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PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

Meeting Date: May 19, 2020

Department: Public Safety

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Title: Disaster Preparedness Pre-Hurricane Season Briefing

Summary: The purpose of this workshop item is to provide an update on Palm Beach County's accomplishments and improvements to disaster preparedness since hurricane Dorian (2019). Additionally, the Public Safety Department's Division of Emergency Management (DEM) will provide an overview of new preparedness strategies for the upcoming 2020 hurricane season, specifically during COVID-19. DEM relies on all County departments as well as the Board of County Commissioners and numerous local state, federal, and non-profit volunteer agencies to provide support and resources to help Palm Beach County plan, respond, and recover from disasters. DEM has worked with numerous stakeholder agencies to implement significant changes made to our response and preparedness program such as additional tools, staffing and resources, enhanced training, and improved communications. Countywide (LDC)

Background and Policy Issues: Pursuant to Florida Statutes Chapter 252, it is the county's responsibility to be prepared to respond to, and recover from, any hazard that threatens the lives and property of residents and visitors of Palm Beach County. Our citizens rely on us for emergency shelters, as well as, other countywide disaster functions that are a critical component of our emergency response system. While this workshop's focus is on the last hurricane season and the preparations for the upcoming season, the DEM plans, prepares, and exercises for twelve core hazards.

Attachments: PowerPoint

Recommended By: Sejnowa 5/11/20
Department Director Date

Approved By: Deputy County Administrator 5/11/2020
Deputy County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Years	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Personal Services	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Net Fiscal Impact	<u>0</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>

ADDITIONAL FTE

POSITIONS (Cumulative) 0 0 0 0 0

Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes _____ No _____

Does this item include the use of federal funds? Yes _____ No _____

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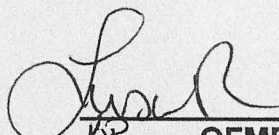
B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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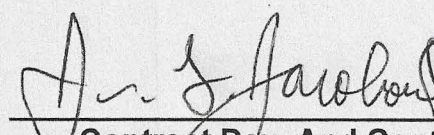
C. Departmental Fiscal Review: _____

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

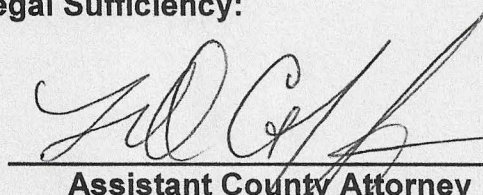
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Contract Dev. And Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:



Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PRE-HURRICANE SEASON BRIEFING

Stephanie Sejnoha
Department of Public Safety

Bill Johnson
Division of Emergency Management



AGENDA

- Overview 2020 Hurricane Season
- Hurricane Dorian Recap
- Bahama Relief Efforts
- Accomplishments/Improvements
- Training and Exercise
- Hurricane vs. COVID-19
- How You Can Help





DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

To be a world class
emergency
management agency
keeping our community
safe and resilient by
working together with
our partners and the
public as a team.



Executive Policy Group
 County Administrator
 Mayor, Board of County Commissioners
 Deputy County Administrator
 Public Safety Dept. Director
 Palm Beach County Attorney
 Emergency Management Director
 Palm Beach County Sheriff
 Palm Beach Co. Fire-Rescue Administrator
 Florida Health Palm Beach Co. Director

Board of County Commissioners
 PBC Constitutional Officers
 State Attorney
 Judiciary - 15th Judicial Circuit
 Public Defender
 Property Appraiser
 Tax Collector
 Clerk & Comptroller
 Supervisor of Elections

 PBC School Board
 State and Federal delegations
 League of Cities
 Military Support/FLNG

