

FORMIDABLE FOOTPRINT - FLOOD

28 October 2017

AFTER EXERCISE REPORT/IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Exercise: Formidable Footprint – Flood

Date: 28 October 2017

This exercise: Tabletop exercise

Duration: 3 hours

Exercise location: Internet

Exercise play: Limited to discussion of neighborhood response to flood scenarios.

Mission area: Response

Core capabilities: Planning

Exercise objectives: For Team 6247:
1. Determine planning needs for Team response to a general scenario.

Hazard: Flooding

Scenario: Flooding impacted over 100 residences in a neighborhood.

Sponsoring organization: Disaster Resistant Communities Group

Participating organizations: 19 individuals representing REACT Warning Team 6247, one complete CERT (Hamilton County), 3 other CERTs (Felton, Austin, Pensacola), Team Rubicon, Boston Cares, AmeriCorps, Richland County Medical Reserve Corps, San Lorenzo Valley Emergency Network, and the National Emergency Management Agency of Nigeria.

Point of contact: Walter Green, REACT Warning Team 6247 Watch Officer

Objective 1: Determine planning needs for Team response to a general scenario.

Core capability: Planning

Objective 1: Performed without challenges

Strengths: The scenario did not present any unique challenges that would have invalidated our Team's basic operational concept.

Areas for improvement:

1. Need to identify our mobilization process, specifically who initiates activation, what is the criteria for activation, and when is activation initiated?
2. How do we organize in an Incident Command System model, specifically which ICS positions would be needed for a major response, and how do we break out the tasks by position given our response role?
3. How do we identify objectives in the response and prepare an incident action plan, including for which types of incidents, for what operational period, and using which ICS forms?
4. In a response what communication modes should we be using, e-mail, an open tactical net on Zello, etc.?
5. When and how do we initiate demobilization from an event, including the criteria and any phasing of reduction in services?