SHELTER – REFUGE AREAS QUESTIONNAIRE FOR ALABAMA SCHOOLS

NOTE: This questionnaire has been approved for use by the Alabama Department of Education, the Alabama Independent School Association, the Alabama Christian Education Association, and the Association of Christian Schools International. School personnel should complete and e-mail your questionnaire to Mr. Tom Mock, State Department of Education, at tmock@alsde.edu. Subsequently, copies of your completed questionnaire will be provided to the Alabama Emergency Management Agency, attention Mr. Benny Harris.

Name of School: ____________________________________________________________________________

(Check One)  
Public School: _____  Name of Principal/Headmaster: _________________________________
Private School: _____  Main Office Telephone: ( ___ ) ________________________________

Location Address: ____________________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: ____________________________________________________________________________
(If different from Location Address)
City: __________________________ County: ______________________ Zip Code: ______________________
(What Alabama city and county is your school located in and what is your Mailing Address Postal Zip Code)

REFERENCE: One of the best reference publications to use when trying to select refuge areas in buildings that do not have hardened shelter areas is FEMA publication 431 entitled Tornado Protection: Selecting Refuge Areas in Buildings. Go to http://www.fema.gov/fima/fema431.shtm to download this publication from the FEMA Information Resource Library.

Some schools are designed and constructed with Hardened Shelter Areas for use during severe weather events. If your school has constructed hardened shelter areas, please provide a brief description of the standards to which the shelter areas were built. (Use additional pages if necessary)

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(You can attach floor plan drawings and/or photographs to support your description of your hardened shelter areas)

If your school has designated Best Available Refuge Areas for use during severe weather events, please provide a brief description of each and explain why these areas were selected. (Use additional pages if necessary)

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(You can attach floor plan drawings and/or photographs to support your description of your best available refuge areas)

Please provide a brief description of your school’s Emergency Communication Plan as outlined in your Multi-Hazards School Safety Plan. (Use additional pages if necessary)

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(You can attach call-down charts and/or organizational charts to support your description of your emergency communication plan)

IMPORTANT: Make certain that your school’s hardened shelter areas or best available refuge areas, as well as your school’s emergency communication plan, are described in your Multi-Hazards School Safety Plan and that your city and/or county first responders are fully aware of the content of your plan.

This questionnaire is a one-page document