what these sections do when the EOC is activated. This training will be offered quarterly and should last no longer than a couple of hours.



Exercise: I am continually reminded by my doctors that the way to get physically fit is to exercise. Now while I may not listen to them and heed their advise, I have learned from Band Hero that the more I practice at something, the better I get, even when I am really, really bad at it to start. Luckily, I am not the only one that believes in practice. Overwhelmingly, participants in the multi-agency coordination group believe that participation in at least one EOC exercise per year should be a requirement to be classified as an EOC staff member. To accommodate this, starting in 2011, we will have EOC exercises at least once per quarter, in addition to the position and section specific training sessions. The goal will be to provide opportunities to get in the EOC, get familiar with the operations, the people and ultimately ease that anxiety.

WebEOC: We have spent a good part of the past few months taking a look at the WebEOC and upgrading it to a new version. In this process, we have taken a look at the way that we work to support emergencies and how we want the WebEOC to support our EOC operations. While this will be an ongoing project through 2011, we have come a long way so far. Hopefully with the version upgrade and the work we have done and will continue to do, the WebEOC will also become less confusing and stressful for users.

The more that you get into the EOC, the better prepared you will be to actually work in the EOC during an emergency. Also, the better we will be at meeting your needs within the EOC, before a disaster. We are open to feedback about what can be done better to support emergency operations. I believe that 2011 will be an exciting year and one that will help improve the EOC as well as ensure our community preparedness regardless of the issues that confront us.



FIREFIGHTING SERVICES RECAP THE PREVIOUS YEAR

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

During 2010, ESF-4 firefighting partners worked, alongside CEMA, toward training more fire officers throughout Chatham County for EOC duties when needed. Previously, Southside Fire/EMS/Security handled all the on duty requests for EOC coordination of ESF-4. Now, due to more fire officers being trained, ESF-4 is in a position to supply personnel to the EOC from most of the fire departments within Chatham. This provides more involvement of departments in the EOC, relieves any burden off just one department supplying personnel, and allows continued EOC coordination at the ESF-4 level when several departments are involved in a multi-agency response to a disaster by providing personnel from the non-involved departments for the EOC.

ESF-4 is working with the United States Coast Guard and the Georgia Ports Authority in exploring ways to expand Marine Firefighting Capabilities. Because of the specialized nature of Marine Firefighting, the need for training in both shipboard fires and dockside fires require different training techniques and equipment. ESF-4 will continue to seek training opportunities and grant monies in marine firefighting to better prepare all fire departments in the county to respond to calls whenever fires occur in the port or onboard merchant vessels in Chatham County.

Throughout the year, ESF-4 partners have met at the bi-monthly Chatham County Fire Chiefs Meetings for discussion of not only local but statewide fire concerns. Training has been shared among ESF4 departments throughout the year and several fire departments participated in the LEPC's & BOE's joint training exercise on October 27, 2010. ESF-4 looks to see more joint training among area departments in the future. This, simply put, better prepares all our firefighters for a possible disaster scenario, whether natural or manmade.

YOU SPILLED WHAT?

*James Vickers, Chief, Savannah Fire and Emergency Services
ESF-10: Hazardous Materials Operations*

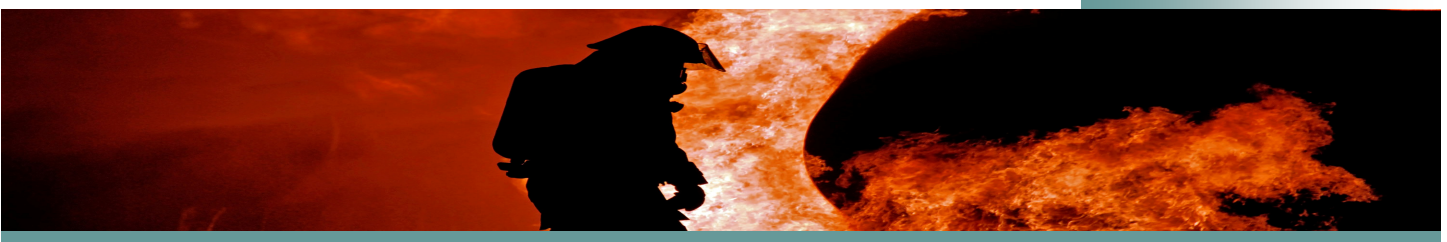
ESF-10 is working to expand services as industry continues to grow. Savannah Fire received a \$1.4M grant to support Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Response. An additional 36 Hazmat technicians are certified and in service giving us three additional HazMat Companies per shift in order to meet the FEMA Type 2 requirements to expand the level of coverage and to maximize response time to HazMat incidents throughout the City/County. Savannah Fire received a \$1.8M grant for Firefighting Pumps and Equipment in 2010 including training. This will help close the gap in industrial fire fighting at industries located on the Savannah River where piped water is limited allowing water to be pumped directly from the Savannah River.

HIDE 'N SEEK

*James Vickers, Chief,
Savannah Fire and
Emergency Services
ESF-9: Search and Rescue*

ESF-9 is continuing to expand Georgia Urban Search and Rescue (GSAR) capabilities with training and equipment purchases. It is the only FEMA Type 2 Wilderness/wide-area SAR team and FEMA Type 1 Swift/Flood Water Rescue Team. Over 300 Savannah Fire personnel have been trained in Wide-Area Search and 60 personnel have been trained at the SAR Tech Level.

