

*The Society of American Military Engineers
Jacksonville Post
Readiness and Homeland Security Committee*

“The Society of American Military Engineers’ Jacksonville Post Readiness Committee is actively striving to provide an “Outreach Program” to aid local, State and Federal governmental agencies, and its citizens in time of national emergencies, including natural and manmade disasters, military mobilization, and terrorist attacks. To help our region prepare for emergency contingencies we will be providing our Post’s Sustaining Members resources/capabilities matrix to the emergency operations centers throughout our post’s geographic area and to any other areas where we can be of assistance.

Today’s new wave of terrorism includes nuclear, biological and chemical warfare (NBC). These aspects of warfare will not only be a threat for our country today but also in the future. This is a new type of war and this must affect how we look at our Society’s Readiness Program. It is critical that we must take steps to meet the challenges our country will be facing in the future. This includes increasing the categories of members to include new members that will be able to assist our communities in responding to possible nuclear, biological and chemical attacks.

Our post’s ‘Operation Fast Start Plan’ has been has served as a “communications link”, a means of facilitating communications and support to local, State and Federal emergency officials. Our post continues to utilize these communications pathways as well as the Readiness and Homeland Security Committee’s goal to promote an “Outreach Program” to emergency/disaster related associations. This “Outreach Program” will also increase the post’s membership, enhance sustaining member’s community involvement and promote the engineering profession.

The Readiness & Homeland Security Committee has also developed a Sustaining Member Firm Readiness Matrix to provide timely information on our Sustaining Member Firms readiness capabilities and contacts. The Post has placed a link on our web site (<http://www.samejax.org>) to the Sustaining Member Firm Readiness Matrix and the associated Questionnaire located on the Post’s Readiness and Homeland Security page. The committee is requesting 100% participation from our Sustaining Member Firms. We ask that the Post’s Sustaining Member Firms take the 10 to 15 minutes needed to complete the Sustaining Member Firm Matrix questionnaire and return it to Al Walker, Vice Chairman of our Readiness and Homeland Security Committee (alfred.e.walker@usace.army.mil) so that it can be included in next Sustaining Member Firm Readiness Matrix Update.

For more information on the Jacksonville Post’s Readiness Committee programs and activities please contact Ed Brown, Readiness & Homeland Security Chairperson at Edward.Brown@amec.com.

For Electronic Copies of the Jacksonville Post’s Fast Start Plan please e-Mail Al Walker, (alfred.e.walker@usace.army.mil). The document is an Adobe Acrobat PDF file, approximately 21MB in size. Please state whether you would like the file e-Mailed or a CD ground mailed to you. The Sustaining Member Firm Readiness Matrix can be downloaded via the link on the Readiness and Homeland Security Committee Homepage as well as the current Readiness Profile Questionnaire.