

# **State Hazard Mitigation Plan Advisory Team**

Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, July 8, 2008  
1:00 p.m.

Randall Kelley Training Center  
Sadowski Building • 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100

**Opening:** The meeting of the State Hazard Mitigation Plan Advisory Team (SHMPAT) was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2008 in the Kelley Training Center by Donald Kunish.

## **Welcome – Introductions & Purpose**

Donald Kunish welcomed everyone and gave a brief safety overview of the building, citing the actions that should be taken in the event of an emergency. Miles Anderson also welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

## **Introductions & Purpose**

Marybeth Groff explained that the goals of the meeting are to re-energize the SHMPAT as a vital element of Florida's future mitigation strategy; to build relationships across agency and Non-Governmental Organization boundaries that will elevate opportunities for mitigation in Florida; and to develop the group's creativity in order to bring Florida to the forefront as a strong mitigation example which will also set an example for our local communities regarding on-going maintenance and updating of their Local Mitigation Strategy.

Participants were asked to introduce themselves and the agency they were representing.

## **Florida Mitigation Projects – Current and Visionary**

Joy Duperault then led the group in a brainstorming session to capture examples of current mitigation projects that agencies are involved in as well as visionary ideas of possible future mitigation actions.

## **No Holds Barred Mitigation – Why Not?**

The entire group was then given time to work in small groups to answer a series of questions, from their agency's perspective, that included any challenges and/or lack of resources that prohibit them from implementing mitigation measures and possible partnership opportunities that could be utilized to overcome any barriers that currently exist. Before the forms were collected, individuals or groups were asked to share some of their ideas.

### **Mitigation Funding Programs**

Joy Duperrault gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the most applicable Federal programs available to agencies and organizations for mitigation funding.

### **Making Every Penny Count – Leveraging Across Boundaries**

The group was given another series of questions pertaining to leveraging mitigation funding. Again the participants informally got into groups to discuss partnering opportunities as related to funding. There was no time for sharing aloud, but the forms were collected.

### **Plan Overview – What's in a Plan, Anyway?**

Anne Boland gave an overview of the elements in the current State Hazard Mitigation Plan. Each section was explained and a few questions were answered.

### **Moving Forward – Sharing Plan Maintenance & Update Work**

Marybeth Groff discussed the maintenance and update process for the State Plan as required by 44 C.F.R. §201. Ms. Groff looked to the group for input as to how often they feel it appropriate to update given sections of the plan (post-disaster, annually, every 3 years). She then discussed the possibility of working as an entire group or as sub-committees in order to assist the Division of Emergency Management with the plan maintenance and update. After an in-depth discussion the group seemed to feel that working in sub-committees initially and then coming together as a full group might work best. This was left open to discuss and finalize at the next SHMPAT meeting, which was set for October 7, 2008. Through a show of hands the group decided on a meeting time from 1:00pm – 4:00pm.

A form was also given to the entire group to obtain the attendees contact information as well as an alternate representative in case they are unable to attend any future meetings. The group was also asked for suggestions on any other person or organization that should be involved in SHMPAT.

**Next meeting** – October 7, 2008 1:00-4:00pm – Location TBD

### **Adjourn**

The participants were thanked and the meeting was concluded.