



Monroe County Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group 2016 Annual Meeting

Date: November 30th, 2016

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Location: Marathon Government Center; BOCC Meeting Room
8798 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL 33050

Attendees:

Carol Schreck	Monroe County
Skip Harding	City of Layton
Jenn Ballard	Monroe County
Cyna Wright	FL Dept of Health Monroe County
Caroline Horn	FIRM
Adam Ferguson	Monroe County
Scott Fraser	City of Key West
Michael Larson	FIRM
Terry Abel	Village of Islamorada Fire Rescue
Karl Bursa	Village of Islamorada
Jonathon Rizzo	National Weather Service Key West
Laura White	Monroe County Sheriff's Office
Armand Messina	FIRM
Alison Higgins	City of Key West
Jeff Manning	Monroe County

- Members of the group introduced themselves. The purpose of the meeting was to update members on the status of Monroe County's LMS plan, which has remained largely unchanged since the accepted revision from 2015. The group discussed possible funding sources for mitigation projects, including HMGP related to Hurricane Matthew, the Residential Construction Mitigation Program (RCMP) and a FL Dept of Health Preparedness grant.
- Scott Fraser informed the group about elevation projects in the City of Key West.
- Jon Rizzo from the National Weather Service Key West office gave a presentation about the NOAA Storm Ready Program, as well as the various ways the National Weather Service interacts with the local community and decision makers. He also discussed the Storm Ready Supporters program, in which businesses, schools, Non-Profits, Home Owner Associations, Hospitals, and other entities may participate. Jon discussed plans to conduct weather spotter training sessions for the Middle and Upper Keys. He discussed NWS National Awareness outreach activities,

seasonal outreach, and social media outreach initiatives. Jon mentioned plans to develop The National Weather Service concept of Integrated Warning Team, a project intended to improve the flow of communication to and among NWS, Emergency Managers, Media, and ultimately the public.

- Scott Fraser from the City of Key West detailed their idea of conducting a dry flood proofing pilot project for residential homes. The goal is to accumulate data which could demonstrate the effectiveness of dry flood proofing, and justifying credits toward insurance and the use of mitigation funding to conduct such activities.
- Michael Larson, from Fair Insurance Rates for Monroe (FIRM), discussed that group's efforts to limit the rate of increase for windstorm insurance. Monroe County has been impacted especially hard, despite a lack of recent claims in the community. FIRM seeks support and members to continue its grassroots lobbying efforts. Other members or FIRM offered support and assistance in grant writing and administrative activities. Workshops related to sea level rise and the county and municipalities' efforts to confront that are expected to take place.
- There was brief discussion of FEMA's proposed disaster deductible