

MIDWEST DISASTER OPERATIONS CRITIQUE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1993

SHERATON PLAZA

12:00 p.m.	Registration	
1:00 p.m.	Welcome:	James L. Witt
	Open Discussions:	Public Affairs (Morrie Goodman)
		Congressional Affairs (Martha Braddock)
4:00 p.m.	Proposed Stafford Act Changes	(Dennis Kwiatkowski)
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn	
6:00 p.m.	Reception	

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1993

SHERATON WESTPORT INN

8:30 a.m.	State Presentations (Witt/SCO's in chronological order by disaster)
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	State Presentations (con't)
3:00 p.m.	Open Discussion: State Issues
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1993

SHERATON WESTPORT INN

8:00 a.m.	Meeting of FCO's and Congressional Affairs Staff
9:30 a.m.	Mitigation (Larry Zensinger)
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	FEMA Response (John McKay)
4:00 p.m.	Standards and Evaluation (Patricia Stahlschmidt)
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1993

SHERATON WESTPORT INN

8:30 a.m.	Central Processing (Bob Volland/OFI)
10:00 a.m.	Individual Assistance Program Issues (Bob Volland)
11:00 a.m.	Public Assistance Program Issues (Larry Zensinger)
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Open Discussion: Regional Issues (Frank Thomas)
	Wrap-Up (Richard Krimm)
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn



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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

FROM: *Richard W. Krimm*
Richard W. Krimm
Deputy Associate Director
State and Local Programs
and Support

SUBJECT: Critique of Disaster Operations in the
Midwest

As indicated in my October 1, 1993, memorandum, we will be conducting a critique of our Midwest disaster operations. This critique will provide an excellent forum for discussions of significant issues which arose during disaster operations. The critique will also present us the opportunity to discuss lessons learned and identify corrective actions to be taken. In addition, these discussions will be a timely learning tool for managers new to the response and recovery programs.

I would like to thank you for submitting issues for inclusion in the agenda. There were a number of important issues submitted; however, it was impossible to include all of them. Attached is an agenda with a few key issues that will be crucial to our future operations.

You will note that the critique design is an approximate day-and-one-half of plenary sessions, one full day with State Coordinating Officers, and one-and-one-half days of separate program sessions. Detailed agendas for each of the program breakout sessions will be provided to you within the next two weeks.

In order to have a workable group, I ask that you limit attendees to the following: the Federal Coordinating Officer, the Deputy Federal Coordinating Officer, the individual in charge of Response operations (if different than the Deputy Federal Coordinating Officer), the Individual Assistance Officer, the Public Assistance Officer, the Program Support Officer, the Hazard Mitigation Officer and the Public Affairs Officer. The key management staff of the Missouri processing office should also plan to attend. I realize that as staff rotated, more than one individual may have functioned in each of these positions. The individuals attending the critique should be those who were present during the most critical phase of the operations. I also ask that the designated Response and Recovery Chiefs from all Regions attend. Please submit the names of those attending to the attention of Wendy Drucker, SL-DA-PC-OP by November 10, 1993.

I would ask also that each Federal Coordinating Officer invite the State Coordinating Officer to a Monday evening reception and a full day session on Tuesday. The objective of the Tuesday session is to learn about the States' perspectives on the operations. In order to best use the available time, the State Coordinating Officers should be encouraged to prepare a twenty minute overview and commentary on their States' responses and recoveries. The balance of the day will be available for open discussions on common themes raised by the State Coordinating Officers. In inviting the State personnel, please be sure to make it very clear that the invitation is for Monday evening and Tuesday only. It would be considerably unfair to our guests, and no doubt awkward for all of us, to have them arrive under the misimpression that they are to remain all week.

The critique will be held December 6 - 10, at the Sheraton-West Port Inn (314-878-1500) in St. Louis, Missouri (**Note: Dates and Hotel change**). Room reservations have been blocked at the hotel until November 19. Reservations must be confirmed with Diner's Club numbers by that date. Travel should be charged to the disaster where the attendee worked or is working. For those who were not associated with a specific disaster, travel should be charged to FEMA-955-DR-MO. Please ensure that your name is added to the appropriate Combined Travel Authorization for FY 94.

I look forward to seeing you. If you have any questions in the meantime, I would suggest that you call Patricia Stahlschmidt at 202-646-4066.

Attachment

Distribution:

Regional Directors
Region I-X

Federal Coordinating Officers for
993-DR, 994-DR, 995-DR, 996-DR,
997-DR, 998-DR, 999-DR, 1000-DR,
and 1001-DR

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1993

- 8:30 a.m. Plenary Discussion: Role of Central Processing
 - 11:00 a.m. Wrap-up / Adjourn
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