Outreach to Disaster Survivors

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Community Outreach

Identify Key Personnel

- Local Communications Command Center
- Public Information Officer
- Community Relations
Disaster Survivor Assistance

- Established April 8, 2013 by FEMA leadership
- Focus on a survivor-centric approach
- Organizational changes

- Community Relations
- Office of External Affairs

- Disaster Survivor Assistance
- Recovery Directorate
FEMA DSA Mission

Build and sustain a cadre that can serve disaster survivors’ immediate needs:

- Establish a timely presence
- Provide in-person, tailored information and services
- Provide referrals to Whole Community partners as needed
- Collect targeted information to support decision-making
- Identify public information needs so critical messaging can be developed and disseminated
Bristol Park, Fla., May 11, 2014 – FEMA's Disaster Survivor Assistance Team (DSAT) member, Brianna Holgate, writes down disaster specific information. Photo by Andrea Booher/FEMA
Value Added by DSA

DSA Teams support State, Local, Tribal, Territorial and Federal requirements in the field

• Quickly deploy in anticipation of (or immediately following) a disaster declaration
• Work directly with Operations to gather awareness of conditions, needs and activities in impacted areas
• Provide assistance and resources to survivors who need the most help:
  – Elderly and Children
  – Access and Functional needs (AFN)
  – Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
  – Veterans
  – Pets
  – Pre Placement and Bereavement visits
  – Town Hall and Community Events
DSA Phased Approach

**DSA Essential Functions:**
2. Registration Intake
3. Case Status Inquiries & Updates
4. Survivor Needs Assessment
5. Referral to Whole Community Partners

| Neighborhoods | ![Image of Neighborhoods](image1) |
| Local Government | ![Image of Local Government](image2) |
| Community Groups | ![Image of Community Groups](image3) |
| Private Sector | ![Image of Private Sector](image4) |
| Town Hall Meetings | ![Image of Town Hall Meetings](image5) |
| Mobile Disaster Recovery Center | ![Image of Mobile Disaster Recovery Center](image6) |
| Disaster Recovery Center | ![Image of Disaster Recovery Center](image7) |
Mitigation Division

Mitigation is sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and their property from hazards and their effects.

• **1 Section**
  - Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation

• **3 Branches**
  - Floodplain Management and Insurance
  - Hazard Mitigation and Assistance (HMA)
  - Risk Analysis (includes Planning)
Environmental Historic Preservation (EHP)

• EHP integrates protection and stewardship of natural and cultural resources into FEMA Programs
• Provides technical assistance and legal compliance review.
Mitigation Planning Overview

The Stafford Act of 2000

44 CFR, Section 201 Requirements for State, Local, and Tribal Governments. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 - (DMA 2000) amended the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief & Emergency Act which repealed Section 409 and replaced it with a new Mitigation Planning Section-322
Hazard Mitigation (HM) Field Operations Post Disaster

Comprehensive efforts authorized by:

• Stafford Act, as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000,
• National Flood Insurance Act and the Flood Insurance Reform Act,
• Sandy Recovery Improvement Act,
• Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act, and Executive Orders.
FEMA HM Partnership

Partnership with State, Tribal and local governments

- Assess factors that contributed to disaster effects
- Identify risk reduction opportunities
- Educate public and local officials about risk reduction methods
- Promote HM sustainable community planning and project development
- Provide hazard mitigation grants for projects
- Assist in marketing the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)
- Provide technical assistance to State, Tribal, and local governments to utilize rebuilding as an opportunity for enhanced local codes and ordinances
Property Acquisition and Demolition

Before

After
Residential (FEMA-320) Safe Rooms

Taking Shelter from the Storm
Building a Safe Room for Your Home or Small Business
Includes Construction Plans

FEMA
Resources

• www.fema.gov

• https://www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams

• https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-planning
Questions