

Emergency Management / Homeland Security Commission Field Exercise Plan “Storm Fury 2017”

CONCEPT OF OPERATION:

A planned Emergency Management / Homeland Security Exercise “Storm Fury” will be conducted in the Town of Brooklyn Middle School grounds on 08-12-17. The exercise will include deployable assets that are available on hand to the town Brooklyn or assets that will be procured or acquired on loan from other sources. The planned field exercise will assess the EM/HS Commission’s ability to plan, coordinate, and deploy self-sustaining assets in support of a critical incident event.

In addition to the exercise, a walk-thru of the Brooklyn Middle School will be conducted as part of the exercise by the EM/HS Commission Members to evaluate its use as a hard site emergency shelter.

MOCK SITUATION:

The Town of Brooklyn has faced a natural disaster from a hurricane that has caused extensive damage to major parts of the town, and as a result of that disaster, power was lost throughout parts of the town. Many residents were displaced from their homes and some are now believed to be trapped in their homes and are possibly injured due to downed trees.

MISSION:

The Emergency Management / Homeland Security Commission members have been tasked to execute a pre-planned emergency response with the approval and support of the Town Selectman Mr. Ives and his Department Managers. The emergency response volunteer support staff (EM/HS Commission Members) and other volunteers will assemble at the Brooklyn Town Hall on 08-12-17 at 0900 hours. They will load support vehicles with the necessary food rations, supplies, and equipment necessary to conduct a self-sustained, continuous effort for one (1) day. The below listed equipment will be loaded, secured, and hauled in the support vehicles. After the equipment is loaded, the vehicles will be driven to the Brooklyn Middle School grounds (Base of Operations) in preparation for the exercise. Pre-assigned frequencies will be set on all radios and radio

checks will be conducted. A tent will be erected and temporary lighting installed. The expected duration of the exercise will consist of one (1) day, from 1000 hours and will end at 1400 hours. Equipment breakdown, cleaning, and loading will commence after the mid-day lunch break at 1300 hours. The equipment will be prepped for transport back to the original storage location. All personnel will be accounted for prior to exiting the school grounds.

Equipment:

Mobile portable generator with fuel and power cords (Eli Iturrino)
Mobile radio and handheld radio with power supplies and two antennas (EM/HS office)
Backup communication will be personal cell phones
Mobile kitchen truck if available (Lou Brodeaur)
Medium tent (Tom Gugliotti).
Folding table (Eli Iturrino)
Folding chairs (EM/HS office)
Folding cots (EM/HS office)
White board with Dry Erase Markers (if available)
Yellow Medical Kit (EM/HS office)
MRE's
Temporary lighting if available (Lou Brodeaur)
Radio Frequency list
Phone contact directories (Steve Mylly)
Town map Plan View (Birdseye view)/Topographic Map if available
Ladder truck for roof rescue (Tom Gugliotti)
Rescue Annie (stranded/injured resident on rooftop)
Backhoe with hook and sling to hoist and clear downed tree/branches. (Log or Railroad will be used to simulate fallen tree or branch debris) (Thomas Rukstella)

COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

Commission Staff list:
Town Selectman Richard Ives
Brooklyn Emergency Management/Homeland Security Director Steve Mylly
Lou Brodeaur
Sandy Brodeaur
Tom Gugliotti
Eli Iturrino
Vinny Mazarella
Thomas Rukstella
Support Volunteer FD personnel
Mobile and Handheld Radios used/frequencies assigned

EXECUTION: The operation will be executed as directed by the Exercise Plan. Once the Operations Office/Shelter Tent is set up, the Committee Chairman Steve Mylly will announce over the radio or telephone that the Exercise Plan has officially started. Team Leader Lou Brodeaur will then give the go ahead and will oversee the tasks to be

performed. The Special Teams Supervisor Capt. Gugliotti will assign and manage the personnel that will be equipped to handle the tasks.

NOTE: See addendum task list for specific tasks, times of execution, and the personnel assigned to execute the tasks. Tasks will include, but not limited to pre-planned scenarios outlined by the EM/HS committee. The scenarios may include a rescue from the top of a structure of a stranded resident(s) on a rooftop at a hurricane/flood scene, removal of large trees from the top of homes and vehicles, roadway debris clearance, etc.

NOTE: The execution of tasks will be monitored by the On-Duty Safety Officer Sandy Brodeur of the EM/HS committee.

NOTE: Special attention will be given to extreme heat temperatures to avoid heat exhaustion/fatigue. In the case of higher than normal temperatures, more frequent periods of rest will be included.

NOTE: The use of special equipment not previously planned for use in the exercise must be pre-approved before its use, i.e. chain saws, etc. This will avoid injuries from their handling.

SERVICE AND SUPPORT:

The operation exercise will be supported by local Fire Departments, Town Resident Trooper Steve Corradi #853, and other entities as the need arises.

AFTER ACTION REVIEW/LESSONS LEARNED:

An after action meeting will be held right after the exercise is halted in an effort to provide feedback to the Town Selectman, EM/HS committee members, and volunteers, for future corrective action and lessons learned. Eli Iturrino will conduct an evaluation of the exercise and will complete a written report for review. All data gathered will be preserved for future planning and FEMA grant applications.

First Selectman Richard Ives
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