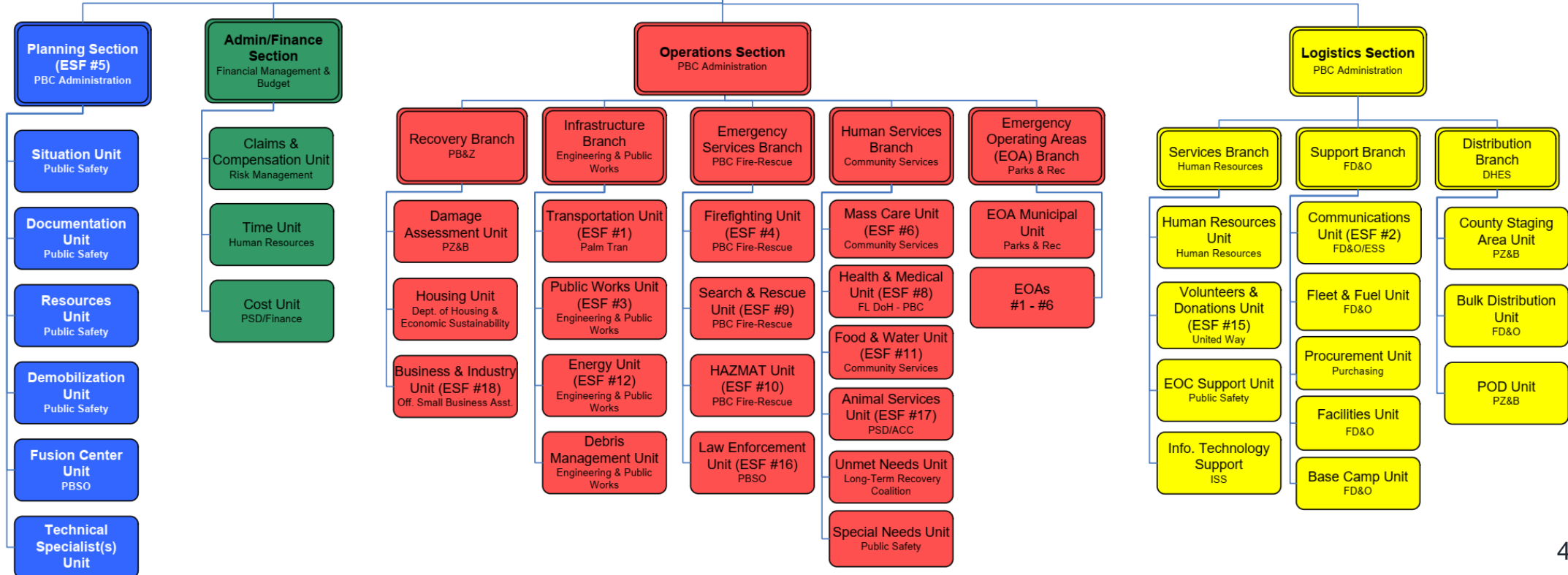
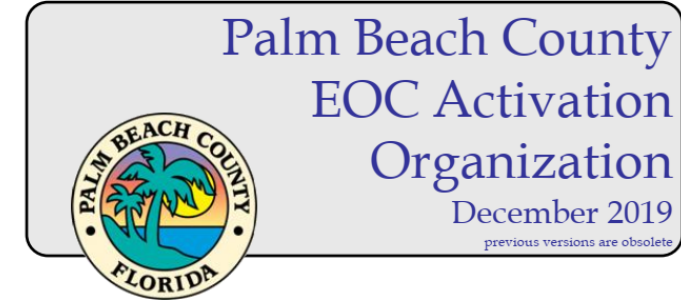
**County Administrator
Incident Commander**

