



HAZARD COMMUNICATION

Tabletop exercises allow local and state emergency managers a chance to utilize and understand inundation maps and test Silver Jackets developed communication plan, providing awareness of the risk of living below a dam or behind a levee



SUCCESSES/BEST PRACTICES

- The state takes an “All Hazard” approach, so going through the communication on a levee breach and dam breach can transfer lessons learned to other hazards.
- State and Local partners had an opportunity to utilize inundation maps to support local decisions and evacuations.
- Gaps and redundancies in the communication flow are recognized at the exercise so they may be addressed before a disaster.

CHALLENGES OVERCOME / CONTINUING CHALLENGES



- Tested state-wide disaster communication plan developed by Silver Jackets partners
- Simulating an earthquake, levee breach and dam breach at the same time caused many logistical challenges
- Need to continue to enhance interagency coordination via agency-specific emergency action plans

MISSISSIPPI SILVER JACKETS TEAM PROJECT PARTNERS

- FEMA
- NOAA NWS
- USACE
- Mississippi Emergency Management Agency
- County EMs
- Levee Boards