



Statewide Communications Disaster Drill

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Big Bend Community Organizations Active in Disaster responded to the fictional, "Hurricane John Paul" Wednesday morning for a disaster communication drill.

During the exercise, government agencies and volunteer organizations used satellite internet communication trailers called SatCom Hubs.

The new technology allows them to connect to the Internet in the aftermath of a disaster.

Chris Floyd with the Big Bend COAD says, "There are about 500 organizations all around the state that are using the Internet to log into a satellite system and send emails to four field units. Here in Tallahassee we're one of them. We will be receiving emails just as we would during a disaster."

Floyd says the SatCom Hub technology will help organizations stay in touch with field emergency responders in situations like the recent flooding in Madison County.