Establishing Better Connections Between Planners and Emergency Managers

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AS YOU CAN CLEARLY SEE IN SLIDE 397...

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"POWERPOINT" POISONING.
INTRODUCTIONS

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Connects and Disconnects
CONNECTS

• MPC and hazard mitigation
  – Sec. 301(a)(2)

• Planning and homeland security issues
  – National level (APA)
  – National Incident Management System

• Public participation (DMA 2000)
DISCONNECTS

- Emergency Ops and Comprehensive Planning
- HVA/HMP and Comprehensive Planning
- Commonwealth HVA
- County Emergency Operations and Recovery
  - National Incident Management System (NIMS)
  - ESF 5, Emergency Management
  - ESF 14, Long Term Recovery
  - Integration of County Planning and EMA Staffs
- Regional Counter Terrorism Task Forces
- Municipal Officials – Who’s Who?
- Developments of Regional Impact (DRI)
- Continuity of Government
HAZARD MITIGATION
COMMONWEALTH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

• DMA 2000
  – Requirements
  – Public participation
  – Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreements
  – Resolutions with municipalities
CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Comprehensive Plan

Hazard Mitigation Plan
CUMBERLAND COUNTY HMP

- Began in 2003
- Effort guided by HMP Steering Committee
- Public involvement
- Completed September 2004
- Adopted by all municipalities
- Waiting for final approval by PEMA
TOPIC AREAS CONSIDERED

- Flooding
- Severe Weather
- Wildfires
- HAZMAT Release
- Nuclear Incidents
- Terrorism
PRIORITIZATION

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  – Social
  – Technical
  – Administrative
  – Political
  – Legal
  – Economic Environmental
TOP PRIORITY ACTIONS

• Flooding
  – Data needs
  – Land use planning

• Severe Weather
  – Early warning systems

• Protection of critical facilities
  – Nuclear incidents
  – Terrorism
IMPLEMENTATION

- Adopt as part of Comprehensive Plan
- Reconvene HMP committee
- Develop strategies for implementation
- Identify and respond to new opportunities
PERSPECTIVES

• Department of Public Safety – Planning Commission cooperation
• Comprehensive planning / zoning links
• Municipal involvement
• Implementation
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Regionalism

- Emergency Management Services Code, Title 35
- Counter Terrorism Planning, Preparedness, and Response Act, Act 227

- National Incident Management System (NIMS); HSPD-5 and HSPD-8
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- Continuity of Government
- Integration of Planning and EMA Staffs
  - Emergency Support Functions
    - ESF 5, Emergency Management
    - ESF 14, Long Term Recovery
Funding Opportunities

- Dept. of Homeland Security/Office for Domestic Preparedness/PA Counter Terrorism Task Forces
- State Homeland Security Assessment and Strategy
- Flood Plain Management Act, Act 166
- Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant (HMPG)
TIE - IN
* All Hazards encompass: natural, man-made (to include terrorism), and technological. The All Hazards Elements are not necessarily action oriented. It is more policy oriented and connects with other plan elements to bring hazard considerations into policies affecting other elements.

** The Mitigation Plan is more focused on action-oriented activities but should include land-use tools.

***The Community Rating System Floodplain Management Plan; the Flood Mitigation Assistance Plan

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THE PHASES OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Prevention
Mitigation
Preparedness
Response
Recovery
CHRONOLOGY OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OPERATIONAL PHASES AND PLANNING FOR RECONSTRUCTION

Preparedness

- Comprehensive Planning
- Mitigation Planning
- Planning for Post-Disaster Reconstruction
  - gain support
  - organize
  - set goals
  - develop policies
  - begin implementation

MITIGATION

Emergency Response

- Short-Term Recovery
- Implement Plan for Long-Term Recovery and Reconstruction

Years

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Day 3

Day 21

(durations are approximate)

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DISCUSSION

Your comments and questions