Field Trip Questions: Federal Emergency Management Agency
(What this class needs to understand)

Please review the following questions and use them as a guideline for your presentation. Focused responses will aid in accomplishing the learning objectives of this course. Please remember that all students have been required to prepare questions for you, so 15-20 minutes should be allowed for this.

1. What is the mission of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)? How does FEMA's mission support the Department of Homeland Security?

2. What is the organizational structure of the Federal Emergency Management Agency? Where does FEMA fit into the structure of the Department of Homeland Security?

3. What types of interagency relationships are most important, including: 1) elected officials; 2) local emergency management agency; 3) state emergency management agencies; 4) state homeland security departments; 5) the American Red Cross and other voluntary disaster relevant organizations and 6) other Federal agencies, such as the Department of Interior, e.g., U.S. Geological Survey, Department of Justice, e.g., Federal Bureau of Investigation Disaster Squad, Department of Health and Human Services, e.g., National Disaster Medical System?

4. What are the milestones in the history of this agency and its predecessors, e.g., civil defense? How have FEMA operations changed over the years (assigned Student Reading)?

5. What is the management structure and major equipment that comprise the emergency operations center (EOC) within the Federal Emergency Management Agency?

6. What changes have occurred in your agency since the 911 WTC attacks and the increased terrorism threat?

7. What are the major difficulties or challenges your agency confronted during the most recent disaster response?