Savannah Fire received a \$20,000 grant for Swift/Flood Water Rescue equipment and trained more than 80 personnel in Swift Water Rescue to the Technician Level. Two personnel have also been trained as Dive Instructors so GSAR can train and certify our personnel in Dive Rescue.



CARS GO BEEP...BEEP

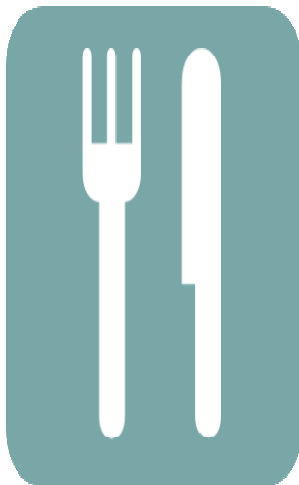
*Michael Grant, Manager, Chatham County Fleet Operations
ESF-1: Transportation and Evacuation*

Chatham County’s ESF-1 Group is made up of several government and non-governmental agencies from throughout the County and the State of Georgia. During an emergency and/or disaster, requests for transportation support are coordinated through the ESF-1 Desk in the EOC.

Thanks to another unusually quiet storm season in 2010, the ESF-1 Group had a rather uneventful year. However, the lack of severe weather provided the opportunity to review and

update the Transportation Annex of the County’s Emergency Operations Plan. The updated Annex outlines significant roles for ESF-1 in the Evacuation and Re-entry Branch during Evacuation Operations and as the Logistics Section’s Ground Support Unit during post event recovery. In addition, as the year ends the final touches are being made to a document outlining evacuation planning considerations for Chatham County’s Barrier Islands.

Planning will soon begin for the County’s bi-annual Evacuation Assembly Area (EAA) Functional Exercise on the schedule for Spring 2011. Every two years, CEMA organizes this EAA Functional Exercise to review, evaluate, and improve the County’s procedures for gathering and evacuating that portion of the County’s population needing transportation during a mandatory evacuation. The ESF-1 Group will have primary roles in this exercise.



EAT MORE CHICKEN

*Altheria Maynard, Nutrition Program Director, Savannah Chatham County Public School System
ESF-11: Agriculture and Natural Resources Food and Water Coordination*

That is quite a label! This past year the ESF-11 Group was subdivided into three primary disciplines: 1) Household Pets and Service Animals; 2) Natural, Cultural, and Historical Preservation; and 3) Food and Water.

The responsibility for the Food and Water function was assigned to the EOC Logistics Section and designated the ESF-11 Food and Water Unit (ESF-11 FWU). The FWU is responsible for:

- Providing nutrition assistance such as bulk food for mass feeding

- Supporting provision for sanitary food storage, distribution, and preparation during an emergency of disaster
- Ensuring the safety and security of the County’s commercial food supply.

The FWU met several times during 2010 to get organized and to ensure procedures were established, and to make sure agency roles were understood in order to accomplish the functions listed above. We soon realized there are a lot of

hands currently involved with making sure the population of Chatham County has an adequate and safe food supply. Following a major disaster, it will be imperative the efforts of all the agencies currently involved are focused on a coordinated effort and that information is shared in order to maintain established standards. In 2011 we will continue our coordination efforts and expand our participation in the County’s emergency planning and exercises.

PICK AND SHOVEL

*Robert Drewry, Director, Chatham County Department of Public Works
ESF-3: Public Works and Engineering*

ESF-3 is charged with coordinating the response to events where a disruption or disconnection of essential services and infrastructure, which includes but may not be limited to: roadways, bridges, water & sewer systems, government buildings and structures. ESF-3 is also the primary agency responsible for coordinating the removal of storm debris.

During 2010, the ESF-3 Group met several times and put a lot of effort into updating the County's Disaster Recovery Plans. These plans included making appropriate changes to the designated jurisdictional Critical Work Forces; confirming primary re-entry routes and critical facilities; and having GIS post these changes/updates to County-wide maps.

The ESFs most significant effort this past year was establishment of a Debris Management Workgroup (DMW). This team was made up of representatives from several County jurisdictions and came together with the purpose of establishing a plan to coordinate debris management efforts County-wide following a significant event, like a hurricane. To this end, the Workgroup made these recommendations:

- Organize and staff a Debris Group under the Infrastructure Branch of the EOC Operations Section to coordinate post event County-wide debris management issues
- Maintain the DMW as the primary County-wide pre-event debris

planning and coordination group

- Establish and coordinate a County-wide Debris Management Strategy

County jurisdictions establish debris management plans to include identifying and coordinating support requirements

County Jurisdictions identify/designate (Pre-event) potential Debris Management Site locations throughout Chatham County.

The recommendations were adopted and provide our first objectives for the coming year which is to help coordinate debris management plans County-wide prior to the start of the 2011 storm season.

ASSESSING DAMAGES

Gregori Anderson, Director, Chatham Building Safety & Regulatory Services

ESF-3: Public Works and Engineering

Building Safety and Regulatory Services and the Board of Assessors had 12 inspectors attend FEMA training on Damage Assessment.

As a result of this training all inspectors are now trained on the proper use and completion of the FEMA recommended Damage Assessment forms and procedures. This will greatly enhance the county's ability to accurately report damage making it possible to expedite any Federal Disaster Declarations when requested.

Both departments are working with CEMA and designing a damage assessment exercise this upcoming year. The purpose of this exercise will allow Damage Assessment Inspectors to conduct a real time assessment of selected property that is being remodeled or demolished to give the exercise a realistic feel.

