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FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 25TH ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S HURRICANE CONFERENCE

FT. LAUDERDALE –The 2011 Governor's Hurricane Conference will take place at the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center from May 15-20, 2011. Florida's state and county emergency managers will join counterparts from throughout the country to engage in trainings and workshops, discussions on best emergency management practices, and other learning opportunities that will enhance Florida's ability to effectively manage hurricane response and recovery operations. Governor Rick Scott will address the convention on May 18.

"This conference is one of the premier forums in the country where experts convene to share ways to better protect our residents and visitors from the devastation of tropical systems," said Bryan W. Koon, director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management. "The 25-year tradition of this event demonstrates the dedication of our federal, state and local responders to continually improving the way our state responds and recovers from hurricanes."

The Governor's Hurricane Conference is the largest forum of its kind and offers both basic and advanced sessions to help attendees develop their capacity to manage a hurricane event. Attendees can choose from different trainings, general sessions, courses, roundtables and workshops to further their emergency management knowledge and certifications.

Along with Governor Rick Scott, invited speakers include Lieutenant General Guy C. Swann III, Commanding General, United States Army North (Fifth Army) and Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Bob Martinez, former Governor of Florida; Bill Read, Director, National Hurricane Center; Bryan W. Koon, Director, Florida Division of Emergency Management; and Suzanne Gunzburger, Broward Mayor. Emergency managers, first responders, state and federal personnel, volunteer coordinators, and representatives from the business and medical industries are also scheduled to attend.

For more information on the 25th Annual Governor's Hurricane Conference, please visit www.flghc.org, and for information about the Florida Division of Emergency Management and to GET A PLAN!, please visit: www.FloridaDisaster.org. Follow us on Twitter at www.Twitter.com/flsert and on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/FloridaSERT.

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