Purpose

- Discuss the normal operations of the State EOC and disaster support structure.

- Discuss the likely effects of a pandemic event on the EOC and support structure and some of the challenges unique to a pandemic event.

- Discuss ways to overcome those challenges.
Alabama EMA Mission Statement

• Provide Resources, training and expertise to. . .
• Save lives and property of Alabama citizens
• Assist local government in preparedness
• Work with state agencies to facilitate disaster readiness and response
• Coordinate with federal agencies as required
Threats

Wildfires

Tornadoes

Hurricanes

Earthquakes

Floods

Pandemic
Threats

- Biological
- Radiation Incident
- Hazardous Materials
- Chemical Stockpile
Operational Priorities

Pre-Event

- Evacuation or Isolation
- Mass Care
- Special Needs
- Pre-deployment of Resources
- Post-event Contingency Planning
Operational Priorities

During and After the Event
- Search & Rescue
- Emergency Medical
- Isolation and Social Distance Activities
- Security
- Receiving & Distribution
  - Food
  - Emergency Medicines
- Mass Care
- Special Needs
- HAZMAT
- Emergency Transportation
- Continuity of Operations and Continuity of Government
Staging and Distribution

- Statewide coverage
  - 65 Staging Areas
  - 83 Distribution Points
  - 1 Federal Operational Staging Area
  - SNS Procedures and Distribution Sites
Shelters
Regular and Medical Needs
The State & County Emergency Operations Centers

Provides a Unified Effort (Multi-Agency Coordination Group / State EOC).

Manages the flow of resources into and out of affected areas

Provides timely and accurate information to decision-makers
Private Industries Interface

- Alabama Power
- Rural Electric Assoc.
- Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)
- Southern Linc
- Bellsouth
- Rural Water Assoc.
- Architect Assoc.
- Sunbelt Rentals
- Bama Ice
- Banking Consortium
The State EOC – A Unified Command

Health and Human Services
Infrastructure Support
Operations Support
Emergency Services
Logistics
Planning and Documentation
Finance and Accounting
Human Services

- Alabama Department of Human Resources
- Alabama Department of Public Health
- Red Cross
- Salvation Army
- Agriculture and Industries
Infrastructure Support

- Alabama Development and Economic Affairs
- Alabama Department of Environmental Management
- Alabama Power
- Rural Electric Cooperatives
- Telephone Utilities Representatives
Operations Support

- Mutual Aid – Law Enforcement Teams
- Mutual Aid Fire and Rescue Teams
- Mutual Aid Incident Support / Management
- Civil Air Patrol
- VOAD & Governor’s Office of Faith-Based and Community Issues
- EMAC (State-to-State Mutual Aid)
Emergency Services

- AL Department of Public Safety
- AL Department of Corrections
- AL Department of Transportation
- AL National Guard
- AL Forestry Department
- AL Department of Conservation
Pandemic / Mass Fatality Planning
What Can You Do To Help?

- P L A N
  - In conjunction with your local EMA.
  - With all stakeholders – including private medical professionals.
  - With your neighboring cities and counties.
  - Encourage involvement of local volunteer organizations.
  - For a lack of outside assistance.
  - For COOP and COG.

- Identify available resources, sources, and assisting agencies.

- Identify shortcomings and plan to overcome them.

- Plan for FEAR!

- Plan for Mass Fatalities.
Pandemic Planning Peculiarities

- Will we have people to occupy our state and county Emergency Operations Centers?
- Will outside agencies or other states be willing to come into the affected area to assist?
- Work closely with your state and regional health facilities to determine issues and procedures.
  - Will isolation facilities be required?
  - What “social distances” will need to be observed.
  - What affect will the pandemic conditions have on schools, workplaces, and businesses.
  - From where will required ventilators and medicines come?