

Quarterly Newsletter



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Definition of Emergency Management

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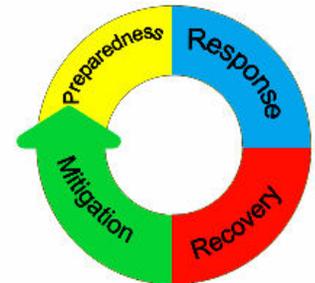
Emergency management is the managerial function charged with creating the framework within which communities reduce vulnerability to hazards and cope with disasters. There are four phases of emergency management, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

Mitigation is the cornerstone of emergency management. It is the continuing effort to lessen the impact disasters have on people and property. It is defined as "sustained action that reduces or eliminates long-term risk to people and property from natural hazards and their effects." Through effective mitigation practices we can ensure that fewer people and communities become victims of natural disasters.

Preparedness takes the form of plans or procedures designed to save lives and to minimize damage when an emergency occurs. Planning, training, and disaster drills are the essential elements of preparedness. These activities ensure that when a disaster strikes, emergency managers will be able to provide the best response possible. When disaster strikes, the best protection is knowing what to do.

Response is defined as the actions taken to save lives and prevent further damage in a disaster or emergency situation. Response is putting preparedness plans into action.

Recovery is defined as the actions taken to return the community to



Four Phases of Emergency Management

normal following a disaster. Repairing, replacing, or rebuilding property are examples of recovery.

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Lavonne Berryhill,
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Robin Garrard,
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Kenneth Smith,
911 Coordinator

Preparedness in the Community

The Hinds County Department of Emergency Management is available to deliver emergency preparedness presentations to community organizations (schools, daycares, senior centers, health fairs, homeowners associations, etc.) in Hinds County. If you or somebody you know is interested

please contact Lavonne Berryhill at 601.960.1476 or send an email to: lberryhill@co.hinds.ms.us



Disaster Supply Kit



Meet the Staff

The Emergency Management staff is made up of seven individuals who have committed their careers to public safety. Each of them make a daily

decision to serve Hinds County with their time, their knowledge and their abilities. Please take a moment to get to know them by reading a

short biography for each member of the staff. If you have questions or need more information please call 601.960.1476.



Mark Young, Director

A native of Yazoo City, MS, Mark completed his primary and secondary education in Hinds County. He is a graduate of Rust College with a degree in Biology. Mark continued his education at Jackson State University where he earned a Masters of Science degree in Hazardous Materials Management. In May of 2012, he earned another Masters of Sci-

ence degree in Disaster and Emergency Management from American Military University. Mark has been employed with the City of Jackson, MS as a Water Treatment Operator/Hazardous Materials Officer. He also worked for the Mississippi Crime Laboratory as a Forensic Biologist. Mark holds several certifications in hazardous materials and safety.

He has also done training with FEMA in Anniston, Al in the area of Hazardous Materials and Emergency Management. In January of 2013, he will begin work on a doctorate in Emergency Management at Jacksonville State University.



Joey Perkins, Asst. Director/Fire Coordinator

Joey serves as Assistant EOC Director and County Fire Coordinator. He started with the county in 2001 at the Sheriff's Department, having worked in Communications, Patrol, Crime Scene, Accident Reconstruction, Fire Investigations and SWAT Medical Officer. He

transferred to Emergency Management in 2006 and held the position of Emergency Management Specialist until 2010, when he was promoted to Assistant Director. He has over 3000 hours of certifications and training in various emergency service disci-

plines. He has served on the Byram Volunteer Fire Department since 1999 and holds the rank of Captain. He was also appointed in 2012 by the Mississippi Firefighters Association to serve on the Mississippi Fire Personnel Minimum Standards and Certification Board.