DON'T UNPLUG THAT

*Robert Drewry, Director, Chatham County Department of Public Works
ESF-12: Energy*

ESF-12 Partners are the EOC's primary means of coordinating the restoration of the electrical infrastructure and services along with restoring fuel services which include petroleum products and natural gas. ESF-12 Partners are primarily from the private sector and are well equipped to accomplish their restoration tasks. During 2010, efforts were started to establish and build relationships with additional ESF-12 Partners from the private sector.

Following a significant event, our partners from ESF-12 and ESF-3 will be dependent of each other during initial re-entry operations. Partners from the ESF-3 Group will provide access to areas and partners from ESF-12 will be able to clear downed power lines and mitigate leaks in the natural gas infrastructure. Since these two ESF Groups work so closely together, it has been a practice to hold joint ESF meetings throughout the year. During 2011, ESF-12 will continue to play a significant part in County Disaster Recover Planning and the cooperative relationships with ESF-3 Partners will continue to grow.



HELLO? IS ANYONE OUT THERE? HELLO?

*Nick Batey, Program Manager, Chatham Information and Communication Systems
ESF-2: Communications and Warning*

ESF-2 supports the restoration of the communications infrastructure; facilitates the recovery of systems and applications; coordinates communications support to response efforts during incidents to Federal, State, local governments and first responders when their systems have been impacted, and provides communications and information technology (IT) support.

Throughout 2010, ESF-2 coordinated with communications companies like Verizon Wireless, AT&T, SouthernLink, and asked them if there was anything they needed from ESF-2. Information also was collected to identify which towers were on the Priority road clearing map for access during response operations and to ensure communications to the area. ESF-2 designed an interoperable group of channels, called a ZONE, for the 800MHz radios that will allow multiple agencies across the South East Georgia Radio Regional Network (SEGARRN) to communicate and support three simultaneous incidents. These channels fall under a common name in all radios across the network called "NIMS" to reflect compliance with the National Incident Management System. The goal of the NIMS radio channels is that once multiple agencies were responding to support an incident; the Incident Command or Unified Command will move radio communications from one of the tactical channels to one of the three NIMS Command channels. Currently there are 13 channels in the NIMS Zone. In early 2011, ESF-2 will be proposing an additional three Dispatch channels to support the NIMS Zone.

SEGARRN is a voluntary association composed of representatives of the City of Savannah and seven southeast Georgia counties: Bulloch, Bryan, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn and Liberty. SEGARRN's goal is to completely build-out a regional interoperable voice communications network for public safety throughout Southeast Georgia by 2012.

In 2011, with the support from SEGARRN, ESF-2 will work with the E911 Steering Committee and recommend radio templates that will ensure common channel names and channel location among Chatham County 800MHz radios. Also, in 2011, ESF-2 will propose that a new Zone will be added to the radios. This Zone would allow the radios to be Federally compliant and allow them to work across the United States where 800MHz is used.

HALT...POLICE...YOU'RE UNDER ARREST

*Zach Shuman, Emergency Management Coordinator, SCMPD
ESF-13: Law Enforcement*



ESF-13 has had a very active year. There were several events that occurred in Chatham County that had special impact on Police resources.

President Barack Obama visited Chatham County. This required a multi-jurisdictional response for security including the coordination of Federal, State, Airport Police Department, Hunter Army Airfield police, and local law enforcement resources to insure the safety of the President during his visit.

St Patrick's Day activities in Savannah also required multi-jurisdictional law enforcement coordination. Police forces from the State, Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department (SCMPD) and surrounding cities coordinated efforts to

ensure that a safe St. Patrick's Day Celebration was observed by all.

In October a joint Local Emergency Planning Committee-Board of Education exercise was conducted in Garden City; this event simulated a chlorine release. The consequences of this release included sheltering in place for residents and lock-down and shelter in place for three schools. The resulting actions required law enforcement from Garden City, the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System Police Department, and SCMPD to coordinate activities during the event.

In addition to these events, all police jurisdictions were actively involved in Chatham County Hurricane planning and conducted a review of all traffic

control Points that would be in place during evacuation.

The Communication Department had a complete review of the 911 center conducted by a private consultant. This report is due prior to the end of the year and will determine how the 911 Center will be managed in the future.

SCMPD completed a Buffer Zone Protection Program for high risk industries located along the Savannah River. As a result of this program, monies were made available to increase SWAT team members and provided much needed specialized equipment such as night vision goggles.

SHER ALLIANCE RECEIVES NATIONAL ATTENTION

Beth Reiter, Chairperson, SHER

ESF-11: Natural, Cultural and Historic Resources

In April, a coalition of over 40 cultural institutions representing approximately 70 sites, together with representatives from the area's emergency management personnel and first responders, formed the Savannah Heritage Emergency Response (SHER) Alliance.

The constituency of SHER includes historic structures and sites, documentary collections, object-based collections and living specimen collections such as those found at the Oatland Island Wildlife Center. These assets contribute significantly to the heritage tourism sector of the region's economy, as well as to the public revenues derived from that economic sector. However, these sites, institutions and collections are susceptible to damage from wind, flooding, and other disasters.

CEMA and SHER are making national news. Washington DC's Heritage Preservation group is the Nation's leader in promoting cultural heritage response and preparedness. In their June 2010 news update, they noted "The newest member of the community, Savannah, GA, held their kick-off Forum in December of 2009, & have progressed by leaps & bounds since,

becoming a model for Alliance for Response."

