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

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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

- Mitigation
- Preparedness
- Response
- Recovery
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
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 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](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
More Ways Planners Can Help

"Host" Evacuation Guidebook – Commonwealth-wide; Regional, too

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GIS Goals: Regional maps (interstates, shelters, county animal response teams)

MOUs with sports arenas, convention centers, etc.

Implementation of Project PREPARE
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 ….
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](http://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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