Public Information
Unit (ESF #14)
Public Affairs

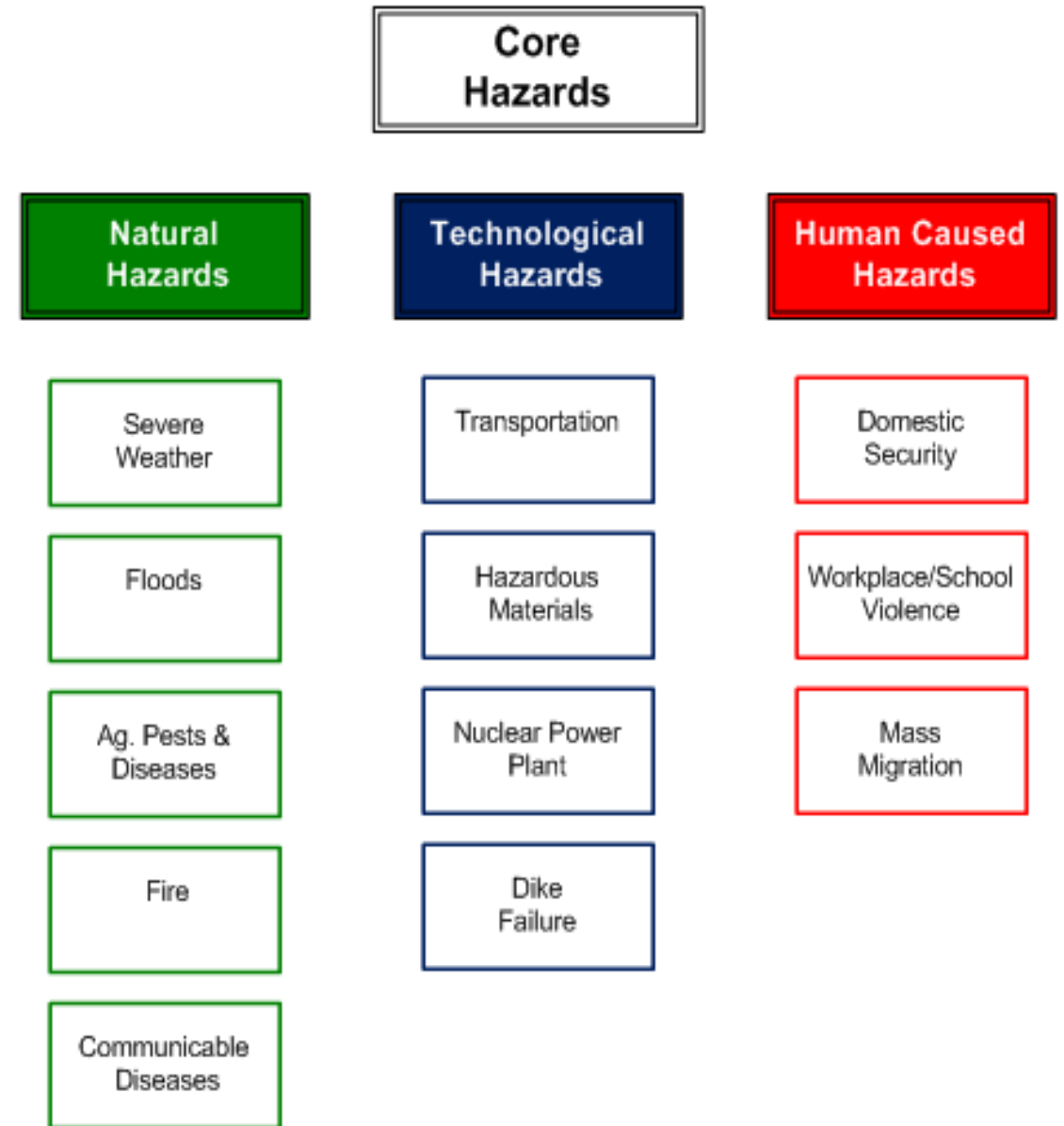
Emergency Information Unit
(EIC)
Public Safety

