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FFCA Fire Service Liaison Officer's Information Dissemination for March 27, 2020

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- FFCA and FPF have Liaisons working at the SEOC's ESF4/9
- Remember all emergencies are local
- PPE is scarce globally
- Prepare as if there may be no PPE available
 - Prepare to find alternative suppliers
 - Need to evaluate development and issuance of DYI masks
 - Prepare to use alternative cleaning methods for DECON of used PPE and reuse.
 - Use CDCs guidelines for first responder patient contact.
 - Limit crew exposure on responses
- Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) has very limited resources
 - Small amount of supplies from the SNS are anticipated to arrive.
 - Supplies from SNS are expected in 2-3 days from time of shipment
- Mission orders are being partially filled as supplies are received
- State working on solutions with small counties losing their first responders to National Guard Medical activation call up. Mission #08194 created to address this issue.
- Continued need for evaluation of community response of preventive measures and messaging
- Continued need for more messaging, exploring the option of utilization mass text messaging for dissemination of public information related to COVID-19.
- SEOC working to define the difference between a "Stay to Home" vs "Safer at "Home" orders
- State looking at epidemiology calculators to data mine trends, age groups, hotspots, etc.
- State is ensuring that compliance and monitoring of compliance specific to nursing homes and ALFs is occurring.
- Messaging of mask donations from industry is not producing results
 - Consider polling local resources, business, schools/colleges/Universities for PPE availability during closures
- Current FL COVID-19 hospitalizations: 191 hospitalized; 101 in ICU; 43 on ventilators
- FL has tested 31,000 persons as of this morning

State Fire Marshal's Office

- Pearson Vue has temporarily closed offices nationwide. Bureau of Standards and Training working to determine a method for testing for those who are eligible.

Important takeaways for this document

- **Cases will continue to increase**

- **Maintain a sense of urgency on all aspects of this crisis**
- **Global demand for PPE far exceeds global capabilities to produce**
- **Not enough PPE to distribute for current mission requests in Florida. Be creative!**
- **Find alternative means to locate, produce, acquire PPE at the local level**