North Carolina Emergency Management

2009 in Review
Winter Storm

Inaugural Day–Piedmont saw 1-6 inches of snow; State & 12 county EOCs activate ~ Jan. 20
Harris Nuclear Power Exercise

Off site demonstrations of response capability ~ Feb. 23-27
Harris Nuclear Power Exercise

Harnett County EOC  Wake County EOC

RCC Central  Harris EOF  Joint Information Center

State, utility & county EOCs train together ~ March 3
Eastern Shield Exercise

Twenty three local, state, federal & military agencies join in a three-day WMD exercise ~ March 16-19
Mooresville RRT/Shooter Exercise

Ten local, county & state agencies train together in hazardous materials / shooter event ~ April 7
CERT Training

Hold two TTT, one teen & one college CERT classes; state now has about 5,000 trained members
USAR Training – Haywood Co.

More than 200 people from 35 agencies participate in a 30-hour exercise simulating a tunnel collapse ~ April 24-25
Piedmont Tornados

Tornados strike Nash, Johnson, Wake & Wilson counties destroying or damaging 40+ homes & buildings ~ May 5
Hurricane Hunter @ RDU

NOAA’s research plane attracts 2,100 visitors ~ May 6
H1N1 Flu 2009 ~ RSS Operations

Partner with DHHS to respond to H1N1 Flu outbreak by coordinating vaccine shipments to counties ~ April
Since April, 74 people have died in NC; 445 were hospitalized for flu-like illness. NCEM coordinates governor’s work group under incident command structure.
New EOC Groundbreaking

Mitchell County Train Derailment

15 - 30 cars containing various hazardous materials derail near Bakersville on the Yancey line affecting the North Toe River ~ May 27
Governor’s Hurricane Exercise

First ever cabinet-level hurricane exercise ~ May 28
ConAgra Explosion

USAR Task Force 8 responds to plant explosion~ June 9
RSOI Exercise

More than 600 staff from 20 agencies partner for state’s largest resource tracking exercise ~ June 20-23
Earthquake Exercise

SERT partners join EM staff from 18 counties and five colleges for the first-ever statewide earthquake exercise ~ June 22-23
Ocracoke Explosion

NCEM helps respond to fireworks truck explosion ~ July 4
HART training

Two dozen agencies partner for SAR training ~ Aug.12-14
McGuire Nuclear Drill

The JIC prepares for & conducts media briefing ~ Aug.18
Chadbourn Tire Plant Fire

NCEM and NC Divisions of Air and Water Quality respond to large fire at storage plant ~ Sept. 22
World Flood Fighter Conference

First responders from the US and UK shared best practices and lessons learned in the first international symposium ~ Oct. 5
Haywood County Rockslide

Local and state EM crews responded to massive rockslide on I-40. Debris removal will take months. ~ Oct. 25
Tropical Storm Ida

Remnants of TS Ida struck the Outer Banks damaging homes and roads in Currituck and Dare counties. ~ Nov.11
New North Carolina EOC

Construction of new NCNG & NCEM headquarters; scheduled for completion in Summer 2011