Setting the Standard
Florida’s EMAP Initiative
Overview

• EMAP Basics
• Florida Initiative
• Funding
• Common Issues
EMAP BASICS
• Non-profit organization
• Only EM accreditation agency
• Certified by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
• Florida first accredited jurisdiction (2003)
• Duval County first accredited local jurisdiction (2004)
Emergency Management Standard

- Measurable evaluation system
- Nationally recognized standards
- Comprehensive programmatic framework
- Self- and peer-review

Jurisdiction
Standards

• Currently 64 standards
• Hazard independent
• Encompass all aspects of EM
• Developed by state/local professionals
• Revised and updated tri-annually
  – 2013 version will be released in January
1. Seek/request information
2. Subscription
3. Self-assessment
4. Apply for accreditation
5. Prepare for on-site assessment
6. On-site assessment and report
7. Committee review and recommendations
8. Commission consideration and decision
FLORIDA INITIATIVE
How familiar are you with the 2010 Emergency Management Standard?

- Very Familiar: 12%
- Familiar: 26%
- Somewhat familiar: 44%
- Unfamiliar: 16%
- Very unfamiliar: 2%

Florida Counties EMAP Survey (2012)
How interested are you in pursuing EMAP accreditation?

- Very interested: 13%
- Interested: 55%
- Neutral: 30%
- Uninterested: 3%

Florida Counties EMAP Survey (2012)
... how likely would each of the following types of assistance from FDEM help your efforts?
... how likely would each of the following types of assistance from FDEM increase your interest

Florida Counties EMAP Survey (2012)
Accredit all 67 counties within 5 years

Objectives

- Align state requirements with EMAP standard
- Provide technical assistance and funding
- Develop management and lessons learned platform
- Train cadre of EMAP assessors
- Decrease costs of assessment
# Tools and Assistance

## EMAP
- EMAP staff
- EMAP assessors
- Assessment tool
- Training manuals
- Training webinars
- Pre-assessment
- Planning tools
- Documentation tools

## FDEM
- FDEM staff
- Workshops
- Technical assistance
- Plan templates
- Common platform
Current Status

• Accredited
  – Duval
  – Orange
  – Miami-Dade
• On-site assessment
  – Manatee
• Self-assessment
  – Alachua
  – Gilchrist
  – Jackson
  – Seminole
  – Sumter
  – Taylor
  – Volusia
  – Wakulla
Goal

Spring 2014

• Madison
• Taylor
• Wakulla

• Target: 8 counties accredited

Fall 2014 – Spring 2015

• 6 additional counties by October 2014
• 6 additional counties by May 2015
Useful Information

- $100k dedicated for current fiscal year
- Requesting additional $120k next fiscal year
- Accreditation before additional funding
  - Must have a deliverable
- Funding not tied to fiscal year
  - Expected to spend some funding on re-accreditation
- Not enough funding for everyone at once
  - Accreditations need to be staggered
COMMON ISSUES
Common Concerns

• EMAP is a perceived as a black box
• Formal processes
• Incomplete consequence analysis (4.3.2)
• Required incident management training (4.7.3)
• Periodic gap analysis (4.8.2)
• Training – lack of formal program
  – Key public official requirement
Common Concerns cont’d

• HIRA, too “small” or too many
  – 4.3.1
• COOP/COG, not fully developed
  – 4.6.1, 4.6.2, 4.6.5, and 4.6.6
• Operational Plans, not comprehensive or promulgated
  – 4.6.1 and 4.6.2
• Improvement Plans, non-existent or limited
  – 4.14.3
Justifications

• County’s responsibility to prove compliance
  – It is not enough to say you do it

• Proofs of Compliance
  – Proof through documentation
  – Justify documentation
REVIEW
QUESTIONS?