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**Security and Emergency Preparedness and Planning Council (SEPPC) Meeting
May 21, 2018 – 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.
JFRD Headquarters – 4th Floor**

SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES

Purpose of Meeting: Required quarterly meeting. Provide information and resources in preparation for hurricane season. Discuss and vote on recommended prioritization of selected projects being submitted under HMGP DR-4337.

Agenda:

1. Opening Remarks and Introductions
2. City of Jacksonville Emergency Preparedness Guide
3. Recommendations of Prioritization for HMGP Projects
4. 2018 Hurricane Season Outlook
5. Hurricane Concept of Operations
6. Round Table Discussion: Agency Storm Readiness
7. Open Discussion
8. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Discussion:

- Dr. Charles Moreland welcomed all of those in attendance and held a moment of silence for both Ray Edmunds and Lance Whitaker.
- **Emergency Preparedness Guide.** Noah Ray provided an update on the City of Jacksonville Emergency Preparedness Guide. The Guide is currently being printed and will be available on June 3rd. If anyone is interested in receiving copies of the Guide, they can email nray@coj.net.
- **HMGP Recommendations and Prioritization.** Director Woodard proposed an adoption of the recommended project prioritization for the HMGP projects. Information regarding prioritization was presented by Noah Ray. Chief Smith proposed a Motion for acceptance and Dr. Moreland seconded the Motion. There was no opposition to the Motion.
- **2018 Hurricane Season Outlook.** Scott Cordero, the Meteorologist in Charge at the NWS Forecast Office in Jacksonville, presented the 2018 Hurricane Season Outlook.
 - Weather patterns occur over a multi-decadal period. We are currently at the tail end of a period, which is usually pretty active.



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- Salinity and water temperatures are the major factors that influence predictions.
 - Storm surge, tornadoes, damaging winds, and floods are all hazards that can occur in conjunction with hurricanes.
 - Mr. Cordero emphasized the fact that Jacksonville was not directly hit by either Hurricane Matthew or Hurricane Irma. The impacts of a direct hit could be much more severe.
 - The NWS official prediction will be released on May 24, 2018.
- **Hurricane Concept of Operations.** Chief Smith presented the Hurricane Concept of Operations. This included information on activation, evacuations, initial response, logistics, and more.
- Be mindful of who and what you bring with you during activation as space is limited. Do not arrive at the EOC until you are required to by your supervisor.
 - Ensure that all teams are ready. Employees should have their homes ready ahead of time as we do not want them caught off guard when they are told they cannot go home due to an activation.
 - The Hurricane Hazard Specific Plan has been updated and is available for review. Notify Sarah Bohentin at sbohentin@coj.net if you find any material issues with the Plan.
 - Hurricane season begins June 1st. The following preparations have been made in anticipation of hurricane season:
 - Notification systems have been expanded and improved through Everbridge and Ready Ops
 - The JaxReady app has been updated and provides for easier and faster evacuation zone look-up
 - The City of Jacksonville Disaster Contract has been expanded
 - Memorandums of Understanding with the school board and other entities have been updated
 - If you have any feedback or questions regarding systems, processes, space, and/or personnel, please contact EPD.
- **Open Discussion**
- Director John Pappas discussed the need to get debris ready for pick-up as soon as possible following a storm. State operations with regard to debris removal will stop after the first pass.
 - Dr. Moreland discussed the fact that the State has told cities and counties to manage their expectations from the State. Chief Smith added that cities and counties need to be more self-reliant and prepared and to explore relationships with the private sector to assist in the event of a disaster.



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- Melissa Dykes, the interim CEO of JEA, discussed how JEA has prepared for hurricane season. The prioritization list has been updated and a thorough preparedness exercise was completed, in which multiple organizations participated, including the City, Florida Highway Patrol, the Coast Guard, and more.
 - Ivan Mote, Chief Safety Officer for JTA, discussed their need for higher-ground space to store resources as well as alternative fuel sites.
 - The Mayor of the Town of Baldwin, Sean Lynch, discussed their efforts in working with the American Red Cross in preparation for hurricane season.
 - Chief David Whitmill with the City of Jacksonville Beach discussed concerns with re-entry following a storm and suggested a possible exercise prior to hurricane season.
- Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M. by Dr. Moreland.