Safety Officer
Risk Management

Liaison Officer
PBC Administration

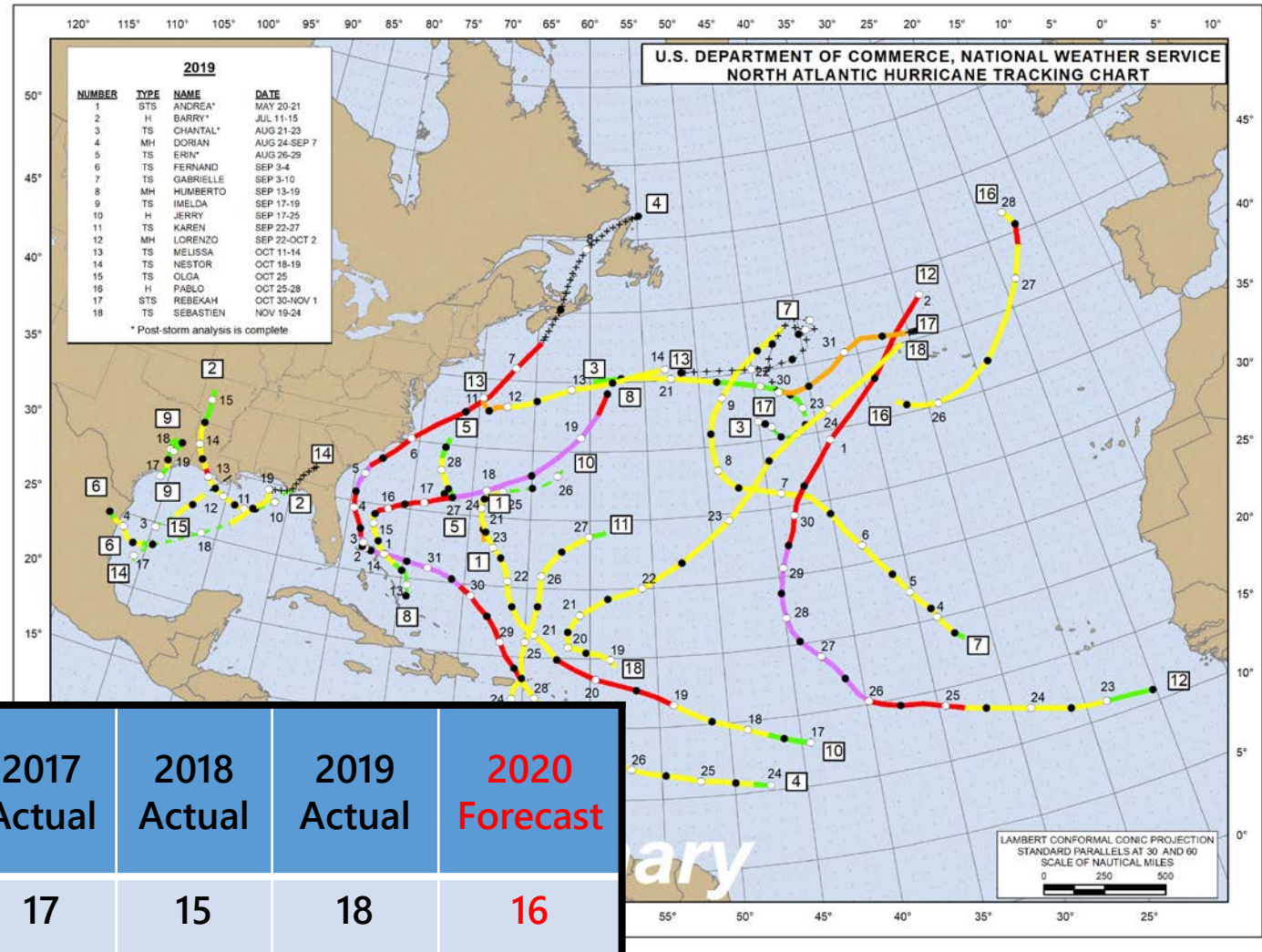


12 CORE HAZARDS



2020 Atlantic Hurricane Season

- 2019 forecast was to be an average year
- 2019 actual was above average
- 2020 forecasted to be above average