In the six months since the incorporation of SHER a great deal has been accomplished including:

- CEMA offering SHER a workstation in the County EOC;
- A community risk assessment exercise related to cultural institutions; and
- The creation of Appendix 11-2 to the County Emergency Operations Plan (expected to be completed by the summer of 2011).

To further underscore the remarkable outreach of the cooperation of SHER and CEMA, Dennis Jones, Assistant Director of CEMA and Beth Reiter, Chairman of SHER participated in the Alliance for Response National Leadership Institute in Philadelphia in late November as the ONLY local projects to serve as a model in formalizing partnerships between the cultural community and emergency management partners.

For further information on SHER can be located on their Home Page at <http://SHERonline.info>.

SAVANNAH-CHATHAM SCHOOLS GET AN A+ DURING FULL SCALE EXERCISE

Chip Grefski, Sergeant, Savannah Chatham County Public School System

ESF-5: Emergency Management

Three school sites were impacted during the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) full-scale exercise on October 27, 2010. Mercer Middle School, Groves High School and the Woodville Tompkins Annex/Early College Center each performed their Hazardous Materials Lock-down procedures and ensured the students were safe, secure and accounted for. Observers from Ashland Chemical evaluated site Emergency Response Team performance and reported that each site followed procedures and remained secure until released to resume regular operations.

Each Chatham County school conducts a minimum of one table top and one functional exercise every three years as part of the school district's accountability plan. The practice has paid off as evidenced by the superior performance of these sites during the October 27 exercise and at other sites around the County during actual emergencies.

The exercise partnership involved more than 150 people from the school system, the emergency response community, emergency management, health and human services, business and industry and the media. Exercises such as these are the foundation for ensuring community readiness to react and respond to an event affecting multiple jurisdictions and agencies.

SAY WHAT ?!?!

*Pete Nichols, PIO, Chatham County
ESF-15: External Affairs*

How do you make sure the message you want to convey is heard and heard correctly? How do you make sure that happens during an emergency when you have hundreds of people involved? It comes down to organization and making sure you have a plan.

One of the most important aspects of any emergency or disaster is public information. When something happens residents will want to know who, what, when, where, and why. It's the responsibility of various city and county agencies involved in the emergency to answer those questions.

In Chatham County we have numerous agencies that in some way or another will be involved in emergencies and disasters. That means each agency will likely have its own spokesperson or public information officer. Because of that, one of the main focuses of ESF-15 for 2010 was to form a cohesive public

information plan.

Earlier this year a Joint Information Center (JIC) plan was created to better help ESF-15 in times of emergencies. The JIC is a crucial component in a large scale emergency, disaster or planned event. A JIC provides a central location for multiple PIOs to work together closely, whether it's inside the EOC or in the field. The JIC and the Joint Information System (JIS) will help PIOs distribute accurate and timely information. The JIC will also prevent duplication of efforts.

Earlier this year the Chatham County PIO Association was formed. The association consists of more than 60 county-wide PIOs and partners. Representatives from agencies like police, fire, school board, public health and area hospitals are just some of who make up the association. The association allows for strong networking opportunities and ways for PIOs to get to know one another instead of meeting

for the first time during an emergency.

As we close the door on 2010, ESF-15 has more work to do in 2011. Two goals set for the New Year are geared towards making the Function even more productive. PIOs from various agencies have expressed the desire to have more training and exercises that bring all county PIOs together. Many want to test how a JIC will operate before it is time to tackle the real thing. Another interest for those in ESF-15 is to develop a best practice list. The list will include strategies on public awareness campaigns, media relations techniques and successful public information projects.

Expect big things from ESF-15 in the new year as PIOs continue to work on plans that not only better individual agencies, also the entire County as a whole.

**LIONS AND TIGERS
AND BEARS, OH MY...**

*Linda Boulware, Animal Control
ESF-11: Pets and Animals*

SCMPD Animal Control moved into its new facilities built in place of their old building located off Sally Mood Drive. The new facility greatly expanded capacity and improved the overall operation significantly.

As a result of the Animals in Disaster Plan written in cooperation with the University of Georgia, the ability to provide support to evacuees with pets was greatly enhanced. The Plan was exercised in the spring and resulted in a few recommended improvements to ensure pets are managed efficiently during an evacuation and recovery effort.

Public Health has identified Veterinarians and Vet Technicians that will be available on an on-call basis to assist with animal issues during the evacuation.

Animal Control has also identified a system to provide for an Animal Control Officer to be present at the Evacuation Assembly Area (EAA) to deal with aggressive animals.

The Humane Society of Greater Savannah is developing a training course to train volunteers that will assist evacuees with animals during the operations conducted at the EAA.

CEMA continues to work with Oatland Island Educational Center and the Bulloch County Emergency Management Agency regarding an evacuation site for the animals located at Oatland Island.

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ORDERING WIDGETS AND MOVING THEM FROM A TO B

*William Parson, Manager, Chatham County Purchasing
ESF-7: Logistics and Resource Management*

During emergency events, the ESF-7 Group provides Chatham County and local jurisdictions with resource support prior to, during, and/or after disasters requiring a coordinated County response. This is accomplished by providing comprehensive, disaster logistics planning, management and sustainment capabilities that coordinate the resources of government logistics partners, key public and private stakeholders and nongovernmental organizations to meet the needs of the first responders and affected populations.

