



## GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT *and* HOMELAND SECURITY AGENCY

### Pre-disaster Mitigation Plan (PDM)

#### Hearing Notice

The county will hold a public hearing to initiate an update to the **pre-disaster mitigation plan**. This is a community effort to be better prepared for potential disasters that can reasonably be expected to occur locally, and to position the community to be eligible for funding to make such preparations. **The meeting will be held in the county commission meeting room, 25 Old School Road, Friday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** The public is encouraged to attend and contribute to the update.

#### Invitation to stakeholders

Quitman county is starting the process of updating the pre-disaster mitigation plan. A notice of hearing is posted on the county website announcing a public hearing to be held in the county commission meeting room Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to better explain what this effort is all about and to solicit public participation. This is an effort to identify which extreme weather and other hazardous events we are most susceptible to, where are we most exposed and how best to use, prioritize our existing resources to prepare for and protect against them. It is also an effort to position the community to be eligible for state and/or federal funding opportunities that may from time-to-time become available to help pay for such preparations and protections. In addition, it will position us to be eligible for post-disaster recovery and clean-up assistance should any of these events rise to the level of federal disaster declaration. We would not be able to recover from such an event on our own. Your position in the community provides unique perspective into how such events would affect your area of responsibility and how, in turn, that would affect the community. You are asked to participate in this process which can benefit from your insight. The public hearing will be of short duration but a short series of input sessions will be held January-April. Whether or not those dates are announced at the hearing, you will receive invitations prior to each. If you are not able to attend anyone, please designate a representative.

If you have questions contact Brad Taylor Emergency Management Director      334-695-5211