

WFO Memphis 2009 Decision Support Exercises

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Topics Covered

- 2009 Exercises
- Beale Street Music Fest
- Northeast Arkansas Fair
- Issues for Future Events
- Other Accomplishments and Achievements
- Plans for 2010

2009 Exercises

- Beale Street Music Fest
 - May 1-3
 - Tom Lee Park – Downtown Memphis
- Northeast Arkansas Fair
 - September 22-26
 - Fairgrounds – Jonesboro, Arkansas

Beale Street Music Fest



- 3 day concert event
- ~ 60 performers on 4 large stages
- Between 50-60,000 people attend each day

Beale Street Music Fest



Supported the Shelby County Sheriff's Department

- Provided briefings for each shift of deputies
- Provided radar and satellite information to deputies
- Active weather weekend with thunderstorms on Friday and heavy rainfall Saturday and Sunday

Northeast Arkansas District Fair



- 6 day event
- ~10,000 people attending each day
- Provided support for the Craighead County Office of Emergency Management (O.E.M.)

Northeast Arkansas District Fair



- Provided radar and satellite information to O.E.M. staff and law enforcement personnel
- Set up portable weather station for one day at site
- Tested communication with WFO Memphis (Satellite Phone and 800 Mhz Radio)
- Requested HYSPLIT support from NCEP for a simulated grease fire
- Most of the event had showers and thunderstorms

Equipment Taken For Events



Laptop with the following features

Wireless Card

FX-Net

GR2 Analyst

NWS Chat Forum

Issues For Future Events

- Positive reception from events attended
- Attending other events (college football games)
- Support to emergency management and law enforcement officials
- Staffing issues – not everyone in office can or would be willing to participate in these events
- Providing on-site or off-site support

Other Accomplishments in 2009

- Revised Hazmet Emergencies binder in office to provide forecaster with all information needed if a civil emergency occurs
- Creation of All Hazards Site Specific Forecast Generation Tool

Southern Region Director's Award



Future Plans for 2010

- Beale Street Music Fest – April 30-May 2
- Begin planning for SONS 2011

