



OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



SEMINOLE COUNTY
FLORIDA'S NATURAL CHOICE

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The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is responsible for performing technical work in the development, implementation, and management of countywide disaster response, recovery, risk reduction, prevention, and preparedness. The emergency management team prepares, manages, and coordinates the Emergency Operations Center during times of emergency.

Completed Emergency Operations Center improvements including: addition of a wall-sized video screen, three projectors and edge-blending technology; upgrades to damage assessment software systems, radio system enhancements and installation of a replacement camera system utilizing cameras previously used at the Board of County Commission chambers.

2017 WHOLE COMMUNITY EXERCISE

On Thursday July 13th, the Seminole County Office of Emergency Management hosted the annual Seminole HEART Whole Community Workshop, an “Extreme Event” game designed to promote the importance of building community coalitions for disaster resilience. Attendees participated in a four phase exercise to prepare, respond, recover, and adapt to disaster-related challenges as a community. In all, 97 participants from various faith-based, community, and non-profit organizations worked together, sharing simulated resources to complete each team’s objective.

DEPLOYABLE SHELTER KITS:

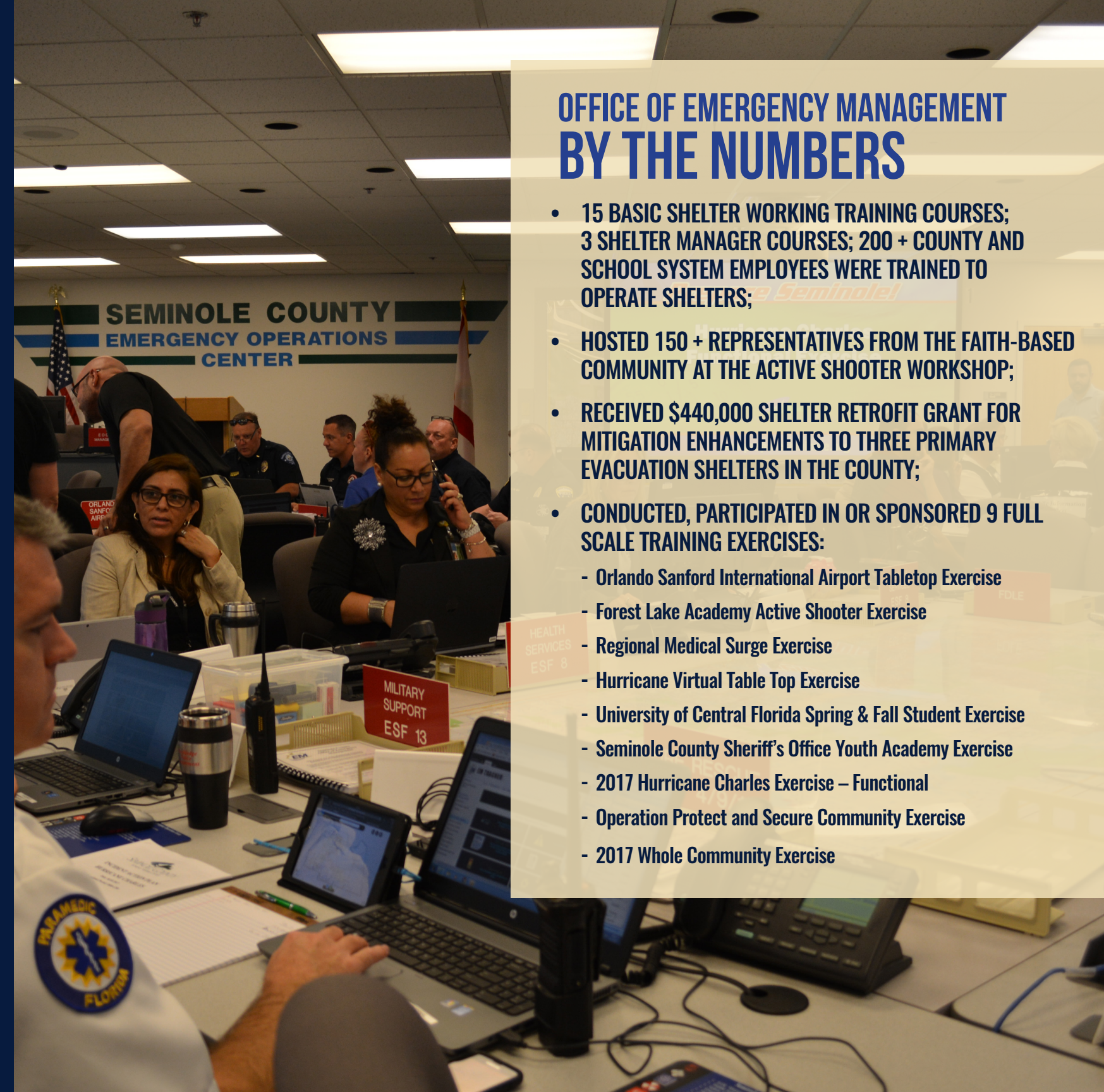
The Office of Emergency Management implemented the use of deployable shelter kits during the 2017 hurricane season. These kits were the assembled in reaction to learned during the 2016 hurricane season, and include the necessary supplies to quickly open and effectively run an emergency shelter. Supplies include signage, emergency lighting, safety vests and portable radios. These kits were successfully utilized in the nine shelters activated during Hurricane Irma.

COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE (CEMP)

The Office of Emergency Management conducted a complete review of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan in 2017. The review marks the beginning of a five-year planning cycle. All relevant stakeholders were included in planning discussions to ensure roles and responsibilities are current. Additional content was added to critical sections of the document utilized for Emergency Management Accreditation compliance.

HURRICANE MATTHEW HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP)

In response to the impacts due to Hurricane Matthew, the State of Florida was granted \$30M in Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding. As one of the counties declared for a Major Disaster after Hurricane Matthew, Seminole County was allocated approximately \$500,000 in HMGP funds. Projects selected for funding were determined by the Seminole County Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group and were then submitted for State review. Submitted projects include wind retrofits for critical facilities, backup generator power for critical facilities, and several drainage projects specific for areas prone to floods.



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- 15 BASIC SHELTER WORKING TRAINING COURSES; 3 SHELTER MANAGER COURSES; 200 + COUNTY AND SCHOOL SYSTEM EMPLOYEES WERE TRAINED TO OPERATE SHELTERS;
- HOSTED 150 + REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY AT THE ACTIVE SHOOTER WORKSHOP;
- RECEIVED \$440,000 SHELTER RETROFIT GRANT FOR MITIGATION ENHANCEMENTS TO THREE PRIMARY EVACUATION SHELTERS IN THE COUNTY;
- CONDUCTED, PARTICIPATED IN OR SPONSORED 9 FULL SCALE TRAINING EXERCISES:
 - Orlando Sanford International Airport Tabletop Exercise
 - Forest Lake Academy Active Shooter Exercise
 - Regional Medical Surge Exercise
 - Hurricane Virtual Table Top Exercise
 - University of Central Florida Spring & Fall Student Exercise
 - Seminole County Sheriff’s Office Youth Academy Exercise
 - 2017 Hurricane Charles Exercise – Functional
 - Operation Protect and Secure Community Exercise
 - 2017 Whole Community Exercise