

# National Hurricane Program

## *Working for Safer Communities*

**The National Hurricane Program** conducts and supports many projects and activities that help protect communities and their residents from hurricane hazards. Three key components of the Program are Response and Recovery, Planning, Training, and Preparedness, and Mitigation.

### ***Response and Recovery –***

Helping communities and individuals repair damage, rebuild, and recover after hurricanes and coastal storms. Activities include:

- providing liaison teams to assist in the coordination of National Hurricane Center advisories and emergency evacuation activities with Federal, state, and local governments, and
- conducting post-flood evacuation studies.

### ***Planning and Preparedness –***

Taking action to lessen the impact of hurricanes and coastal storms on communities and their residents. Activities include:

- evaluating and recommending improvements for emergency evacuation shelters,
- evaluating and developing emergency evacuation plans, and
- increasing public awareness of hurricane hazards through training and outreach programs.

### ***Mitigation –***

Reducing the damage caused by hurricane winds and flooding through improvements in the built environment, including residential and non-residential buildings and their utility systems.

Activities include:

- assessing building performance after significant hurricanes and coastal storms,
- developing designs for hazard resistant construction in new buildings and retrofitting techniques for existing buildings, and
- recommending improvements in state and local regulatory programs.

FEMA has prepared a collection of one-page fact sheets that present short descriptions of projects, activities, and programs carried out under, or with the assistance of, FEMA's **National Hurricane Program**. The fact sheets are available in PDF form, for viewing with Adobe Acrobat®, on the FEMA web site at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).