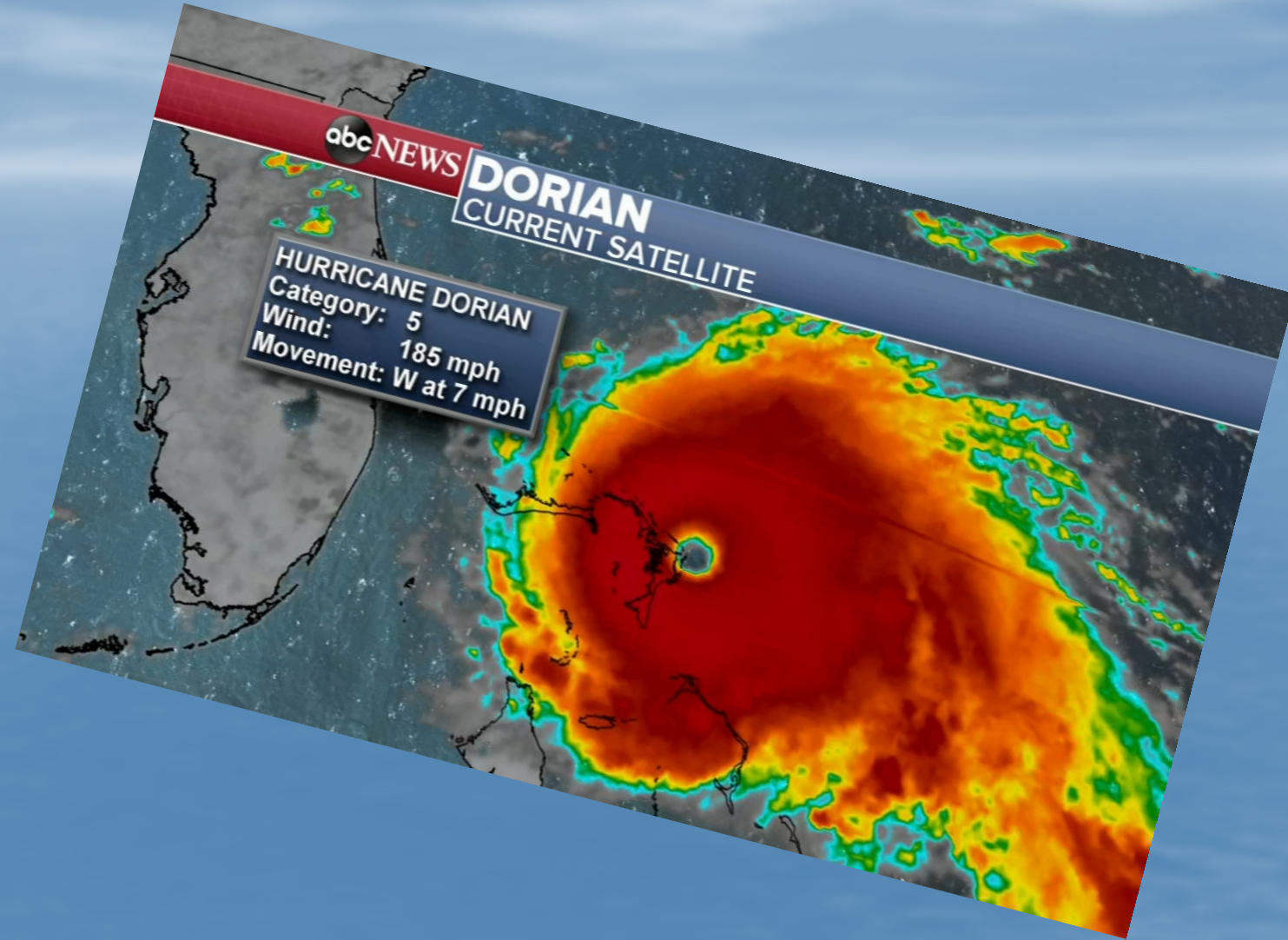


	Avg	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Forecast
Named	12	15	17	15	18	16
Hurricanes	6	7	10	8	6	8
Intense (≥ Cat. 3)	3	4	6	2	3	4



HURRICANE DORIAN

- On September 1, 2019, a Category 5 hurricane, with maximum sustained winds of 185 mph, made landfall in Elbow Cay, Bahamas.
- Impacted the outer islands of the Northern Bahamas and devastated Grand Bahama Island and its surrounding islands.
- Palm Beach County area was spared hurricane force winds when Dorian turned northward with only outer bands brushing South Florida.



HURRICANE DORIAN RELIEF EFFORTS

- Approx. 900 evacuees arrived to PBC from Paradise Cruise Ship
- Established a “triage” shelter at PBC Therapeutic Recreation Center
- Transitioned evacuees to a temporary shelter. Total served 155 individuals.
- Challenges included immigration status and/or lack of immigration documents
- Local costs exceeded \$500,000





ACCOMPLISHMENTS/IMPROVEMENTS

- New outreach materials for Special Needs Program
- EIC Auto Attendant now in Spanish and Haitian Creole
- Updates and clarification of the EDRP
- Increase shelter staffing to incorporate pre-planned leave
- Updated the CEMP and Recovery Plans



EMPLOYEE DISASTER RESPONSE PROGRAM

Position	# of County Employees
Department Essential	3,837
EOC Essential	225
Emergency Information Center (EIC)	115
Disaster Service Agents	968
Disaster Team Leaders	66
Disaster Field Workers	85





