

Emergency Management: The More Things Change, The More They Stay The Same

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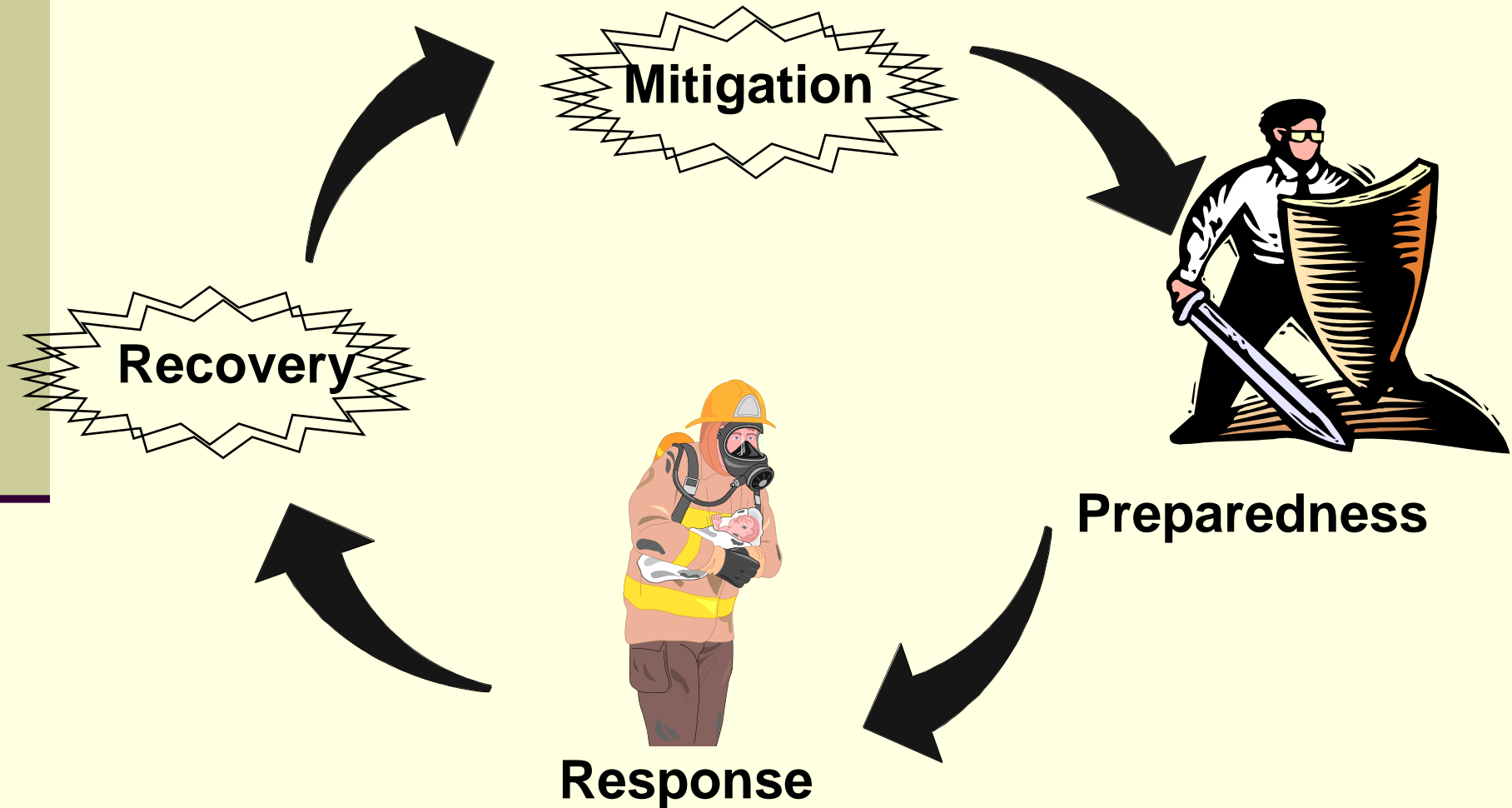
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The Names Change, But The Mission Stays

