Working Across Regional Boundaries
Blurring the Lines

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The Early Years

- Late 70’s – Early 80’s – ACOE was the Big Dog in the Hurricane Evacuation business
- TBRPC, TCRPC & SWFRPC begin to get into the Hurricane Evacuation business other Councils follow suit over the next decade
- 1987 SARA Title III – RPCs are selected to implement through Local Emergency Planning Committees
- Early 90’s RPCs play ad-hoc roles in mitigation planning, hazardous materials exercises and planning
- By 1995 ACOE was out of the Hurricane Evacuation business in Florida
The Early Years


- 1998 - DMA2K – Local Mitigation Strategies – of the first 10 LMS's approved by FEMA, 8 were prepared by Florida RPC’s (5 by NEFRC).

- 2000 – FDEM provides funding for Post Disaster Response Plans for manmade disasters-NEFRC receives a single contract to do this work for multiple counties in our Region.

- Then..........................
Regional Domestic Security Task Force
Organizational Structure

- **Co-Chairs**
  - FDLE SAC
  - Local Sheriff

- **Law Enforcement**
- **Fire Rescue**
- **Public Health and Medical**
- **Emergency Management and Regulatory**
Post 9/11

- RDSTFs struggled out of the blocks
- NEFRC detailed a planner to them free of charge and got them “hooked” on the services
- NEFRC asked to manage a large scale terrorism exercise – highly successful!
- NEF SAC pitches the idea of using RPCs statewide to FDLE Tallahassee
- 2004 - They agreed but left organizational structure of how to service seven RDSTF regions with eleven RPCs to us– “Failure Is Not An Option”
Florida’s Regional Councils

New Era in Hurricane Evacuation

- Following the devastating 2004-2005 hurricane season, the Florida Legislature stepped up to the plate and funded a $40 million effort to up the game.
  - $36 million for LiDAR
  - $4 million for Regional Evacuation Studies (for all eleven RPCs)
- MOU between RPCs is executed embodying the “single point of contact” (SPC) concept
- RPC proposal to implement the eleven Regional Evacuation Studies simultaneously through the SPC accepted by FDEM – “Failure Is Not An Option”
Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Program
Blurring the Lines 2.0

- Single Point of Contact has proven to be highly successful and has been replicated by Florida’s RPCs in other areas:
  - REMI – TBRPC
  - Energy Resiliency – TBRPC
  - Broadband - TBRPC
  - HUD Special Merit Award – SFRPC
  - Next!
Keys to Successful Blurring

- Skill sets and surge staffing readily cross RPC boundaries
- The strong support the weak
- Whenever possible RPCs are referred to a single entity
- Lead RPC is responsible for monitoring all efforts and to assure success – product quality
- SPC is single point of accountability
- Ease of use by client is paramount
- Some projects require doing, because it is the right thing to do – loss leader/client satisfaction
- Financial distribution must be fair – not necessarily equal
- Information flow is critical
- It is all about relationships!
Thank You!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Questions?