MEMA’s Transportation Safety Issues & Initiatives –

Agenda

- Flooded Roadways
- School Bus Safety
- Evacuation Planning
- Public Outreach
Flooded Roadways (cont)

- #1 Severe Weather Related Hazard
2011 U.S. Flood Fatalities
Activity of Victims

- Driving 63%
- Fell Into Water - 15%
- Walking, Running or Swimming Through Water - 7%
- Boating - 4%
- In Home - 4%
- Other/Unknown - 6%
Flooded Roadways (cont)

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Incident warning sign

FLOODING AHEAD
TURN AROUND
DON'T DROWN
Permanent warning sign

WHEN FLOODED, TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN
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NWS Safety Rules

1. Monitor the NOAA Weather Radio, or your favorite news source for vital weather related information.
2. If flooding occurs, get to higher ground. Get out of areas subject to flooding. This includes dips, low spots, canyons, washes etc.
3. Avoid areas already flooded, especially if the water is flowing fast. Do not attempt to cross flowing streams. Turn Around Don't Drown®
4. Road beds may be washed out under flood waters. NEVER drive through flooded roadways. Turn Around Don't Drown®
5. Do not camp or park your vehicle along streams and washes, particularly during threatening conditions.
6. Be especially cautious at night when it is harder to recognize flood dangers.
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  - Other hazards
School Bus Safety

- The potential threat
- Security for unattended buses
- Security checks before & after operations
- Enroute response procedures
Evacuation Planning

- People with disabilities & other access needs
- People with bariatric needs
- Traffic control during mass evacuations
- Evacuating safely
- Safety around transportation/logistics hubs
Public Outreach

- Exchange & post website links
- 5th Annual Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference
- STEP
- www.maineprepare.com
Maine Transportation Safety Coalition (MTSC)

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