Rosilind G. Longino, Deputy Director

Rosilind has worked in Emergency Management for 30 plus years. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Jackson State University. She has earned multiple certifications from MEMA. Her daily and periodic duties include, but are not limited to, payroll, purchase requisitions and receiving re-

ports, assisting Volunteer Firemen and Chiefs in reference to budgets, inventory and other miscellaneous items, opening and routing mail to the correct personnel, controlling expenditures for EOC, E-911 and Volunteer Fire Departments, attending mandatory workshops for compliance pur-

poses, doing quarterly financial reports that are sent to MEMA. She also annually prepares the Emergency Management Performance Grant. She responds during weather incidents and disasters in Hinds County and provides assistance to the public and support to field personnel.

Lavonne Berryhill, Emergency Management Specialist

Lavonne is from Terry and has worked at Hinds County Emergency Management for 18 years. She received an Associate Degree in Microcomputer Technology from Hinds Community College in 1999. She has earned numerous certificates of achievement from the Emergency Management Institute, MEMA, and the State Fire Academy. In 2009 Lavonne obtained the designation of Mississippi Certified Emergency Manager through a certification program sponsored by the Mis-

issippi Civil Defense Emergency Management Association. She is also a member of the Emergency Services Administrative Professional Association. As part of her daily duties Lavonne maintains response data on the 12 Hinds County Volunteer Fire Departments. She works with the firefighters to ensure that they meet all reporting requirements through the National Fire Incident reporting System (NFIRS). She maintains Tier II Hazardous Chemical Reports

filed by business and industry as required by the SARA Title III Community Right-to-Know Act. Lavonne provides emergency preparedness information and delivers emergency preparedness presentations to community organizations in Hinds County. During emergencies she provides administrative support to field personnel to aid in effective response and relief efforts.



Tracy Funches, Emergency Management Specialist

Tracy Funches is from Raymond, Mississippi. His background is in Law Enforcement and Law Enforcement Administration. He worked at Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks and the City of Raymond Police

Department. Tracey started working at the Hinds County Department of Emergency Management in April of 2012. He is an Emergency Management Specialist. He is a field officer and first responder to all events/

incidents (weather, hazmat, fire, etc.) within the Hinds County EOC's jurisdiction or outside of Hinds County when mutual aid is requested.



Robin Garrard, Emergency Management Specialist

Robin, lives in Byram, Mississippi, she has worked for Hinds County for almost 11 years. She started as the secretary/receptionist. In 2002, she completed the requirements to become an Emergency Manage-

ment Specialist. Her day to day duties are still administrative in nature. Robin is responsible for tracking rain and updating it electronically to a national database. She is also the social media facilitator

and posts information on the Facebook/Twitter accounts. During an event/incident she helps where needed and submits information regarding the event to MEMA through WebEOC.



Kenneth Smith, 911 Coordinator

Kenneth Smith, from Terry, Mississippi has been employed by Hinds County for 23 plus years as the E-911 Coordinator. He has worked with the Department of Permit & Zoning and the Department of Emergency

Management. Kenneth's basic duties are to update and provide accurate 911 data to various private and government agencies and assign new addresses to businesses and new homes within rural

Hinds County. Kenneth is also available to respond during severe weather incidents and disasters in Hinds County.





Hinds County is Designated “StormReady “

StormReady is a nationwide program that helps communities better protect their citizens during severe weather from tornadoes to tsunamis. The program encourages communities to take a proactive approach to improving local hazardous weather operations. StormReady provides emergency managers with clear-cut guidelines on how to improve their hazardous weather operations.

Nearly 90% of all presidentially declared disasters are weather related, leading to around 500 deaths per year and nearly \$14 billion in damage. To help Americans guard against the ravages of severe weather, the National Weather Service (NWS) has designed the StormReady program. StormReady arms America's communities with the communication and safety skills they need to save lives and property.



Hinds County Volunteer Fire Departments

There are twelve volunteer fire departments throughout rural Hinds County plus an additional department made up of trained trustees from the penal farm (Firefox). They assist all of the volunteer departments when needed. Joey Perkins is the Fire Coordinator for Hinds County if you have questions or need information he can be reached at 601.960.1476 or jperkins@co.hinds.ms.us.

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Emergency Management protects communities by coordinating and integrating all activities necessary to build, sustain, and improve the capability to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from threatened or actual natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other manmade disasters.