



Georgia Department of Public Health

**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?



We Protect Lives.

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



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Scattering



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EH Disaster Planning and Support

Environmental Health Strike Teams
Who are they?

EH Disaster Planning and Support



**They're
not a
bowling
Team**

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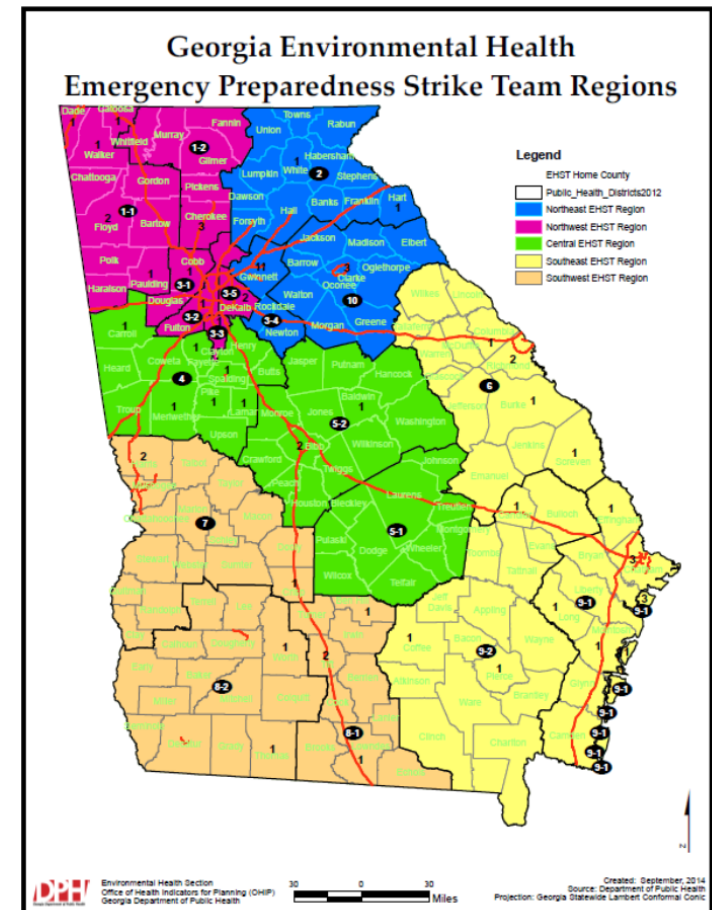
• Environmental Health Strike Teams

– 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**



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EH Disaster Planning and Support

Environmental Health Strike Teams
How do I get some?

EH STRIKE TEAM RESOURCE REQUEST

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 RESOURCE REQUEST

- EH Strike Team Deployment
 - Requesting County
 - Provides Adequate Lodging, meals and supplies

EH STRIKE TEAM RESOURCE REQUEST

- 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



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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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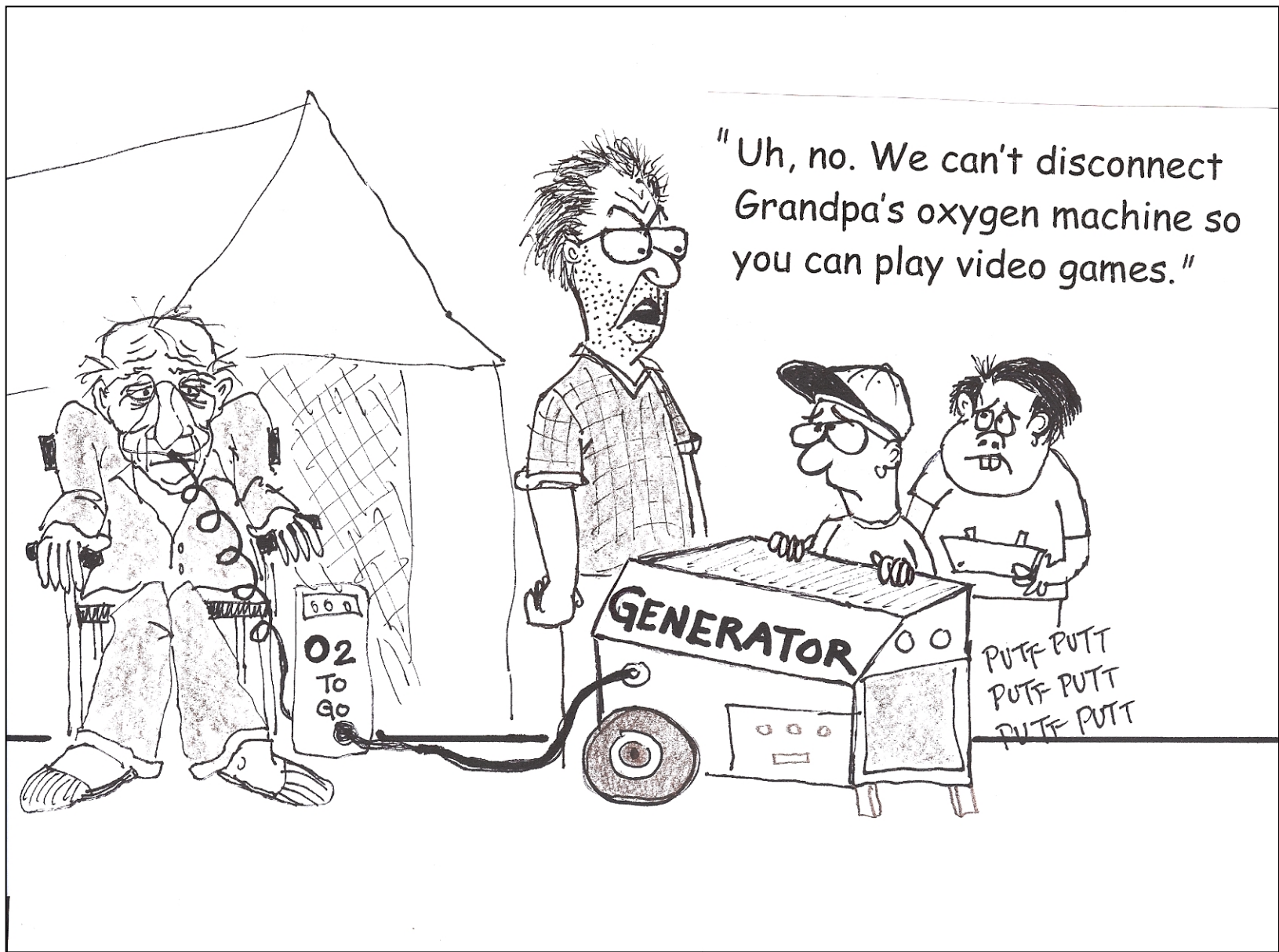


Power when you
need it most!
This is what I did;
just sharing



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

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