

JUNE 26, 2007 - WORKSHOP

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida, held a Senior Leadership Briefing Workshop on Tuesday, June 26, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in Courtroom B of the Walton County Courthouse.

The following Board members were present: Kenneth Pridgen, Chair, Cindy Meadows, Vice-Chair, and Commissioner Sara Comander. Mr. Ronnie Bell, County Administrator, Mr. Mike Burke, Interim County Attorney, and Ms. Martha Ingle, Clerk of Courts, were also present.

Commissioner Pridgen called the meeting to order.

Mr. Dave Halstead, Bureau Chief, State Division of Emergency Management, gave a presentation to inform senior leadership officials in Walton County of their responsibilities under Florida Statute Chapter 252, State Emergency Management Act, when threatened or impacted by a disaster; the role of the State Emergency Response Team (SERT); and issues in emergency management. He discussed the resources available from the state and federal governments and recommended that volunteer organizations and local businesses be utilized. Mr. Halstead stressed the importance of having a plan in place prior to a disaster and added that mitigation grant funds can be obtained to recoup between seven and 20% of applicable disaster related costs. He also presented a video of the SERT's efforts after Hurricane Katrina. A copy of the presentation was submitted.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Kenneth Pridgen, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Martha Ingle, Clerk of Court