

Association of County Administrators of Alabama – 2016

# **THE ADMINISTRATOR'S ROLE IN AN EMERGENCY**

# PRESENTERS

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- ✕ Justin Hardee, Lee County Engineer
- ✕ Kathrine Carson, Lee County EMA Director
- ✕ Roger Rendleman, Lee County Administrator

# WHAT IS THE ENGINEER'S VIEWPOINT?

- ✖ Pre-event: Effective communication between the Administrator, EMA director and Engineer is essential
  - + Understand your county's local capabilities to respond to a disaster  
(i.e. manpower, equipment, budget)
  - + Regular time vs. Overtime



# WHAT IS THE ENGINEER'S VIEWPOINT?

## ✕ During event

### + Emergency response

- ✕ Closing roads, Opening roads, Sanding the roads, etc.

### + Assess the damage

- ✕ Can we handle this task ourselves or do we need help?
- ✕ Will an outside contractor need to be activated?
  - ✕ ACCA Debris Removal and/or Monitoring Contracts

### + Prioritize the immediate needs

- ✕ Public Safety, Public Transportation, Public Property

# WHAT IS THE ENGINEER'S VIEWPOINT?

## ✖ Recovery

### + Effective Procurement Processes

- ✖ Make sure they can procure what they need easily

### + Understand FEMA doesn't pay for everything

- ✖ Realize some of their requirements may cost you \$5 to get \$3 back

### + Communicate with one voice

- ✖ Assure your citizens (and your Commission) that your county is on top of things by communicating the same information from all outlets (Admin., EMA, and Engineer)

# WHAT IS THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT VIEWPOINT?

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- ✖ Pre-Event – Administrator has major impact on the ultimate outcome of a local disaster
  - + Supports preparedness and training even when long periods of time pass without a disaster
  - + Understands the required capabilities as well as the funding associated with emergency response
  - + Understands that the functional community response capabilities are born through relationships with entities both inside and outside jurisdictional boundaries



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- ✖ Understand the possibility of financial liability
  - + Keep in mind that your jurisdiction could be fully responsible for purchases during a response to a disaster. The local jurisdiction is responsible for all costs incurred during a non-declared disaster. Approximately 2% of disasters receive a Presidential Declaration and only about 12% of disasters will receive a State Disaster Declaration. In the case of a State Declaration only, there may or may not be financial assistance available from the State level.

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## ✕ During the event

- + Lives depend on our training and preparation for this event
- + Disaster can have a long-term impact on the lives of our citizens, even if they are uninjured



# RECOVERY

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- ✕ Administrator has a major role