

Assembly area discussion NTHMP Meeting 1/30/2018 by Daniel Eungard

Rocky introduced the discussion topic and then gives it to Corina Forson to take away.

Corina introduces herself and announces her pregnancy.

She introduces the problems as they were identified by the PA/PT walk maps, what is an assembly area, what services will be provided, etc. Is there a universal definition, what is the difference between assembly and evacuation areas? What about communities with no viable escape route (LB).

She introduces Oregon's example from their website.

Comments:

Kevin Richards- Designated sites are parks with restrooms outside of the extreme hazard scenario zone, evacuation routes take them there and eventually a sign at the destination describing what to do.

Keily Yemm: issue of tourists will be lost and confused otherwise.

Corina Forson: clarifying definitions and use more categories for better clarity what is on the map. Is there a benefit to having unified message or up to local communities.

Nate Wood: consistency on terms is strongly recommended, whether it is used/shown on map is up to the communities.

Corina: Is the NTHMP the body that should assign those guidelines

Dimitry Nicolsky: Time is an issue here is this an immediate issue, or long term shelters

Chip Guard: Particularly useful in a distant event tsunami, not a concern for local source events

Nate Wood: How many people are expected to show up at each assembly area, is an important consideration.

Stacey (WA-EMD): EMD may be the best people to make the standardized terms as they will be working on the evacuation and recovery response.

Corina: Does anyone else have assembly area in an inundation zone

Corina: Proposes adding a task to the annual list for acquiring a list of standardized terms

Tim: There are guidelines for standardized symbols, but no definitions.

Kevin Miller: Evacuation sites are not listed on maps but signage does exist and limited local community distinction on what it means.

Robert White: Non-hazard specific shelters have been defined?

From whole group: Strong consensus on a need to forming a workgroup to define these sites.

Washington is designated as a lead, with no grant ask (all in-kind services)

Amanda Siok: What about VE structures, does the name change and what might be the implications with that? Corina: No.

Victor Huerfano: Evacuation center sounds much like disaster recovery center, an important distinction between the two.

Nate Wood: This will be more time intensive than a couple phone calls.

Rocky: It is an MMS initiated activity and is just making guidance. Don't make it harder than it needs to be.

Stacey: We can get rolling on it if it starts to scope-creep we can re-address this in the following year proposal, Nate: this is a survey of the landscape

Corina: Everyone will have homework before the first call to get a comprehensive list of site names, definitions, and any issues with changing them.

Rocky: Closes discussion