ESF-7 had several accomplishments during 2010 such as

updating the Logistics Annex to the County's EOP; exercising the commodities Points of Distribution (POD) Plan; and coordinating with the State on delivery of Initial Response Resources (IRR). These efforts allowed us to address Logistics Facilities Management, Helibase and Helispots, and Forward Fueling & Resupply procedures.

The primary goals for 2011 will be to incorporate the lessons learned during recent exercises into the current Chatham County Logistics Framework and to develop a County-wide POD Management Training Program.

CARE FOR ME

*Todd Jones, Director, Chatham County
Environmental Services
ESF-6: Mass Care and ESF-8: Health and
Medical Services*

When it comes to local Emergency Support Functions (ESF), Chatham County's ESF-6/8 teams are among the strongest in Georgia. Those relationships continued to grow in 2010 as we weathered hurricane season, participated in a variety of exercises and relied on our respective strengths to bolster community preparedness.

A large and varied number of organizations are involved in local ESF-6/8 planning. The group meets quarterly except during hurricane season when meetings are held monthly. Representatives from CEMA, the Chatham County Health Department, local hospitals and other healthcare facilities, the Department of Family and Children Services, local EMS, SCMPD, the American Red Cross and a host of other agencies are committed to making sure roles are clearly defined during times of crisis.

From hazmat exercises to special medical needs evacuation drills, ESF-6/8 partners are constantly working together to ensure that the needs of Chatham County citizens will be met if and when disaster strikes. Part of those preparations in 2010 included educating local businesses and community organizations on the benefits of becoming a closed Point of Dispensing (POD) in the event of a public health emergency. Approximately 50 participants gathered earlier in the year to learn more about developing closed POD plans. The goal of establishing a network of closed PODs is to reach specific portions of the population with much needed medicines in case of a natural disaster or act of terrorism.

The key to responding to any kind of disaster is a community's willingness to work together and share assets and expertise to keep its citizens out of harm's way. Whether it's pandemic flu, an approaching hurricane, hazardous material spill, or other potentially catastrophic event, Chatham County's ESF-6/8 partners are up to the task.

Spotlight

Dustin Hetzel



Dustin Hetzel is a CEMA EM Specialist. For the past five years Dustin has coordinated the technical side of CEMA's Operations. Dustin ensures the EOCs are ready to operate at a moments notice. He coordinates with local governmental, public and private data and communication agencies, to ensure the functions of ESF-2 are readily activated for any threat to Chatham County. Dustin also oversees the Emergency Warning Siren System ensuring those engaged in outdoor activities are adequately warned of emergencies occurring or about to occur in Chatham County.

Prior to his employment with CEMA, Dustin worked as a computer technician for Chatham County ICS where his duties covered troubleshooting & fixing PCs, Servers and Networks. During this time, Dustin worked in the EOC as a computer technician for many events including the G-8 Summit. His spare time involves volunteering his service during election events as a Poll Technician and as a member of the Coastal Rail Buffs.

Dustin has an Associates Degree in Networking from West Georgia Technical College. He currently holds a Technician's License in Amateur Radio and is studying for his General Class License. Dustin recently had training with the United States Coast Guard that will allow him to work any Type II incident as an Operations & Planning Section Chief and is a Georgia Certified Emergency Manager.

WEBEOC OVERHAUL

*Dustin Hetzel, Emergency Management Specialist, CEMA
ESF-5: Emergency Management*

In 2010, CEMA Staff spent the last few months taking a look at the WebEOC system and the boards and processes that it takes to operate an EOC. CEMA upgraded the WebEOC to a newer version and replaced the aging servers. During this process of installing WebEOC on the new servers, we have taken a look at the way that the EOC works to support emergencies and how the WebEOC supports the EOC operations. While this will be an ongoing project through 2011, the WebEOC has come a long way so far. With the version upgrade and the work that is being done and will continue to be done, the WebEOC will become less confusing and stressful for users.

What have we done? I'm glad you asked. The first thing we did was decide on a common naming process for users. We have already added all previous users from the older system as well as the users in the EOC Credentialing System. We kept a common naming process of first and last name for the users. An example of that would be Joe Friday. Users have also been placed in groups that they will work under in the EOC, an example of that would be Operations or Planning. In these groups, users will have access to necessary boards that support the function they are working under. Finally, users that wear many hats in the EOC have been placed in multiple positions in the WebEOC, an example of this would be Joe Friday, is part of the Operations group and has Operations Chief and Operations – Infrastructure Branch Director positions assigned to him.

Once a user logs into the WebEOC, they will still have the same control panel, but it will be a much cleaner panel. Throughout 2011, the WebEOC Administrator will continue to

add new boards for each of the groups as well as each of the 15 Emergency Support Functions (ESFs). The position log is still used and a filtering process was added to the board to help the Section Chiefs keep up with what is going on in the EOC.

WebEOC®



A new process that will be used will be the Mission and Tasking board. This board was under utilized in previous versions. When a user needs something from another user, they can create a Mission/Tasking entry. This will then be reviewed and assigned to the appropriate position in the WebEOC for tracking and completion.

A good majority of time was spent on designing the board and process for the Situation Reports (SitReps). This is a very big, process intense board. Each of the ESFs and the Section Chiefs fill in a form which has the capability of remembering previous entered data from previous submissions. This board combines all the information and allows the PLANNING Section to produce a timely SitRep. Once a SitRep is generated, it is available for all to view under the Situation Report display in the control panel. Users can also see and print all

SitReps for the incident/event they are working.

