Federal Highway Administration
Emergency Operations Overview

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## FHWA Emergency Operations Program

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• HQ Emergency Coordinator/TS Coordinator Duties:
  – 24/7 Incident Reporting
  – Publishing Weekly HOA Delegation of Authority and EC Succession Roster
  – Training HQ Emergency Response Team
  – Training Field Emergency Coordinators
  – Developing plans, policies, and procedures
    • COOP, Devolution, Incident Reporting
  – Ensuring FHWA employee accountability
  – Regular briefings with S-60 Intelligence Division
    • Maintenance and handling of Classified National Security Information (CNSI)
Field Emergency Operations Team

- Division Office Emergency Coordinators
  - Field EC and Alternate EC identified for 52 Division Offices
  - 140 Field ECs and Alternate ECs nationwide
  - Field ECs serve as a collateral duty
- Responsible for 24/7 incident reporting
  - State-Division Stewardship and Oversight Agreements enable sharing of incident reports
- Responsible for Office Continuity of Operations (COOP) Planning
FHWA Emergency Operations Program

- FHWA Incident Reporting
  - FHWA Order 5181.1B,
    - Emergency Reporting Procedures
  - Mandates Division Office reporting on newsworthy highway incidents, significant NHS closures, damage to FHWA facilities, injuries to FHWA personnel
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FHWA Incident Reporting Procedure

State/Territorial DOT → FHWA Division Office
City DOT → FHWA Division Office
Media Report → FHWA Division Office

Incident Reports (FHWA 5181.1B) → FHWA Emergency Coordinator

- FHWA Leadership
- FHWA HQ ERC
- USDOT CMC (S1)
- ESF-1
Hurricane Season AAR

• By the numbers:
  – 60 days: August 21 – October 19, 2017
    • 2017 Solar Eclipse, Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma, Hurricane Maria, Hurricane Nate, California Wildfires
  – 22 briefings for senior leadership
  – 90 SITREPs
  – 23 Division Offices, AAST, FLH, FHWA HQ involved in response and recovery
  – 60+ deployments of engineers to Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands
  – 62 observations for AAR
FHWA Mission Assignments

- **Hurricane Maria Response/Recovery**
  - 4339DR-PR-DOT-09: FHWA to provide supplemental personnel to PR
  - 4339DR-PR-DOT-14: FHWA to assist DTOP in completing emergency repairs to non-Federal-Aid road infrastructure (via Federal Lands Highway)
  - 4339DR-PR-DOT-19: USDOT to provide recovery liaisons
  - 4340DR-VI-DOT-06: FHWA to provide supplemental personnel to USVI

- **Pre-Scripted Mission Assignments in development**
Hurricane Season AAR: Best Practices

- Processing of ER funds
- [FHWA_HQEC@dot.gov](mailto:FHWA_HQEC@dot.gov) email address
- Links to ER Information on TX Division website
- Implementation of Division COOP plans:
  - Alternate communications, IT contingency plans
- Response Line of Accounting
Hurricane Season AAR: Training

- Response training and “refreshers” for key FHWA staff
  - NIMS; ICS; FEMA Mission Assignments; NDRF
- Annual Division EMAC and ER refresher for State DOTs
Hurricane Season AAR: Policies, Plans, Protocols

- **Plans:**
  - Development of FHWA Emergency Response Plan
  - Daily FHWA Incident Action Plan during DOT ERT activation
  - Evacuation Liaison Team Concept of Operations (EO + RC)
  - Implementation of Incident Command System for FHWA
  - Formal establishment of Highway Crisis Advisory Team

- **Protocols:**
  - Formal FHWA procedure for employee deployment for response/recovery
  - Standing roster of employees available for deployment
State/Territorial Recommendations

- Real Time Traveler Information Systems
- Infrastructure Restoration Funding Options: FHWA Emergency Relief and FEMA Public Assistance
- Assistance Options: EMAC
- Coordination with Division Offices
# FHWA Emergency Relief

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<th>FEMA</th>
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<td>Federal-aid highways</td>
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<td><strong>DEBRIS REMOVAL</strong></td>
<td>Eligible for ER funding for Governor declared emergencies</td>
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<td>23 U.S.C. 125</td>
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