

National Hurricane Program

Working for Safer Communities

Hurricane Liaison Team (HLT)

- One of the cooperative activities carried out under the National Hurricane Program is the deployment of a Hurricane Liaison Team (HLT) in response to a hurricane threat.
- The team, which consists of FEMA, NWS, state, and local emergency management officials, reports to the National Hurricane Center (NHC) prior to the landfall of a hurricane in the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, or Gulf of Mexico.
- The primary purpose of the team is to assist in coordinating the latest advisories from the NHC to the Federal, state, and local emergency management agencies.
- The team works directly with NHC forecasters to monitor storm tracks and intensities and prepare briefings for the FEMA Director, FEMA Regional Operations Centers, and the potentially impacted State Emergency Operations Centers.
- Each Hurricane Liaison Team coordinates closely with FEMA Headquarters Staff by phone and video conferencing systems.
- The team is led by the Hurricane Program Manager, who administers FEMA's National Hurricane Program in the FEMA Region IV office.

Hurricane Bret: FEMA Headquarters staff consulting by video conference with the FEMA Hurricane Liaison Team in the National Hurricane Center, Miami, FL.

