

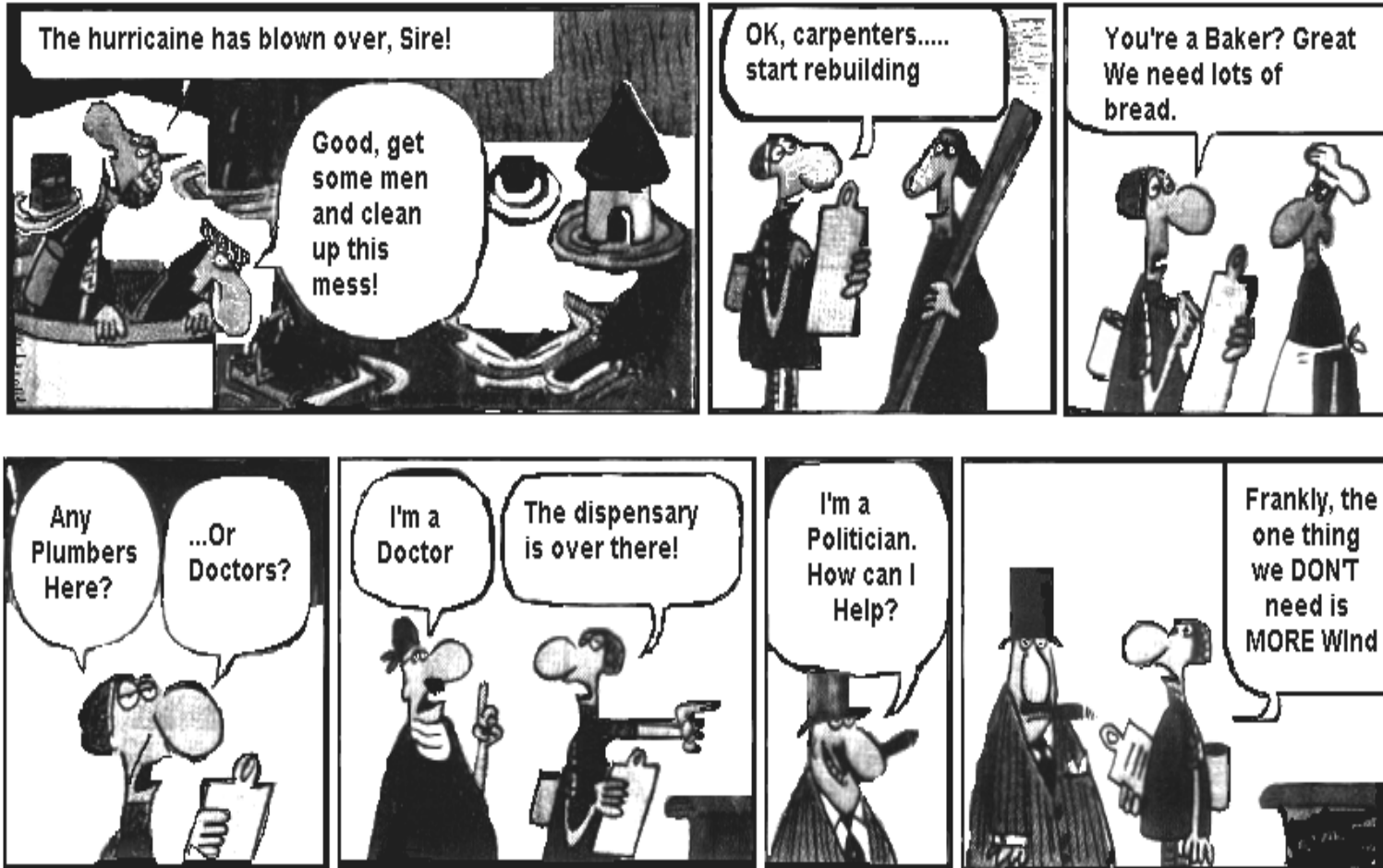
Investing in Emergency Management

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Elected Officials



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- **YOU the Elected Official**

