

## **Florida Division of Emergency Management – Fact Sheet**

### **Agency Role.**

Coordinates statewide emergency management efforts and maintains the State of Florida Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. Staffs the State Warning Point which serves as the 24 hour monitoring, notification, and information relay center for any incidents in the state of Florida. Coordinates the identification and utilization of state resources in response to emergency events. Maintains a listing of reported fixed facility hazardous materials locations in accordance with the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA).

### **Responsibilities.**

Coordinate all state emergency management functions. Serve as staff to the State Emergency Response Commission and maintain all EPCRA reporting and planning information. Coordinate the activities of the State Emergency Response Team and any state resources, which are utilized in an emergency event. Coordinate the delivery of hazardous materials training courses supported by federal and state funds. Provide 24 hour monitoring, notification, and information relay capabilities.

### **Capabilities and Abilities.**

Provide 24 hour monitoring, notification, and information relay capabilities using redundant communications systems, including statewide satellite communications capabilities. Ability to coordinate the identification, allocation, and utilization of a broad range of public and private state resources, including both equipment and technical expertise, in response to an emergency event. Depending on the type of resource needed, the duration of its use and the characteristics of the event, a Governor's declaration of emergency may be required.

### **Agency Reponse Scenarios.**

A broad range of state assets and capabilities can be organized and deployed in response to or in support of any pollution related event. These include specialized equipment and personnel with technical expertise or the coordination of emergency related functions such as sheltering, mass care, and public information. Again, depending on the characteristics of the scenario and the types of federal designations related to the event, a Governor's emergency declaration by Executive Order may be necessary.