

The **Field Operations Division** has both administrative and operational responsibilities to accomplish the Governor's priorities during times of disaster. The state is divided into seven geographical divisions. An Emergency Management (EM) Division Coordinator is assigned to each of the seven divisions. The EM Coordinator works closely with local emergency managers in areas of preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation to ensure we have a capable response structure. The EM Coordinator interacts daily with local elected officials and serves as the subject matter expert and the Division Coordinator during state response and recovery operations, for all-hazards.



Each of the seven AEMA divisions work in conjunction with the State Emergency Operations Center to accomplish the following:

- Establish and maintain clear communication links with SEOC, local, state, federal, non-government responding agencies within the division and impacted communities.
- Engage division partners to gain situational awareness and report information regarding needed state resources.
- Provide state and federal resources at the local level in order to meet the Governor's priorities.

We want to attend your career days, conferences and community preparedness events.

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Governor Kay Ivey signs Severe Weather Awareness Week Proclamation and encourages Alabamians to prepare for our primary severe weather season. Governor Ivey is accompanied by Alabama Emergency Agency Director Brian Hastings, five staff members and three representatives from the National Weather Service.

Important preparedness information can be found daily on social media channels.

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# Alabama Emergency Management Agency



# FY2017

## Operational Update

**Director Brian Hastings** was born in 1968, in Germany, to a U.S. Army officer. However, most of Brian's youth was spent in the Chicago metropolitan area. Brian's passion for service led him to enter the United States Air Force Academy in 1986 and served in the United States Air Force from 1990 until he retired as a Colonel on September 1, 2017. On September 5, 2017



Brian started his tenure as the Director of the Alabama Emergency Management Agency. In less than one week, Director Hastings experienced his first Emergency Disaster Declaration. The State Emergency Operations Center activated for Hurricane Irma to receive and shelter more than 250,000 evacuees from Florida while caring for the needs of Alabamians.

**About:** The Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) operates the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) for all-hazards emergencies that may require state or federal coordination. There are approximately 90 employees working daily at AEMA. In the 1990s, the original facility housed the Executive, Administrative and Operations Divisions. In 2008, an addition was made to AEMA to add the following divisions: Recovery, Information Technology and Inventory Management. When the SEOC activates it can hold more than 200 individuals from 34 state and federal agencies. AEMA is a leader in emergency management. The AEMA work-force is a collection of highly trained and educated professionals who are working to prepare Alabamians for all hazards and threats. The agency's operational priorities include: saving lives, incident stabilization, protection of property and environment and preliminary needs to include damage assessments.

**Vision:** Building resiliency for tomorrow, strength for today, applying lessons from yesterday for a better Alabama.

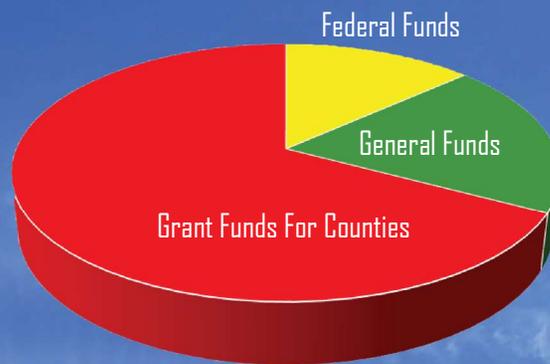
**Mission:** To support our citizens, strengthen our communities, and build a culture of preparedness through a comprehensive Emergency Management (EM) program.

**Authority:** The Alabama Emergency Management Act of 1955 *Ala. Code (1975) Section 31-8-1, et seq.* establishes the responsibilities of the AEMA Director, defines the emergency powers of the Governor, authorizes the development and implementation of the State Emergency Operations Plan, and authorizes the establishment of local EMA programs.

## Alabama EMA Financial Path Forward

Actual expenditures for the agency for 2017

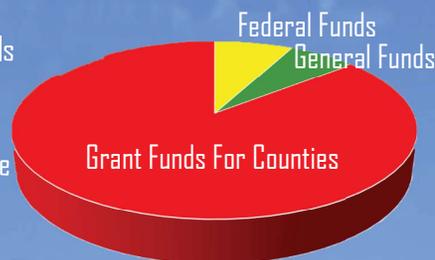
- General Funds Requested \$6,199,877
- **General Funds Received \$3,699,741.26**
- Operational Federal Funds \$5,369,748.18
- All Other Grants (EMPG and Open Disasters) \$18,560,765.49
- Total Amount of state/federal funds combined \$27,630,254.93
- **66.13% of AEMA budget provides funds to assist all 67 counties and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians**



Requested expenditures with grants for 2019

- General Funds Requested \$5.4 Million
- Operational Federal Funds \$4.7 Million
- All Other Grants (EMPG and Open Disasters) \$62,070,650.00
- Total Amount of state/federal funds combined \$72.2 Million
- **85.11% of AEMA budget is projected to provide funds to assist all 67 counties and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.**

Federal grants are awarded to local officials to support disaster recovery operations in their jurisdictions. These funds are not available for EMA expenses.



The **Recovery Division** of AEMA is responsible for managing the three Stafford Act grant programs from FEMA following a federal disaster declaration by the President of the United States. These programs are Public Assistance (PA), Individual Assistance (IA), and Hazard Mitigation. The Recovery Division ensures required recovery plans are maintained, kept current, and approved for federal grants; which allows for disaster reimbursement to our eligible applicants. Hazard Mitigation is any action taken to reduce or eliminate long term risk to people and property from natural disasters. Hazard Mitigation planning is a process used by State, tribal, and local governments to identify risks and vulnerabilities associated with natural disasters and develop mitigation strategies to reduce or eliminate long term risks. Examples of Hazard Mitigation projects funded by FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs may include, but are not limited to, buy-outs, elevations and safe rooms.

## DISASTERS FOR THE LAST DECADE

The figures in the Disaster Funds column represent federal funds made available to individuals and entities for IA and PA.

Disaster	Year	Disaster Funds	Mitigation Funds
AL-EM-3389	2017	\$754,557.12	N/A
AL-DR-4251	2015	\$34,181,526.27	\$6,364,317
AL-DR-4176	2014	\$57,371,282.08	\$8,451,026
AL-DR-4082	2012	\$6,678,561.12	\$994,021
AL-DR-4052	2012	\$1,885,925.12	\$153,787
AL-DR-1971	2011	\$283,833,321.49	\$77,628,575
AL-DR-1908	2010	\$8,912,363.51	\$1,195,636
AL-DR-1870	2009	\$19,986,986.22	\$3,248,859
AL-DR-1866	2009	\$4,228,940.04	\$1,458,616
AL-DR-1842	2009	\$10,463,775.63	\$2,108,054
AL-DR-1836	2009	\$6,100,444.28	\$1,356,186
AL-DR-1835	2009	\$20,142,863.73	\$3,521,215
AL-DR-1797	2008	\$5,940,451.74	\$2,189,070
AL-DR-1789	2008	\$7,955,261.42	\$2,587,639
AL-DR-1687	2007	\$12,107,784.10	\$2,557,890
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$480,544,043.87</b>	<b>\$113,814,891.00</b>