- Civil Defense
- Emergency Management 1979
- Homeland Security 2002

The Four Phases of Emergency Management





RESPONSIBILITY

FEDERAL

LOCAL

STATE

Federal Response > Eight Hours



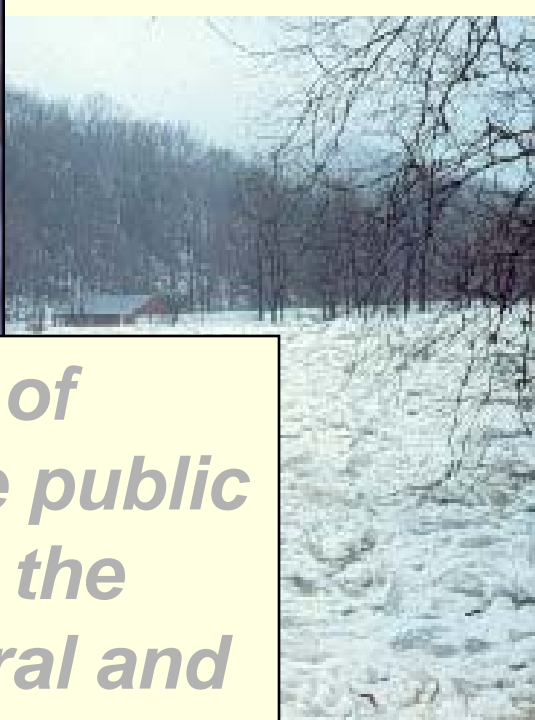
State Response > Four Hours



Local Response > Immediate



**Ultimately,
All Emergency
Response Is Local**



***“The legitimate purpose of government is to promote the public welfare and to provide for the security of its citizens. Natural and technological disasters are abiding threats to every Pennsylvanian.”
--Former Governor***



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Today's Evolving Planning Styles/Guidance

- Regionalism
- Team-based structures/FRP
 - No one is in it alone anymore
- SLG 101/NFPA 1600
 - Procedures, procedures, procedures



Regionalism

- Nine regional task forces
- Specialized law enforcement anti-terrorism task forces
- Dozens of planning commissions
- Ten local development districts
- Six public health districts
- Six regional offices of the governor's Center for Local Government Services
- Etc.

FRP: Team-based Structure

- Departments/agencies grouped according to function (12 ESFs)
- Sharing resources and expertise
- To accomplish mission assignments
- NRP kept these tenets
 - And added 3 ESFs





THE FEDERAL RESPONSE PLAN

The best thing the FRP says is on page 1:

“(this plan) organizes the types of federal response assistance ***that a State is MOST likely to need***” into functions and ***each function has a designated primary agency.***”

Transportation
Communications
Public Works & Engineering
Firefighting
Information & Planning
Mass Care & Sheltering

Resource Support
Health and Medical Services
Urban Search and Rescue
Hazardous Materials
Food
Energy and Utilities

State & County Planning

- State asks the same question: what is a county most likely to need? Group by function/team
- County: what is a municipality most likely to need? Group by function/team
- Key on “minimum standard”

National Planning

- FRP became the NRP became the NRF
- National Preparedness Guidelines
- Capabilities Based Planning 2007
 - CAR 1995
- State Homeland Security Strategies
- State Preparedness Report (Congress)
- National Incident Management System (NIMS vs. NIIMS)
- UNITY OF EFFORT!

Pennsylvania Planning

- State Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)
- County and municipal EOP models
- Pilot Capability Assessment Tool
- 37 Target Capabilities
- Scores from 0-10
 - Planning Question: What Should We Do With Our Scores?

