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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# Camden County Prepares for Hurricane Season with Crisis Leadership and Decision Making Seminar

**WOODBINE, GEORGIA – April 11, 2018** – Last week, the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), through a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), offered the Crisis Leadership & Decision Making seminar to senior officials in Camden County. Representatives from the Camden County Board of Commissioners, Camden County Fire Rescue, the Camden County Sheriff's Office, the City of Kingsland, and the City of St. Marys, joined with the Kingsland Police Department, the St. Marys Police Department, the Salvation Army St. Marys, the Camden County Health Department, the Brantley County Emergency Management Agency, and the Okefenokee Rural Electric Membership Corporation to study past events as a framework for planning for future emergency situations.

This seminar used a Hurricane Katrina case study from the Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government to examine the dynamics of crisis leadership and decision making from an elected or senior official's perspective. The case study framed the discussion on methods to overcome leadership challenges in planning and responding to a large scale incident.



"We are so pleased to have TEEX return to Camden County and lead us in this seminar. Using a real-life example challenged us to think about how we would react in a similar, catastrophic situation," said Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director Chuck White. "The participation from entities across Camden County demonstrates our commitment to disaster planning for our community."

The Crisis Leadership and Decision Making Seminar included six distinct topics, including:

- Planning for Effective Disaster Response;
- Leadership and Decision Making During a Crisis;
- Recognizing the Extraordinary; Improvising the Necessary Response;

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- Complex, Multi-Jurisdictional Coordination;
- Maintaining Scalability; and
- Developing a Jurisdiction Preparedness Action Plan.

The Camden County EMA encourages all Camden County residents to act now and prepare for the upcoming Hurricane Season, beginning June 1, 2018.

**About Camden County:** Located in the extreme southeast corner of Georgia, Camden County truly is “Georgia’s Coastal Community of Choice.” Originally formed in 1777, Camden County is best known for its rich history, natural scenic beauty and Southern hospitality. Our vision is helping to make this the best place to live by preserving and enhancing the history and quality of life, while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government.

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