A “Logistics – Resource Request” also known as an ICS-213RR form was created for tracking resource requests for the EOC. This board will be available to all users and allows the user to track the request from initial submission to completion. We are also incorporating WebEOC Mapper Lite in the form to allow searchable addresses as well as giving the Latitude and Longitude of the address.

Finally, a Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) ESF-3 Damage Assessment form was created. This board follows GEMA's format for compiling damage assessment information. This form utilizes Javascript code to perform the arithmetic needed to give totals for each of the requested damaged fields.

If you have any requests for ESF specific boards or an Agency specific board(s) you would like to see incorporated in the 2011 WebEOC update, please coordinate with your ESF Lead or the CEMA Staff member that is assigned to the ESF so a meeting can be set up with the WebEOC Administrator.

Finally, a notable mention is to the WebEOC community in Georgia. Starting in 2011, GEMA's Area 5 group; Chatham, Effingham, Bryan, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Glynn, Camden, Wayne, Charlton, Brantley and Pierce Counties, will have a WebEOC Regional steering committee to discuss boards, policies and training for the upcoming year. Also, a statewide WebEOC users group will form to discuss statewide WebEOC interoperability and continuity in training and administration practices.

IMPLEMENTING PROJECT LIFESAVER

Mark Hansen, Pilot, Mosquito Control
ESF-9: Search and Rescue

The rates of autism and Alzheimer's are on the rise both nationally and locally in Chatham County. A large percentage of autistic children and persons with Alzheimer's are prone to wandering. This is far more serious than a child having an adventure that takes him or her a few blocks from home. When a non-verbal autistic child wanders, they can't ask for help. They don't respond when you call their name. They have no fear of busy highways or traffic. They are attracted to water, and the number one cause of death for autistic children is drowning. Tragedy can beset a lost child in mere minutes, and the average search time using traditional means is over twelve hours.

Project Lifesaver gives communities the means to locate its lost loved ones rapidly. Search times average less than 30 minutes, and are often less than ten minutes. The concept is simple, and the technology is tried and true. A small wristwatch sized transmitter is worn by the participant. A radio signal is transmitted once per second which can be heard using VHF receivers listening on 216 Mhz. Each transmitter has a different frequency, with enough frequencies available to have hundreds of clients per participating agency. Trained electronic search specialists use multiple receivers both in the air and on the ground to "triangulate" the lost persons position. The extraordinary aspect of this equipment is its strength and reliability. Unlike newer systems using GPS signals, VHF radio signals can penetrate concrete walls, thick tree canopies and even water. The lithium ion battery in the transmitter lasts for 45 days, and is changed every thirty days by trained personnel...ensuring there is always a strong signal.

The Project Lifesaver system doesn't come cheap. The minimum equipment needed to run the program

totals nearly ten thousand dollars. All funds were raised by the Chatham County Management Development Class. The class presented the Chatham County Sheriff's Department with two of the receivers, and a third receiver to the Chatham County Mosquito Control. Mosquito Control offered the use of its two helicopters and pilots to aid in searches while the Sheriff's Department would be training nearly all of its deputies in the art of the ground based electronic search. Even members of Chatham County's Southside Fire Department have undergone Project Lifesaver training. Most communities using Project Lifesaver are not multi-agency; it became clear, however that maximizing personnel and assets would greatly benefit the program. Early in the training stages of the program, it was decided that aerial assets would be dispatched at the onset of a search. Most agencies will wait at least 30 minutes to deploy helicopters, if available. By deploying immediately, Chatham County has seen successful searches done in as little as six minutes.

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Evidence of a need for the program was further reinforced by the number of participants. Whereas many agencies using Project Lifesaver have fewer than ten clients, Chatham County quickly found itself with nearly 25. Six months after its inception, Chatham County's

Project Lifesaver went active for the first time when a nine year old autistic boy went missing. Every aspect of the program worked to perfection, and the child was located in under 20 minutes.

Chatham County's Project Lifesaver is a self-sufficient program in that it costs the tax payers absolutely nothing. Participants in the program purchase their own transmitter and then pay a small monthly fee to cover the cost of replacement batteries and wristbands. This monthly fee allows all involved agencies to cover the cost of equipment repair or upgrades. Caregivers in the Project Lifesaver program are specifically forbidden from doing transmitter battery changes on their own. A trained deputy sheriff, fireman, or Mosquito Control pilot visits the family of the participant every 30 days to perform the change and test the equipment. This is an invaluable aspect of the program in that it puts the participant in direct contact with someone who may someday aid in saving their life.

When a program as great as this one comes along, you hope that it spreads like wildfire. Only 18 months after its inception in Chatham County, it seems to be doing just that. Our neighbors Bryan and Effingham Counties have begun their own Project Lifesaver program, receiving training from our own deputy sheriffs and pilots. We have volunteered to assist any other nearby counties with questions they may have about the program.



