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PLANTING THE SEEDS OF SUCCESS.



Report: Mock Disaster Exercises for
the Urban Forest Strike Team

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Urban Forest Strike Team
(UFST) Mock Exercises

- Sept. 10 -12, 2013 in Hampton Roads,
Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Portsmouth, VA
- Sept. 24 – 26, 2014 in Savannah, GA
- Nov. 10 - 13, 2014 in Fayetteville, AR

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Benefits

- Keep UFST personnel current
- Connect UFST with state EM agencies
- Help municipalities better understand the resource requesting process & UFST capabilities
- Be prepared to exercise state mutual aid and EMAC connections
- Continued development of GIS Specialist role and GIS reports to community

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UFST Mock Exercise Checklist

- Develop a scenario
- Choose a location
- Meet with communities
- Prepare agenda
- Prepare a UFST fact sheet, news release, message points
- Hold a conference call
- Inform other state coordinators/EMAs participating in EMAC
- Review Outcomes
- Final Report (AAR)

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Who Should Attend?

- Anyone that has taken the training and needs a refresher
- Task Specialists that want to become Team leaders and need experience

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UFST Mock Exercise Agenda

Day One –Command Center, 1– 4 p.m.

- Team Leaders arrive
- Identify/set-up command center
- Meet with city representatives to establish objectives and scope of work
- Review sites for tree risk assessment (squares, parks, cemeteries, streets, etc.)
- Assess equipment

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UFST Mock Exercise Agenda

Day Two –Command Center, 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

- Daily Team Leader briefing
- Equipment and communications check
- Risk assessment data collection
- Data download
- Daily TL debriefing

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UFST Mock Exercise Agenda

Day Three – Command Center, 7:30 – 10:30 a.m.

- Daily Team Leader (TL) briefing, Equipment and communications check
- Risk assessment data collection
- Data download

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

- Equipment returned and stored / Demobilization / Final report preparation

11:30 a.m. - To-go lunches and Task Specialists depart

11:30 – 12:30 p.m. - Final report to city and emergency management

1:00 p.m. - Team Leaders (TL) depart

Working with EMAC

- **Talk to Fire Chiefs**
 - Find your state agency designee to the state emergency management agency
 - Prepare mission-ready packages
 - For various teams
 - For several locations (work on the budget)
 - Upload mission ready packages (Req-A)

Req-A

- **Section I**
 - To be completed by the requesting state
 - Broadcast to all or some EMAs
- **Section II**
 - To be completed by the assisting state
 - Complete the resource description and travel
- **Section III**
 - To be completed by the requesting state
 - Signatures

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Partners

- Urban Forestry South
- City Emergency Management Agency (EMA)
- County EMA
- State EMA
- Public Information Officer (PIO)
- City Arborist and Staff
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- City/County GIS
- Other State Urban Forestry Coordinators

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Urban Tree Risk Assessment

- Review with Urban Forestry South in Advance