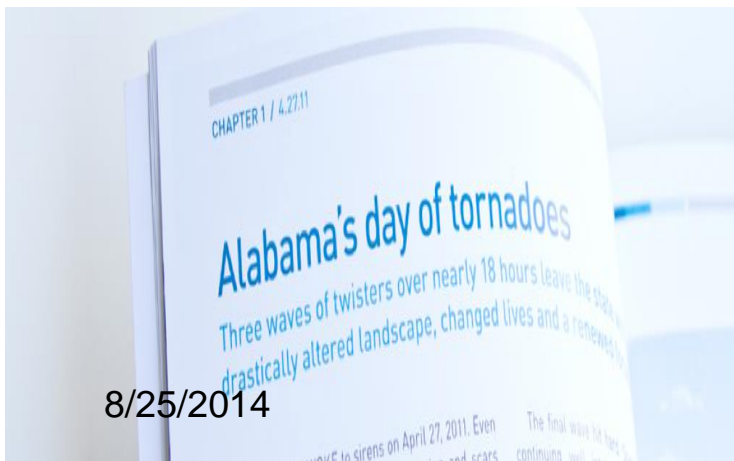
- Invest the time to understand the Statutory Requirements for Emergency Management
- Take the time to visit with your Emergency Management Director and Staff
- Acquire a working knowledge of the Emergency Operations Center
- Review the Emergency Operations Plan
 - Know your Threats/Hazards-Risk/Vulnerabilities
- Understand your Role as an Elected Official during all 4 phases of Emergency Management

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- **Quality of decisions and response actions**

- Were response efforts handled adequately or in a timely fashion?
- Were mistakes made or was the response slow and poorly coordinated?
- What is the level of perceived public dissatisfaction?

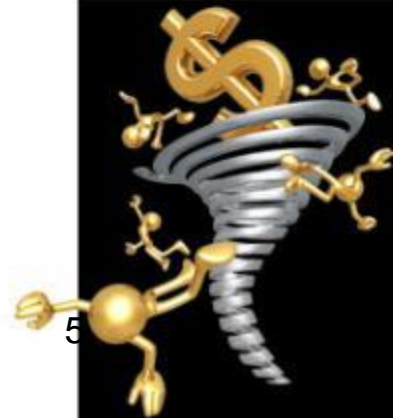


Investment Opportunities

- The level of governments least likely to perceive emergency management as a key priority is Local Governments
- Local Governments are at center stage in terms of responsibility for emergency management
- All elected political leaders are subject to the political impacts of disasters



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Code of Alabama Title 31

Section 9



- ***Alabama Emergency Management Act of 1955***
- Executive Order No. 27, March 3, 1966
- Executive Order No. 14, June 14, 1971
- Executive Order No. 40, July 23, 1985
- Executive Order No. 4, March 6, 1987
- ***Executive Order No. 15, February 15, 1994***
- ***Executive Order No 24, February 10, 2005***
- **The Homeland Security Act of 2002**
- **The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Act (“Stafford Act”)**
- **Homeland Security Presidential Directive No. 5 (“HSPD-5”) in February 2003**

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Outgrown our Statutes

- ***Alabama Emergency Management Act of 1955***

- ***Needs to be revised and County Commissioners need to be involved in that change***

- ***Job Description for Director***

- ***Standardized Job Description should be developed***

- ***Pay Scale for Emergency Management Directors Established***

- ***CLEM (31-9-61) – Training***

- Requirements***

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Funding Emergency Management

- We must identify a funding mechanism in this State to support Emergency Management Programs
 - Municipalities assisting in funding County EM programs
 - There are some that do, the Majority does not.
 - Florida example of Insurance Tax on Insurance Policies
 - Adding a Fee to Electrical Bills every month.

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FEMA

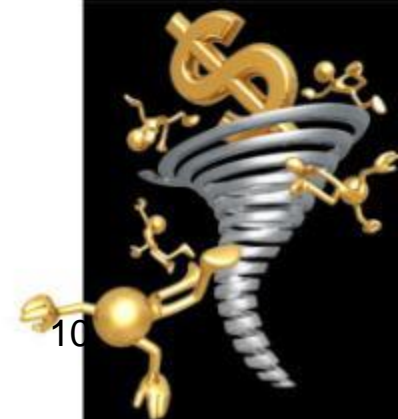
- Too many unfunded mandates
 - You want Public Assistance Money?
- You want EMPG money
 - Let's tie everything we throw at you to receiving Federal Dollars
- Counties do not have resources and assets that the Federal Government Has and/or the State
- County Government is being held hostage

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Partnerships

- Invest in Partnerships
 - Municipal
 - County to County
 - Regional
 - State Wide
- Strong Mutual-Aid Agreements
- ACCA support for County Emergency Management Issues today and for the future



All Disasters Start Locally Invest now before the next Disaster Strikes!



*Thank
You!*

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