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KANSAS Hurricane Katrina and Rita Post-Deployment Survey

Your feedback is important to ensure that the State of Kansas continues to learn and improve its disaster response capabilites. Please complete this survey and return it no later than **December 28th, 2005**.

You may choose **one** of the following return methods:

1. Complete and submit survey online at http://www.ksready.gov/PDF/EMAC_Survey.pdf
2. Scan and email to Kansas.HLS@agtop.state.ks.us
3. Fax survey to: 785-274-1426
4. Mail to: Kansas Division of Emergency Management
   Attn: Homeland Security Section
   2800 SW Topeka Blvd
   Topeka, KS 66611-1287

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Were you deployed or did you support deployment of others?
   - ☐ Deployed
   - ☐ Support

   Comments:

1a. Please specify all location(s) and position(s) you worked during this deployment process.

Location (s):

Position (s):

1b. Did you volunteer?
   - ☐ Yes
   - ☐ No

   Why:

2. Was this the first time you had been deployed under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Comments:

2a. Please list other disaster response deployments you've participated in. (i.e. Red Cross, Military, etc)

3. Were you familiar with deployment processes and procedures prior to Hurricane Katrina or Rita?

☐ Very Familiar ☐ Somewhat Familiar ☐ Unfamiliar

Comments:

3a. Is there a need to provide future training on the EMAC Process?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Type of Training Requested:

NOTIFICATION AND DEPLOYMENT

4. How were you notified or recruited for your mission?

5. Did you receive sufficient notice of your potential deployment to prepare?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

5a. How many days/hours notification did you receive of your potential deployment?

_____ Days _____ Hours

Was this sufficient? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments:

6. Were deployment conditions (living conditions and work environment) adequately and accurately described to you prior to leaving?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

7. Were mobilization instructions clear?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

8. Did you encounter any barriers or obstacles during the notification and mobilization process? Please tell us about any issues/problems that you had to resolve. If you have more than one issue/problem, please use a continuation sheet.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Issue/Problem:

Discussion:

Recommendation for Improvement:

9. Were you briefed and given accurate/useful instructions upon arrival at your duty assignment?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

OPERATIONS

10. What was/were your job assignment(s)?

Were your job assignments consistant with your pre-deployment job expectations?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments:

10b. Do you feel that you were adequately prepared for your job assignment(s)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments:

11. Did you have a clear chain of command and was it followed?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please Explain:

12. Did your supervisor clearly communicate mission assignments and tasks?

☐ Always ☐ Sometimes ☐ Never

Comments:

13. Were you adequately briefed by the person(s) you replaced?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Comments:

14. Did you have reliable communications while in the field?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Comments:

15. What would have improved communications in your area? (i.e. resources/processes)

Comments:

16. Did you deploy with, or were you provided, necessary vehicles and equipment for your mission assignment?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

17. Were safety procedures in place to ensure the safety of you and other deployed personnel?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Comments:

18. How would you grade the logistical and administrative support you received while deployed?

Best Worst

☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ F

Why?

19. What operational problems did you face or overcome while preforming your duties?
If you have more than one issue, please use a continuation sheet.

Problem(s):

Action(s)?

What improvements do you suggest to address this issue(s)?

REDEPLOYMENT/DEMOBILIZATION

20. Were you adequately debriefed upon completion of your assignment?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

21. Were mental health resources made available to you or your co-workers during or after deployment?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If no, how can this resource be made accessible to meet the needs?

LESSONS LEARNED

22. Please share is the most important lesson(s) you gained from your experience? If you have more than one, please use a continuation sheet.

Lesson(s):

Discussion:

Recommendation(s) for Improvement(s):

23. Given your experience, what changes need to be made in Kansas to best prepare for large scale disasters. If you have more than one, please use a continuation sheet.

Change(s):

Discussion:

Recommendation for Improvement:

24. Would you volunteer again given your experience during this deployment?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Comments:

If you would like to be individually contacted to discuss the deployment, please fill out the information below:

Name:

Phone: