HANDOUT #7
Emergency Operations Planning
Evacuation Decision Tree (when to evacuate & when to shelter)

DISASTER OCCURS
Follow Immediate Response Procedure & Call Emergency Agencies

DECISION NEEDED
Shelter-in-Place or Evacuate?

ASSESSMENTS OF CRITICAL ISSUES
- Structure & Utilities
- Supplies
- Security of Residents
- Exterior Environment
- Time to disaster (impending / immediate)
- Duration & Scope
- Weather (occurring now / extended storm projected)
- Evacuation Destination (is that area impacted)
- Staffing Needs/Capabilities
- Transportation
- Resident Needs

INCIDENT COMMANDER
With input from Section Chiefs & Emergency Agencies, decide if facility will shelter-in-place or evacuate
Consider future issues that will make evacuation difficult (e.g., road conditions, flood, downed trees, air contaminants)

Shelter-in-Place
- Protect the structures and provide best options to shelter residents and staff
- Initiate conservation plans, as necessary
- Full Recovery to Pre-Disaster Conditions

Evacuate
See Evacuation Plan Algorithm
- Critical Factors
  - Evacuation Destination
  - Staff, supplies & equipment that will go with patients
  - Transportation (Transportation assistance for number & type of vehicle)