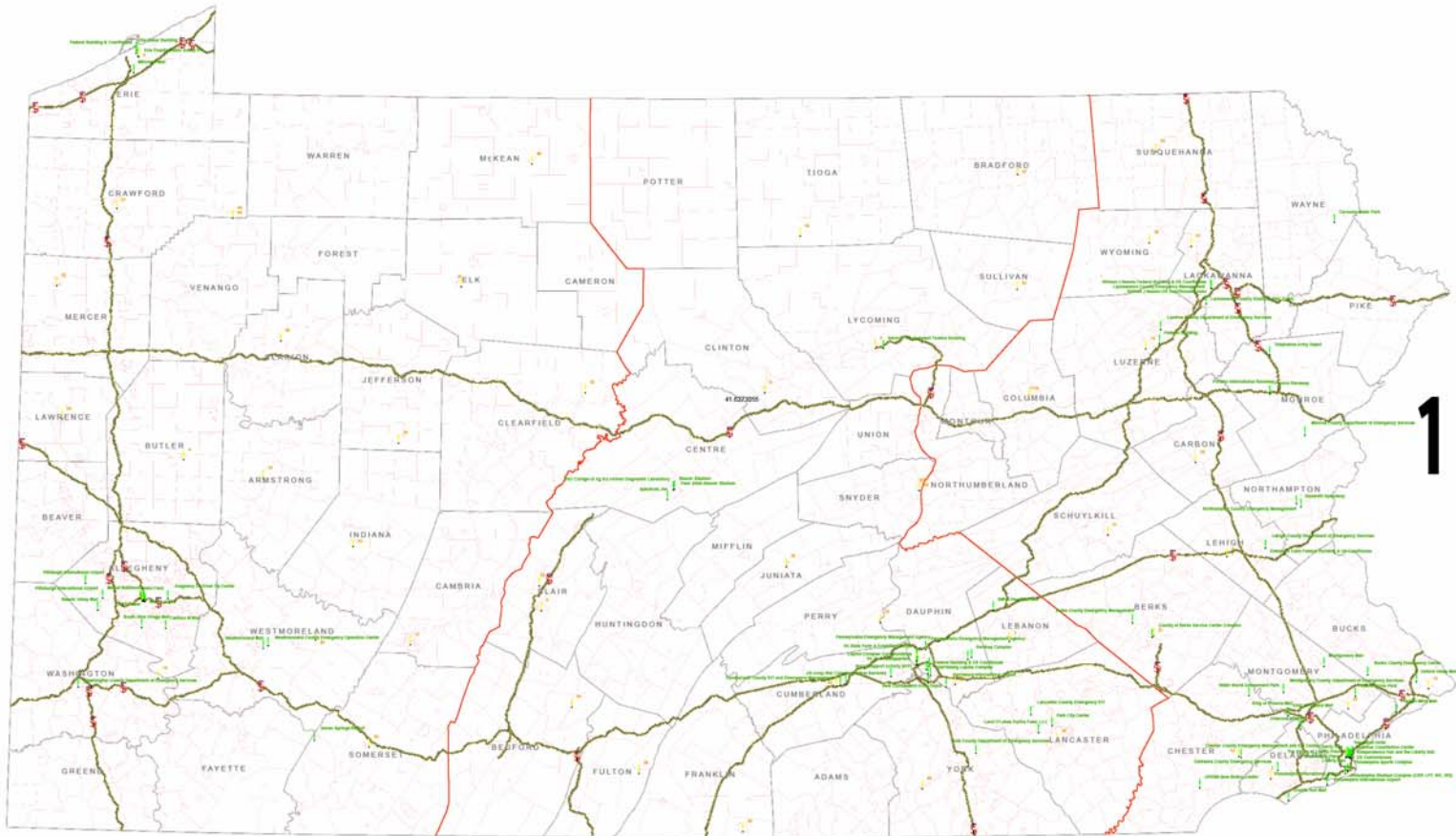
Pennsylvania Post-Katrina

- Governor's Survey
- Nationwide Plan Review
 - Passing grade, but evacuation annex (not counting radiological) not sufficient
- Evacuation is local – **cities and counties need your help!**
- Evacuation Planning Guidebook
 - <http://www.pema.state.pa.us/pema/cwp/browse.asp?a=586&C=45242&pemaNav=|#EPG>

Regional Efforts

- Philadelphia
- Downtown Pittsburgh
- Northeast Pennsylvania
- Downtown Harrisburg
- National Capital Region

