

FEMA Region IV Workshop for HBCUs

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Motivation

- Facilitate dialogue regarding emergency management
- Gauge priority of mitigation at HBCUs
- Determine potential funding sources
- Establish self-sustaining collaborations
- Pinpoint hazards and risks for each school
- Encourage development of emergency plans

Participants

- **Statistics**
 - Approximately 180 total participants
 - 12 states and the US Virgin Islands
 - 118 reps from 55 HBCUs
 - 35 reps from state and local EMAs
 - Others include federal employees and presenters
- **Surveys (available online)**
 - Pre-workshop
 - Post-workshop
 - Follow up survey

Participant Expectations

- Pre-workshop survey
- Average HBCU rep experience just over 6 years
- 44% of HBCU reps either not familiar with or not sure of the functions of EMA
- Only 66% of HBCU reps prepared to take on EM duties
- One-third of HBCU reps had strong communication with LEMs

Participant Expectations

- 1 of 5 HBCU reps did not have tools to construct an emergency plan for their institution
- Only 61% of HBCU reps knew their LEM
- Only 36% of HBCU reps knew their SHMO
- 8% of HBCU reps were aware of the DRU grant program
- 65% of all participants aware of hazards at their institution

Format – Speakers

- Available to all participants
- Addressed general issues
- Introduced federal programs/resources
- Speakers
 - Mary Lynne Miller
 - Mary Anne Lyle
 - Ladd Colston, Ph.D.

Format – Presentations

- Chosen by participants
- Focused on specific issues/resources

Format – Presentations

- List of workshop presentations
 - 2004 Hurricane Season impact on the state of Florida
 - 2004 Hurricane Season Southeastern region impact
 - Federal roles, funding and technical sources
 - State and local community roles, funding and technical resources
 - An overview of Hazards – U.S. – Multi-Hazard (HAZUS-MH)
 - Academic roles, funding and technical sources
 - Campus emergency protective measures

Format – State Sessions

- Primary focus of workshop
- Summarize workshop info
- Convey specific institutional needs
- Develop action plans
- Establish future planning meetings
- Session notes available online

Outcome – Post Workshop Survey

- 95% of all participants were satisfied with content and organization of the workshop
- Largest improvements between pre and post surveys
 - Familiarity and communication between agencies
 - Resources to obtain future mitigation goals
- Display posters were beneficial to half of respondents

Outcome – Post Workshop Survey

- 75% of HBCU reps knew their LEM compared to 49% before the workshop
- 6% of HBCU reps initially knew their SHMO compared to 67% at workshop end
- 63% of HBCU reps were aware of the DRU grant compared to 8% before the workshop
- 90% of HBCU reps were interested in applying for the DRU grant at workshop end
- 92% of HBCU reps willing to provide campus tour for emergency managers

Post Workshop Website

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- Agenda
- Surveys
 - Pre workshop
 - Post workshop
 - Follow up
- State session notes
- University action plans
- Participants
- Presentations in PowerPoint
- Photo Gallery
- Hosts/Sponsors
- Video clips of speakers

Final Comments

- Action plans
 - Focus on training
 - Development of emergency plans
 - Using other plans to build foundation
- Follow up survey
 - 11 submissions
 - Showed progress in keeping schedule
 - EMs felt surveys catered to HBCUs

Final Comments

- Establish a possible clearinghouse of emergency management plans
- Aid in development and/or improvement of existing plans by making these plans available to institutions
- Continued reinforcement of local and university collaboration
- HBCUs are a part of the community



Are you prepared?

