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Time: 100 minutes

INTRODUCTION

Coordinating assistance among Federal, state, and local agencies and drawing upon the resources available from other communities and private sources (including voluntary agencies) is critical to a community’s response to a disaster. Prior to residents returning to homes and businesses, it must be determined that an area is safe and free from further harm or damage.

OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this unit, participants should be able to:

1. Explain the acronyms, terms, and definitions relevant to this unit;
2. Establish re-entry priorities;
3. Discuss the re-entry considerations and their importance;
4. Explain how to utilize the re-entry Emergency Support Functions (ESFs); and
5. List hurricane re-entry planning assumptions.

METHODOLOGY

The instructor will review the current re-entry policies and procedures and how to apply those to a safe re-entry to homes and businesses. A guided discussion on Best Practices will be conducted.
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- Re-entry priority
- Safety issues
- Security issues
- Traffic
- Zones
- Public information
- Emergency Support Functions (ESFs)
- Activity 8.1—Best Practices
- Lessons Learned

Visual 8-2
Re-entry Guidelines

- Now that citizens have evacuated, what is your re-entry plan/Annex?
- Determine that an area is safe and free from further harm or damage before people return to their homes and businesses
- It is important to coordinate with other communities and private sources

Evacuation vs. Re-entry

- Decisions by elected officials
- Public information about routes
- Zones
- Phases
- Signage
- Traffic management/control
- Same ESFs
- Other?

Notes:
Re-entry Priority

**Re-Entry Priority**

*Essential vs. Non-Essential:*

- Re-entry priority: Who returns first?
- Law enforcement
- Search and Rescue
- Private sector
- Volunteers
- The “72-Hour Rule”

**Visual 8-5**

Safety Considerations

**Safety Considerations**

- Search and rescue of casualties
- Hazardous Materials
- Water and waste
- Roads and bridges
- Utilities
- Use HAZUS?

**Visual 8-6**

Notes:
### Security Considerations

- Protection of lives
- Critical facilities
  - Public
  - Private
  - Other
- Private property
- ID badges and passes

**Visual 8-7**

### Traffic

- Traffic signals
- Conditions of signage
- Variable message boards
- Road blockades
- Personnel to direct traffic
- Alternate routes for detours
- Other jurisdictions

**Visual 8-8**

**Notes:**

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Zones

**Red Zone**: No utilities or public service, extreme devastation
**Yellow Zone**: Moderate to heavy damage, debris on roads
**Green Zone**: Normal traffic and activities

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Notes:

Public Information

- Coordinate information with other jurisdictions and agencies (joint press releases and press conferences)
- Provide updated information on extent of damage and road conditions
- Announce re-entry plans with routes
- Manage limited access for news media to promote the message

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Notes:
Public Information (cont’d.)

- Emergency Alert Radio (EAS)
- Public Radio: statewide
- Governor’s Announcement

Visual 8-11

Hurricane Re-entry: Facts or Myths?

- Re-entry is a regional function, so state agencies should take the lead
- Public information on conditions is key (dissemination of timely, accurate reports)
- Reverse lane traffic control is not needed
- After 72 hours, it will be increasingly difficult for impacted communities to prevent some re-entry
- Isolated communities (e.g., islands) require more time for re-entry—but can more easily control access

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Notes:
Re-entry Emergency Support Functions (ESFs)

- ESF #1 Transportation
- ESF #2 Communications
- ESF #3 Public Works and Engineering
- ESF #4 Firefighting
- ESF #5 Emergency Management
- ESF #6 Mass Care
- ESF #7 Resource Support
- ESF #8 Public Health and Medical Services

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Re-entry Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) (continued)

- ESF #9 Search and Rescue
- ESF #10 Hazardous Materials
- ESF #11 Agriculture and Natural Resources
- ESF #12 Energy
- ESF #13 Public Safety and Security
- ESF #14 Long-Term Recovery and Mitigation
- ESF #15 External Affairs

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Activity 8:1—Best Practices

Using information from a recent tropical cyclone or hurricane, discuss the Best Practices used throughout the re-entry process.

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Lessons Learned

- How did you involve personnel from other agencies in the disaster response?
- How well do you plan for coordination among Federal, state, and local agencies?
- Which private vendors might you contact for additional support and services?
- How well did your plans go for communicating with the public, for the purposes of re-entry?

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Notes:
# Transition to Unit 9: Hurricane Readiness Checklist

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