Environmental Health
Emergency Preparedness and Response

Environmental Health Emergency Planning
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Environmental Health Strike Teams
Why are they needed?
Who are they?
How do I get some?
Environmental Health Disaster Response

- Emergency Housing (Shelters)
- Mass Feeding Sites
- Safe Water
- Sanitation
- Vector Surveillance
- EH Regulated Facilities
- Indoor Air Quality Consultation (mold)
- Epidemiological Surveillance (assist)
- Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Explosive Awareness
- Disaster Recovery Center
Environmental Health Strike Teams
Why are they needed?
Recent Activity-Matthew
Recent Activity-IRMA
Scattering
Environmental Health Strike Teams
Who are they?
EH Disaster Planning and Support

They're not a bowling Team
• **Environmental Health Strike Teams**
  
  – Environmental Health Specialist
    • Rostered
    • Trained
    • Credentialed
    • Prepared to Deploy
  
  – Five Regions
    • Two Teams Each Region
    • 84 Rostered Members
• Environmental Health Strike Teams

• Training Opportunities

  – EH and EPR Training Programs
    • EHS Standard Training programs
      – Food, TA, Pools, Vector, Land Use, Wells
    • EHTER and EHTER Ops
      – (CDP, fully funded by FEMA)
    • FEMA NIMS / ICS (EMI)
    • EH Shelter Inspections
    • Outbreak / Epi Investigation Assistance

• Annual Summits

  – 2016 Mosquito education and abatement
  – 2017 VSC Trailer Pre-deployment

EH Strike Team Lead TTX
Environmental Health Strike Teams
How do I get some?
Follow local resource request procedure

County
Adjacent Counties
District
Adjacent Districts
State SOC/EOC
EH STRIKE TEAM RESOURCE REQUEST

Requesting an EH Strike Team

• Team Development and Deployment
  – Availability requests
    • Sent out via email, text or phone at the earliest indication of potential deployment
    – Approval required locally before a deployment
  – Activated for deployment within 24 hours of the resource request approval
EH STRIKE TEAM RESOURCE REQUEST PROCESS

Requesting an EH Strike Team

• Requests type
  • A few EH Strike Team members
    • usually subject matter experts
  • Single team with 6 people including a leader
  • Single team with a follow-up team
    • based on the incident response needs
  • Multiple teams
  • Other
• EH Strike Team Deployment
  – Requesting County
  • Provides Adequate Lodging, meals and supplies
• Duration of the mission, if known
  – Planned deployment is 7 days
    • one day travel on each end
    • May be an unknown during the request

• Teams
  – May be augmented
  – Teams may be rotated

• Daily Activities reports
  – Team lead sends to State EHEP (end of day)

• Deactivation, Hot wash and Demobilization
IRMA Post Impact

• Deployment –
  – Irma EH Strike Team 1 Deployment Activation 9/14
    (3 teams on standby)

    Ray King – Team Lead (North Georgia Health District 1-2)
    Jason Baum (Murray County)
    Nicole Spencer-Harbin (Floyd County)
    Pearl Gordon (Fulton County)
    Natalie Walls (Dade County)
    Nikki Ivory (Fulton County)
    (Fulton 1 more team member backup)
IRMA Post Impact

– IRMA EH Strike Team-1
  • 2 team members advance deployment within 24 hours
  • Remaining team within 36 hours
  • Supplies
    – Go Bag personal and Team
    – Water testing equipment and supplies
    – Food Service Inspection Forms
IRMA EH Response

59 Counties Reporting

126 Total Shelters

175 Shelter Inspections

142 Emergency Food Service Inspections

1079 Re-opening Inspections

157 EH Staff
IRMA Post Impact

• IRMA EH Strike Team 1
  – Partial demobilization 9/17
  – fully demobilized 9/19

• Mosquito Control resource request from PHD 9-2 on 9/28; subsequently dropped the request
IRMA

Recovery Takes a Long Time!

Reimbursement Takes Even Longer

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IRMA

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Power when you need it most!
This is what I did; just sharing

Light weight
Easy Storage
Low Noise
Low Cost
Safety Precautions
Low Maintenance
Always Ready
Always Ready
Use Precautions

We Protect Lives.
"Uh, no. We can’t disconnect Grandpa’s oxygen machine so you can play video games."
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