HAZARD MITIGATION...PLANNING FOR THOSE "OH NO" MOMENTS

Dennis Jones, Assistant Director, CEMA

ESF-14: Hazard Mitigation and Long Term Recovery

THE PLAN IS APPROVED

- Adopted by each Chatham County Government
- Four Community and Municipal Review Periods
- Reviewed and Approved by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA)
- Reviewed and Approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Plan Active for a 5-year Cycle and requires Annual Review
- Updated Community Information and Threat Analysis
- Five Natural Hazards and Three Man-Made Hazards
- Natural Hazards Include Coastal Storms, Tornado, Rainwater Flooding, Storm Surge and Fire
- Man-Made Hazards Include Hazardous Materials Releases, Transportation Accidents and Terrorism Incidents
- Threat Impacts Ranked Low, Medium or High for Risks to People, Buildings and Infrastructure
- Updated Critical Facility Inventory and Potential Economic Loss
- 703 Critical Facilities, 30 Goals, 64 Objectives and 246 Action Steps

Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan

December 2010

**Chatham County
Bloomingdale
Garden City
Pooler
Port Wentworth
Savannah
Thunderbolt
Tybee Island**

FINANCE AND THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

Kate Underwood, Administrator, CEMA

EOC Finance Section

In order to ensure that the Finance Section of the Emergency Operations Center is ready for an emergency, the Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) has made great efforts to train employees on financial readiness for disasters. The finance officer has attended the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland twice in order to better understand and prepare for disasters that may require the need for a Finance Section during an activation of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

The first class attended was the Finance Section Chief and Unit Leader course and the second class attended was the State Public Assistance course. These two classes were conducted by various Federal and State Emergency managers, who not only have received their Certified Emergency Managers Certificates but who have also experienced first hand what it takes to respond to a disaster.

The Finance Section establishes the guidelines for record keeping of time, whether its equipment or personnel, as

well as coordinates the filing system for documents, vendors, employees, and equipment. So while the Finance Section may not seem like the coolest part of EOC activation, it is quite possibly the most important part. How well the Finance Section works can determine whether or not the County is eligible for reimbursement from the State or Federal Government.

CALENDAR

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Meetings

January 5, 10AM-11:30AM Fire, SAR, Hazmat (ESF-4, 9, 10)

Savannah Civic Center
James Vickers, Savannah Fire
(912) 658-0430
JVickers@Savannahga.Gov

January 6, 1:30PM-3PM Logistics & Resources (ESF-7)

CEMA Downtown EOC
Don Sullens, CEMA
(912) 201-4500
dwsullens@chathamcounty.org

January 10, 7PM—9PM Fire Chief's Assoc (ESF-4)

Pt Wentworth Fire Dept
Jim Drinnon, CEMA
(912) 201-4500
jrdrinno@chathamcounty.org

January 11, 10:30AM-12PM Debris Workgroup (ESF-3/12)

CEMA Downtown EOC
Robert Drewry, Chatham DPW
(912) 652-6842
rwdrewry@chathamcounty.org

January 12, 7:30AM—8:30AM EMS Council (ESF-8)

Candler Hospital
Zach Shuman, SCMPD
(912) 652-6627
Zach_Shuman@Savannahga.gov

January 12, 10AM—12PM GA WebEOC Admin (ESF-5)

Macon National Guard Armory
Dennis Jones, CEMA
(912) 201-4500
dtjones@chathamcounty.org

January 12, 1:30PM—2:30PM Med & Human Srvcs (ESF-6,8)

County Health Department
Todd Jones
(912) 356-2160
ctjones2@thr.state.ga.us

January 13, 10:30AM—11:30AM Pets and Animals (ESF-11)

SCMPD Animal Control
Jim Drinnon, CEMA
(912) 201-4500
jrdrinno@chathamcounty.org

January 14, 10AM—12PM Area 5 WebEOC Users (ESF-5)

Liberty County EOC
Dustin Hetzel, CEMA
(912) 201-4500
djhettel@chathamcounty.org

January 18, 10AM—12PM Comms and Warning (ESF-2)

CEMA Annex EOC
Nick Batey, Chatham ICS
(912) 652-7351
nbatey@chathamcounty.org

January 18, 10AM—12PM SHER / NCH (ESF-11)

MPC Conference Room
Beth Reiter, SHER
(912) 234-9398
reitlatt@comcast.net

January 19, 10AM—11:30AM LEPC (ESF-5)

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

January 20, 10AM-12PM EMAG Area 5 (ESF-5)

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

January 20, 1PM—2PM All Hazards Council (ESF-5)

Glynn County EOC
Clayton Scott, CEMA
(912) 201-4500
csscott@chathamcounty.org

January 25, 9AM—10AM Cnty Trng & Ex Cmte (ESF-5)

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

January 25, 10AM—11:30AM MACS Group (ESF-5)

CEMA Annex EOC
Jennifer Rodriguez, CEMA
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jlrodriguez@chathamcounty.org

January 25, 1PM—2PM Food and Water (ESF-11)

CEMA Annex EOC
Don Sullens, CEMA
(912) 201-4500
dwsullens@chathamcounty.org

January 26, 2PM—3PM 911 Advisory Council (ESF-2)

CEMA Annex EOC
Chief Greg Long, PTW Fire
(912) 966-7425
chieflong@pwfirerescue.com

January 27, 8:30AM—9:30AM CLEO (ESF-13)

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

February 1, 10:30AM-12PM Debris Workgroup (ESF-3/12)

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

February 3, 3PM—4:30PM Damage Assessment (ESF-3)

Building Safety Conference Room
Gregori Anderson, Building Safety
(912) 201-4320
gsanderson@chathamcounty.org

February 8, 10AM—11:30AM MACS EOC Ping Group (ESF-5)

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

February 8, 2PM—3:30PM MACS—EOC Ops Group (ESF-5)

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

February 9, 7:30AM—8:30AM EMS Council (ESF-8)

Memorial Hospital
Zach Shuman, SCMPD
(912) 652-6627
Zach_Shuman@Savannahga.gov

February 10, 1:30PM—3PM Law Enforcement (ESF-13)

