



# Emergency Management Coalition of Eastern Alabama



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# Agenda

- o Welcome
- o Introductions
  - o Name & Title
  - o How long in current position
  - o Work in progress
  - o Biggest concern you have
  - o Expectations for this forum
- o Vision and Goals for our Coalition
- o FEMA VTTX Program
- o Tour of Cleburne County EOC



# Possible Goals

- o Enhancing internship programs
- o Professional development
- o Initiating and participating in research/service projects
- o Enhancing K-12 teacher training programs to promote awareness and preparedness
- o Helping each other with our biggest problems
- o Extending Mutual Aid
- o Suggestions and discussion

# Virtual Tabletop Exercise Series (VTTX)

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# VTTX in Action



Virtual Table Top Exercise (VTTX) Video Wall – EMI Campus, Emmitsburg, MD

# VTTX Status Summary (as of 2-13-13)

VTTX	Hazard	Date	Organizations	Completions
VTTX 0001	Earthquake	09/05/12	6	89
VTTX 0002	Winter Storm	10/19/12	9	185
VTTX 0003	CBRNE - Explosive	11/14/12	8	149
VTTX 0004	Highway Hazmat	12/12/12	10	138
VTTX 0005	Tornado #1	01/22/13	12 (2 Observe)	151
VTTX 0005	Tornado #2	01/23/13	17 (2 Observe)	345
VTTX 0006	Wildland Fire	02/20/13	18 scheduled (3 Observe)	350 estimated
VTTX 0007	Flood	03/13 & 14/13	25 applications	
VTTX 0008	Rail Hazmat	04/24/13		
VTTX 0009	Hurricane	05/15/13		
VTTX 0010	Mass Casualty	06/26/13		
VTTX 0011	Fixed Site Hazmat	07/10/13		
VTTX 0012	CBRNE - BIO	08/21/13		
Totals			62	1057

# VTTX Description

- Monthly VTTXs offered by EMI; different hazard each month
- Conducted via Video-Teleconference (VTC) technology
- Opportunity for emergency management / response personnel from across the nation to simultaneously participate in a hazard-specific facilitated discussion

# VTTX Benefits

- o Format permits standardized delivery of exercise materials, scenarios, modules and discussion questions
- o Pre-packaged set of materials reduces development effort of participating organizations
- o Delivery method allows participating organizations to share real-time solutions to preparedness, response and recovery actions

# VTTX Goals

- o Prepare participants for a specific hazard that could impact the jurisdiction / organization
- o Enable participants to better coordination response operations under “whole community” concepts
- o Leverage VTC technology to reach remote sites
- o Provide a virtual, experiential educational environment to exercise critical response and recovery capabilities

# VTTX Features

- o Awareness briefing on the scenario hazard
- o Three discussion modules presented by the EMI facilitator
- o Local/field discussion with guided questions facilitated by an on-site facilitator
- o Brief-outs from each participating location after each module
- o Hot Wash conducted at each location after the VTC has ended

# VTTX Exercise Design

- o Each VTTX is designed to engage the participants in a no fault, hazard-specific exercise discussion
- o The lead facilitation occurs via VTC from the EMI campus
- o Facilitation is complimented by a local or field facilitator at each VTC site
- o Each VTTX is supported by an Exercise and Coordination Facilitation Guide, which includes all required logistical information

# VTTX Target Audience

- o Designed for a “community based” organization with representation from whole community stakeholders and partners (local, tribal and state governments)
- o “Community based” can include various types of organizations and agencies (military bases, hospitals, universities, etc.)

# VTTX Participation Requirements

- o All participating sites must be able to access the FEMA VTC site
- o All participating sites are responsible for recruiting exercise players, local logistics, and selecting an on-site facilitator

Electronic copies of all VTTX materials (Exercise and Coordination Facilitation Guide, Situation Manual, VTTX Presentation Slides, and Agenda) are sent to participating sites 2 weeks prior to the start of the VTTX)

# Mountain Center