Evacuation Planning



Legend

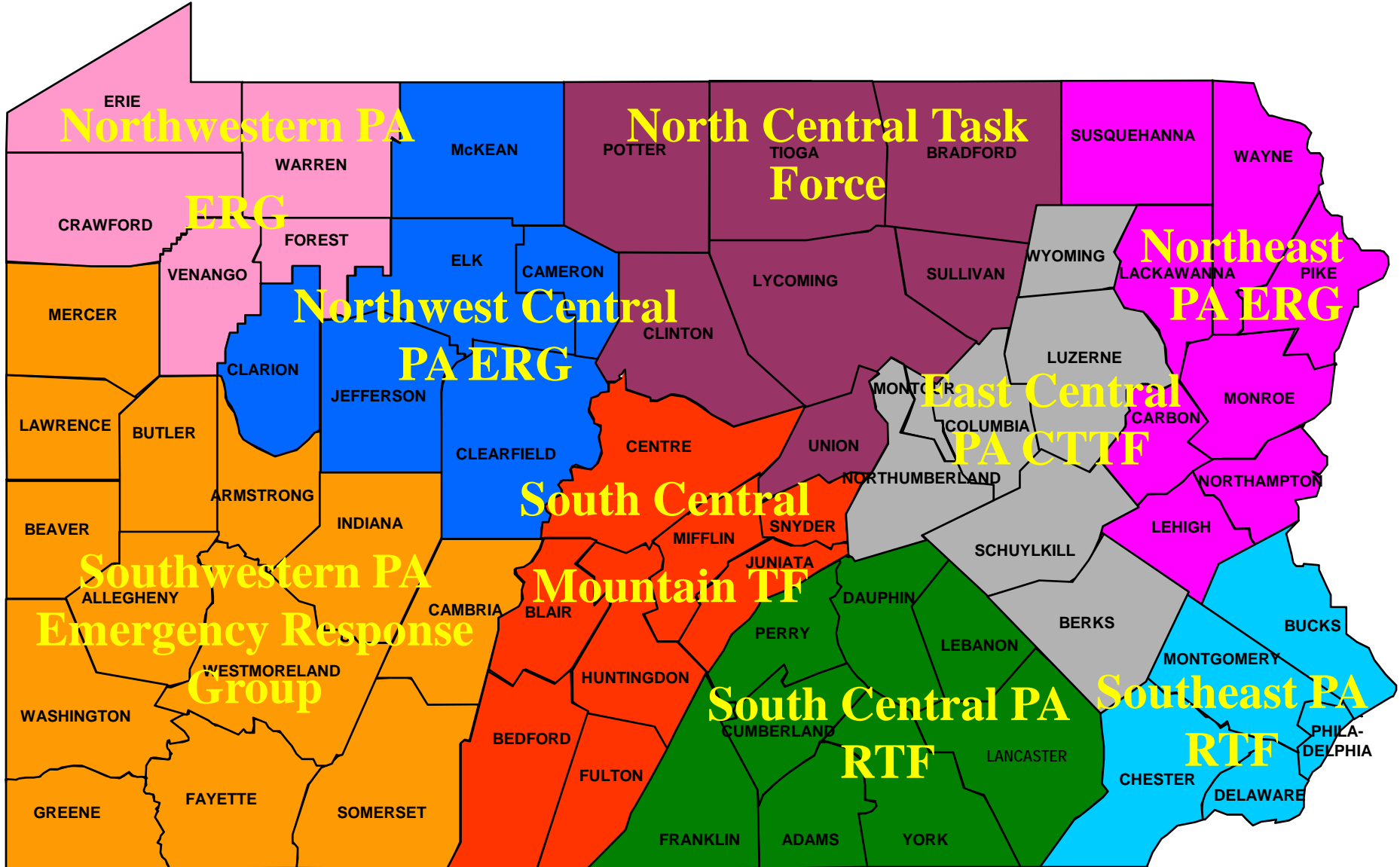
- CART Coordinator
- Facility
- Interstate



EMC Emergency Plan Duties

- Review or help develop:
 - School plans
 - Day care center plans
 - Nuclear power plant plans
 - Flood mitigation plans
 - Downstream (from dam) plans
 - Personal care home plans
 - Prison plans
 - Continuity of Operations plans
 - The list goes on

REGIONAL TASK FORCES



Task Force Planning Duties

- State Homeland Security Strategy
- Urban Area Security Initiative Strategy
- Regional operations plans
- Specialized response team plans

Social Issues

- Special Populations Workgroup
 - Pennsylvania Department of Health – All Hazards
 - Initiatives
 - Establish an information system
 - Identify/develop disaster preparedness information
 - Increase overall support for special populations
- Citizen Corps Councils/CERTs
- SART www.pasart.org

How Else You Can Help

- Take the online NIMS classes to understand emergency management a little better
- Take NIMS 300 – it's a planning and management class!
- Act as planning section chiefs or situation unit leaders in your local or county EOC
- Assist with mitigation planning and local mitigation plans

Questions?

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