

**SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

SUBJECT: Response to recommendations from Emer Mang. Functional exercise of June 2009

REQUESTED ACTION: Information

Work Session (Report Only)

Regular Meeting

DATE OF MEETING: _____

Special Meeting

CONTRACT: N/A

Effective Date: _____

Managing Division / Dept: _____

Vendor/Entity: _____

Termination Date: _____

BUDGET IMPACT: None

Annual

Capital

N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: _____

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT: _____

HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:

During the month of June 2009 a functional exercise of Sumter County Emergency Management was conducted. The purpose of the exercise was to test the functionality of the Emergency Operations Center; specifically the new "Web EOC" software that had been recently installed. As a result of this exercise; four areas were identified for Sumter County Fire Rescue to address review of procedures, planning, training and feedback of exercise evaluations.

The responses to the four recommendations are:

Action Item 1.1: Review current plans and procedures to ensure that Sumter County is prepared to respond to a large-scale HazMat situation.

Response: Currently SCFR does not have an internal Hazardous Materials response team. SCFR has the capability for mass decontamination of victims. SCFR has a large deconA Hazardous Materials response team requires very specialized equipment and training as well as dedicated personnel to be effective. The cost of equipment and personnel make an internal Hazardous Materials response team impractical at this time. Currently, SCFR has mutual aid agreements with surrounding departments that have a Hazardous Materials response team. The counties with which SCFR has an agreement with are Hernando, Marion and Lake counties. The Marion County Hazardous Materials response team is the State regional Response team for our area. SCFR has worked with the Regional Response team from Marion County on several incidents in Sumter County. The mutual aid agreements have an established method of contact and mobilization of response for hazardous materials incidents.

Action Item 1.2: If needed; revise plans and procedures with contiguous counties for mutual aid response.

Response: SCFR reviews and evaluates mutual aid agreements with contiguous counties annually. SCFR also participates in training with contiguous counties.

Action Item 1.3: Provide in-service training and follow-up exercises on plans and procedures that implement mutual aid agreements.

Response: SCFR does participate with contiguous counties for the purpose of practicing mutual aid

agreements. SCFR is currently working on a joint training opportunity with Hernando County.

Action Item 1.4: Allow personnel the opportunity for feedback and evaluation.

Response: SCFR conducts a post incident evaluation of training activities. The evaluation includes the SCFR senior staff and participates from the training exercise. Feedback obtained during these evaluations are further evaluated by senior staff for implementation.
