

# BUASI Emergency Management Evacuation Working Group Overview

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# EM Working Group

- Led by Jeramie Calandro
- Comprised of mostly EM representatives
- Meets monthly (virtually) on the fourth Tuesday from 11AM - 12PM
- **All elements and phases of evacuations**

## BUASI Members

- Anne Arundel County
  - Katie Weber
- Baltimore City
  - Michelle “Shelly” Smith
  - Lloyd Lewins
- Baltimore County
  - Ashley Morris
- City of Annapolis
  - Chris Meyd
  - David Mandell
- Carroll County
  - Matt Rodriguez
  - Jacob Hill
- Harford County
  - Linda Ploener
- Howard County
  - Callie Gorgol

## State Agencies

- Maryland Department of Emergency Management
  - Marci Catlett
  - John Dulina
  - Michel’le Irvin
- Maryland Department of Transportation
  - David Larsen
  - Kristen Skogsberg
- Maryland DOT State Highways Administration
  - Eric Fogle

## Baltimore Metropolitan Council

- Eileen Singleton
- Jeramie Calandro

# Elements and Phases – What Are We Discussing?

**Taking a holistic approach to evacuation and re-entry and ensuring that we are not just considering hurricanes when it comes to planning.**

- Phases
  - Mobilization
  - Evacuation
  - Impact
  - Displacement/Mass Care
  - Re-entry
  - Recovery
- UASI and State Coordination
  - Unified Coordination Group
- Shelter in Place versus Evacuate Decisions/Triggers
- Evacuation Routes
- Needed Resources and Currently Available Resources
- Medical facility evacuations
- Common language
- Public Messaging and Alerting
- Sheltering across jurisdictions
- Medical Sheltering capacity
- How COVID has changed evacuation behavior
- Best practices
- Examples from other jurisdictions

# Framework

- **Framework Audience**
- **Framework Purpose**
- Working Group Purpose
- Goals and Process
- State Role in the Working Group

## Framework Audience

- Working Group participants.
- Regional leadership for situational awareness.

## Framework Purpose

- Ensure the Working Group acts as a peer support entity for local plan development.
- Ensure activities of Working Group are recommendations and for situational awareness vs formal action items and deliverables.

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## Working Group Purpose

- **A peer support entity for the localities finalizing their local evacuation plans.**
- Opportunity for locals to share best practices and lessons learned from local plans
- Opportunity to identify regional gaps/needs and develop possible solutions.

## Goals and Process

- To develop the regional gaps/needs and possible solutions list, **get buy-in and input from the Transportation & Public Works Committee** and then present to the UAWG.
- UAWG will review and decide what is pushed as formal requests to MDEM and the Region.

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## State Role in the Working Group

- Help the locals finish their plans (if needed).
- Provide some historical context and inform on what currently exists in the State.
- Get situational awareness of what possible asks/questions/needs exist at the local level.

# Suggested Common Language

- Definitions from the 2016 FEMA TA Project documents were pulled and compiled.
- These definitions were compared to updated and more recent documents from FEMA and the EM community.
- Suggested changes were placed in a table next to the previous definition.
- The Evac Working Group recognizes that we are NOT the decision makers on the adoption of the new terminology.

Color Code	Explanation	New
Black	Provides maximum control and oversight. Citizens will not be allowed into the hazard area. These zones are likely monitored by a law enforcement presence at access control points and periodic patrols.	These zones are not safe for re-entry. These zones will be monitored by a law enforcement presence at access control points and periodic patrols to ensure no residents or unauthorized individuals enter.
Red	Citizens enter the evacuation zone at their own risk for limited durations. The area is not considered safe for re-entry, as emergency services and utilities have not been restored.	These zones are not considered safe for re-entry emergency services and lifelines have not been restored.
Yellow	Citizens may re-enter the evacuation zone at their own risk. The area has partial restoration of emergency services, public services, and utilities.	Individuals may re-enter these zones at their own risk. The area has partial restoration of emergency services and lifelines.
Green	The evacuation zone is determined safe for re-entry. All public services and utilities are functioning at acceptable levels.	These zones are determined safe for re-entry. All lifelines are functioning at acceptable levels.

Types of Incidents		New
Notice Events	Jurisdictions will have advance warning of an impending hazard. The officials will have time to prepare, assess, communicate, and implement protective action measures. Typically, initial preparation discussions regarding the impending hazard will occur as soon as first notice of impact is provided.	An incident where jurisdictions have warning of an impending hazard. The officials have time to prepare in advance, assess, communicate, and implement protective action measures. Typically, initial preparation discussions regarding the impending hazard occur as soon as the jurisdiction receives first notice of impact.  Change to "Notice Incident"
No-Notice Event	An incident occurring with little or no warning and requiring rapid assessment, decision making, communication, and implementation of protective action. Also called a low-to-no-notice event.	Remove "Also called a low-to-no-notice event"  Change to "No- Notice Incident"

# Questions & Discussion