

Hurricane Drill After-Action Report



*Florida
Task Force 2*

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*City of Miami Department of Fire Rescue
Sponsoring Agency*



Summary

The City of Miami conducted a Hurricane Drill for all City Departments of June 20th 2007. A fully staffed Emergency Operations Center was activated with all Emergency Service Functions put into play. Florida Task Force 2 seized the opportunity to conduct a hurricane season one-day mobilization exercise.

A Type-One Task Force was activated and mobilized to meet at the City of Miami Orange Bowl; a full Base of Operations was put in place. Familiarization drills were conducted with new equipment as well as briefing the team in pertinent Program Directives.

The drill began at 0600 hours and concluded at 1800 hours with objectives accomplished and only minor injuries incurred. There were no personnel transported to the hospital.

An informal debriefing took place at the conclusion of the drill where outstanding issues were addressed.

Extensive planning took place before the drill to assure that all issues were addressed. This was evident in the smooth running of the drill and the positive comments from participants and observers.

Evaluation

Team Managers were asked to list three positive items and three items needing improvement.

Details are summarized below:

Positive:

Good planning on the part of the Task Force members organizing the drill

Good briefing and information exchange.

Outstanding work by Logistics personnel in creating a compact load plan that is allows for easy transport and deployment.

Good coordination between experienced members and those with less experience to accomplish objectives.



Needs Improvement:

Issue: Communications and Medical needs to be first Cache unloaded.

Correction: Jump Kit to be created with radios and medical gear.

Issue: Team Managers and Squad Leaders have to take a more active role in assuring personnel under their supervision are wearing the correct PPE.

Correction: Team Managers advised at debriefing

Issue: Sanitary issues (hand washers) not adequately addressed.

Correction: Paper towels to be provided at hand washing station

Issue: Some accountability issues with members showing up late and or leaving early.

Correction: Team Managers advised at debriefing

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