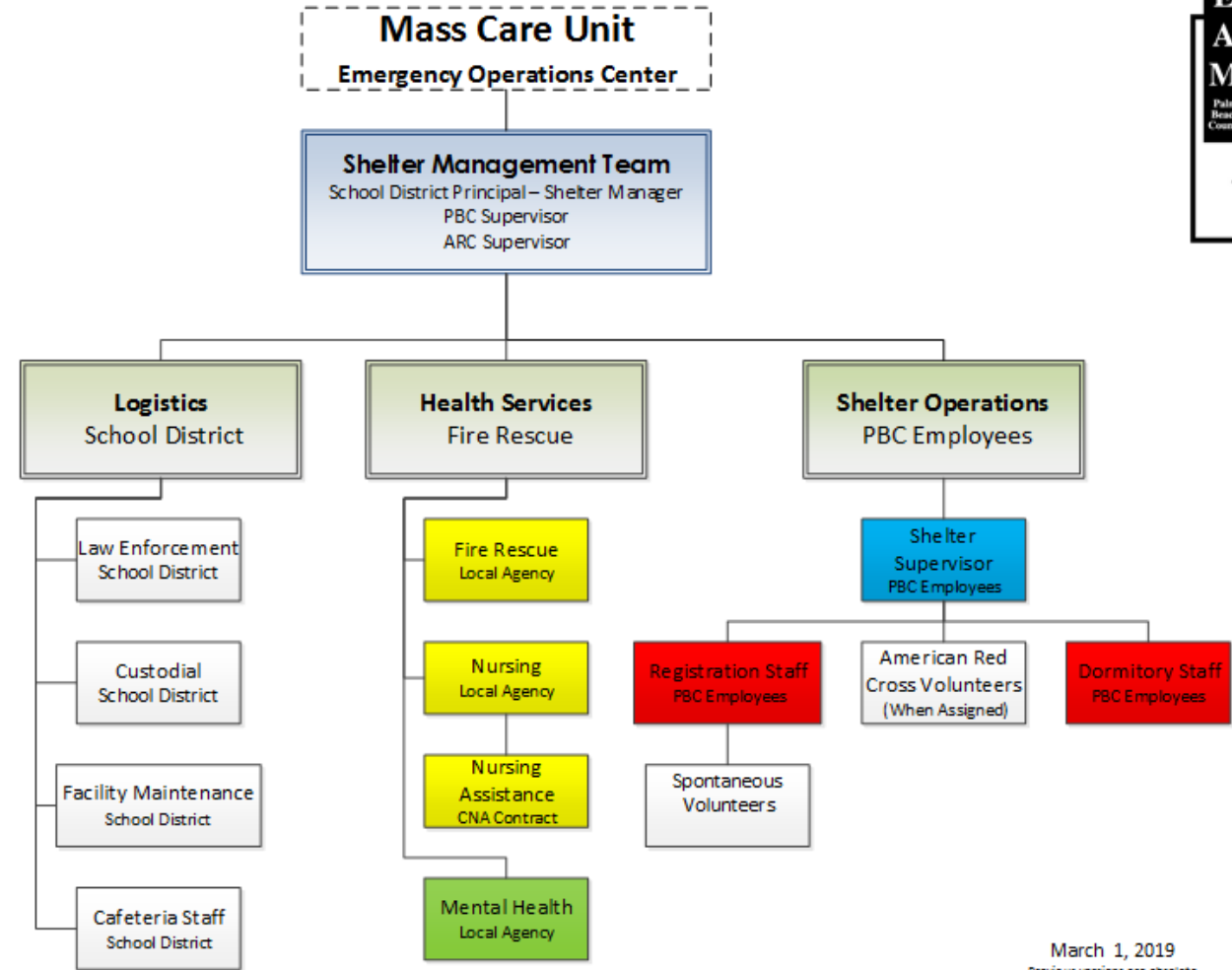
SHELTER STAFFING

- Shelter leadership
- Shelter staffing

Function/role	# of Employees Assigned
Shelter supervisors	63
Shelter support staff	559



Palm Beach County General Population Shelter Organizational Chart



March 1, 2019
Previous versions are obsolete

TRAINING & EXERCISES

- 11 training classes
- 10 exercises





HURRICANE + COVID19 SCENARIOS

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COMPLEMENTARY STRATEGIES

- Evaluate the decision process for evacuation
- Develop Contingency Plans for Congregate and Non-Congregate Shelter Options
- Provide additional screening and sanitizing efforts at all shelters
- Continue to evaluate staffing levels and available resources



SO HOW CAN YOU HELP?





Reinforce EOC actions & priorities:

- Assist with federal declarations:
 - Work with lawmakers to “turn on” FEMA programs
 - Special requests for federal assistance
 - Reimbursement support
- Consistent messaging:
 - Reinforce protective actions
 - Reinforce public information





Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. **YOU CAN.**

- Encourage planning for disasters a priority for everyone; employees, residents, family & friends
- Encourage your businesses to be prepared
- Encourage your constituents to be prepared at every opportunity



OUR MESSAGE IS SIMPLE

- Have a plan:
 - Everyone has a duty to be prepared;
 - Know if you need to evacuate:
 - If not, shutter and shelter in place
 - If so, know where you are going (within County)
- Make a kit; keep it stocked year round
- Be informed:
 - Monitor local media, our website, and our twitter for preparedness information and protective actions
- Have a plan for your pet(s)
- If you have special needs, plan even more...



<http://www.ReadyPBC.org>

The logo for Ready Palm Beach County, featuring a red and white circular design with the text "PALM BEACH COUNTY FLORIDA" and a stylized flame or wave shape.

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