CEMA Annex EOC
Zach Shuman, SCMPD
(912) 652-6627
Zach_Shuman@Savannahga.gov

February 17, Time TBD Region J Hospital Ex Planning

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

February 17, 8:30AM—9:30AM County PIO Assoc (ESF-15)

Café SCAD
Kelly Foster, CEMA
(912) 201-4500
klfoster@chathamcounty.org

February 17, 10AM—12PM EMAG Area 5 (ESF-5)

CEMA Annex EOC
Dennis Jones, CEMA
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dtjones@chathamcounty.org

February 24, 8:30AM—9:30AM CLEO (ESF-13)

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

February 24 1:30PM-3PM Logistics & Resources (ESF-7)

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Don Sullens, CEMA
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dwsullens@chathamcounty.org

March 8, 10:30AM-12PM Debris Workgroup (ESF-3/12)

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

March 9, 7:30AM—8:30AM EMS Council (ESF-8)

Candler Hospital
Zach Shuman, SCMPD
(912) 652-6627
Zach_Shuman@Savannahga.gov

March 10, Time TBD Region J Hospital Ex Planning

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

March 10, 1:30PM-3PM Logistics & Resources (ESF-7)

CEMA Downtown EOC
Don Sullens, CEMA
(912) 201-4500
dwsullens@chathamcounty.org

March 14, 7PM—9PM Fire Chief's Assoc (ESF-4)

Savannah Fire Dept (Station TBD)
Jim Drinnon, CEMA
(912) 201-4500
jrdrinno@chathamcounty.org

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March 16, 10AM—12PM
LEPC (ESF-5)
Savannah Civic Center
Noel Perkins, MPC
(912) 651-1477
perkinsn@thempc.org

March 31, 8:30AM—9:30AM
CLEO (ESF-13)
Weston House Residence Hall
Wynn Sullivan, Armstrong PD
(912) 344-3222
Wynn.Sullivan@armstrong.edu

Training

January 7-9, 8AM—5PM
Disaster Mortuary Team (ESF-8)
Hilton and National Guard Armory
Reserved for EM Partners and
Community First Responders
Registration: DMORT Website
James Drinnon, CEMA
(912) 201-4500
jdrinno@chathamcounty.org

January 8, 8AM—5PM
Lost Person Behavior (ESF-9)
CEMA Annex EOC
Previous SAR Training Required
Registration: December 29, 2010
Kelly Foster, CEMA
(912) 201-4500
kfoster@chathamcounty.org

January 11, 12 & 17, 6PM—8PM
**How to Give an Effective
Presentation (CEMA Volunteers)**
CEMA Annex EOC
Kelly Foster, CEMA
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kfoster@chathamcounty.org

January 29-30, February 5-6
CERT Training
Savannah
Registration: January 7, 2011
Kelly Foster, CEMA
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kfoster@chathamcounty.org

February 9, 8AM—5PM
Hazmat Awareness (ESF-10)
CEMA Annex EOC
Registration: February 8
Jennifer Rodriguez, CEMA
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jlrdriguez@chathamcounty.org

February 10, 8AM—12PM
ICS/EOC Interface (ESF-5)
CEMA Annex EOC
Registration: February 9
Jennifer Rodriguez, CEMA
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jlrdriguez@chathamcounty.org

February 15-17, 8AM-5PM
**Homeland Security Exercise &
Evaluation Program (HSEEP)**
Armstrong Atlantic State University
Prerequisite: IS-120A or IS-120
2 representatives per agency
Jennifer Rodriguez, CEMA
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jlrdriguez@chathamcounty.org

February 22, 8AM—5PM
EOC General Staff (ESF-5)
CEMA Annex EOC
Prerequisite: IS-100, 200 and 700
Registration: February 21
Jennifer Rodriguez, CEMA
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jlrdriguez@chathamcounty.org

March 8, 9AM—11AM
EOC Section Chief (ESF-5)
CEMA Downtown EOC
Prerequisite: EOC General Staff
and ICS-300
Registration: March 7
Jennifer Rodriguez, CEMA
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jlrdriguez@chathamcounty.org

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

Exercises

January 2011 (TBD)
Annex EOC Isolation (FE)
CEMA Annex EOC
Nick Batey, Chatham ICS
(912) 652-7351
nbatey@chathamcounty.org

March 2011 (TBD)
National Guard IED (TTX)
Location: Multiple
Jerry Thomas, GA DoD
(404) 210-5597
jerome.thomas@us.army.mil

April 2011 (TBD)
Area Contingency Plan (TTX)
Location TBD
Keith Jones, MSU
(912) 652-4353 xt 229
james.k.jones@uscg.mil

April 2011 (TBD)
Area Maritime Security (FSE)
Location TBD
Keith Jones, MSU
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May 19, 8AM—5PM
Region J Hospitals (FSE)
Memorial Medical Center
Jimmy Gordon, Memorial
(912) 350-8645
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Special

February 6-12, Daily
Severe Weather Awareness Wk
State-Wide
Kelly Foster, CEMA
(912) 201-4500
klfoster@chathamcounty.org

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
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May 25-27, 8AM—5PM
GA Emergency Mgmt Conf
Intl Trade and Convention Center
Dennis Jones, CEMA
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REMINDER: Sirens activate at noon the first Wednesday of each month (weather permitting). When activated, you will hear a loud tone for three full minutes.



It's Not IF...
It's WHEN

Chatham County Hurricane Conference
International Trade and Convention Center
May 24, 2011—Registration Opens in February



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- **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)
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