

Bridge the Gap

Community Surge & Resiliency

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Objectives

- **Identify potential modifications needed to emergency response plans in order to maintain essential functions during and following a pandemic.**
- **Review past disasters in Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi and discuss the local emergency responses and best practices.**

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- **Discuss ways to collaborate with multiple local public and private partners to ensure an optimal response and recovery to a community event.**

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How?

- **Sharing response and recovery stories of our neighbors**
- **What did they plan for?**
- **What did they use?**
- **What will they do in the future?**

Framework

- Department of Homeland Security's 2007 Planning Guidelines:
 - Preparedness
 - Prevention
 - Protection
 - Response
 - Recovery

Preparedness

- Coordination among government, private sector and non government agencies to:
 - Identify threats
 - Determine vulnerabilities
 - Identify required resources

Prevention

- Actions to protect lives and property
- Countermeasures for deterrence
- Improved surveillance and security
- Immunizations, isolation or quarantine
- Law enforcement

Protection

- Reduce vulnerability of critical infrastructure and key resources
- Coordination at all levels of government
- Awareness elevation
- Promotion of sector protection practices
- Security information sharing

Response

- Immediate actions to save lives, protect property and meet human needs
- Execute emergency plans and mitigation procedures
- Increase security
- Immunizations, isolation and quarantine
- Preempt illegal activity

Recovery

- Reconstitution of government operations
- Restoration plans
- Public assistance
- Social, political, environmental and economic restoration
- Development of mitigation strategies

Real Disasters

- August 29, 2005 Bay St. Louis, Mississippi Hurricane Katrina
- March 1, 2007 Enterprise, Alabama Tornado
- March 1, 2007 Americus, Georgia Tornado
- February 17, 2008 Prattville, Alabama Tornado
- March 28, 2008 Springville, Alabama School Bus Accident

August 29, 2005 Hurricane Katrina Strikes Mississippi Gulf Coast

- The most destructive hurricane to strike the U.S. in terms of economic terms, made landfall as a Category 3 hurricane on August 29, 2005
- A storm surge of 30 feet came ashore at Bay St. Louis and traveled the 1.75 miles to Hancock Medical Center

March 1, 2007 Tornadoes

- Beginning mid-day and continuing into morning hours of March 2, the Tallahassee, FL National Weather Service issued 57 warnings of which 35 were tornado warnings
- Deadliest was the first that struck Enterprise, Alabama at 1:05 p.m. Central Time

March 1, 2007 Tornadoes

- EF-4 (Enhanced Fujita Scale) tornado with wind speeds between 165 and 175 mph struck Enterprise High School, nearly destroyed an elementary school and caused severe damage to downtown areas
- Tornado path was 10 miles long and up to 500 yards wide
- Nine deaths

March 1, 2007 Tornadoes

- Estimated \$250 million dollars in damage
- At approximately 9:26 p.m. Eastern Time, Americus, Georgia is struck by the same storm system
- EF-3 tornado with winds of 136-165 mph
- Sumter Regional Hospital suffers debilitating damage

2008 Alabama Emergencies

- February 17, 2008 EF-3 Tornado strikes Prattville
 - 864 homes suffer damage
 - 80 homes totally destroyed
 - No deaths

2008 Alabama Emergencies

- **March 28, 2008**
Elementary School Bus Accident
 - 44 students, one teacher and one assistant
 - 2 serious injuries

What Did We Learn?

- **Preparedness**
 - Conduct a Hazard Threat Vulnerability Assessment of your organization; update it yearly
 - Compare your needs with those of your response partners and the critical infrastructure in your area
 - Educate response staff in Incident Command (ICS) and select ICS staff

What Did We Learn?

- **Prevention**
 - Improve response communication systems
 - Build redundancy and interoperability with response partners and the local critical infrastructure
 - Identify training and equipment needs – and, meet those needs

What Did We Learn?

- **Protection**
 - Become an active partner at the local emergency preparedness planning committee
 - Build relationships NOW so they will be there when you need them
 - Formalize vendor relationships through Mutual Aid Agreements or Memorandums of Understanding

What Did We Learn?

- **Response**
 - Be certain you are represented at the local Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during an emergency
 - Maintain Incident Command System
 - Provide timely and accurate information through “one voice”
 - Keep staff informed at all times
 - Channel volunteer efforts to your advantage

What Did We Learn?

- **Recovery**
 - Be in tune to emotional and physical needs of your staff
 - Never forget, but get back to the “new normal” as quickly as possible
 - Conduct an after action review to learn from your experiences

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Public Health Resources

- Deployable Equipment
- Deployable Teams
- Incident Tracking Systems
- Downloadable Templates, Fact Sheets, Order Forms, Publications and Training Opportunities at www.adph.org/cep

Public Health Deployable Equipment

- Mortuary Services
 - 2 mobile mortuary units
 - 4 refrigerated trucks
- Medical Stations
 - 7 units of 50 beds each with supplies

Public Health Deployable Equipment

- Cots/Linens/Supplies
 - 6 units of 100 beds with trailer
 - 1 unit of 100 adult beds and 50 pediatric beds
- Bus Conversion Kits (about 100) for patient transport, evacuation or decedent transportation

Public Health Teams

- Area Emergency Preparedness Teams – 11
- Central Office Medical Needs Response Teams - 8
- Central Office Administrative Response Teams – 8
- Radiation Response Teams – 11

Public Health Teams

- Medical Station Set Up Teams – 11
- Statewide Shelter Teams – 44
 - Note some teams or portions of teams are available for deployment via the Emergency Medical Assistance Compact (EMAC)

Public Health Databases Available to Border States

- **AIMS (Alabama Incident Management System)**
 - free situational awareness for hospitals, community health centers, EMS, medical needs shelters and nursing homes
 - <https://www.al.aimslive.org>

Public Health Databases Available to Border States

- **ALERT (Alabama Emergency Response Technology)**
 - Secure role and profile driven messaging system
 - Responder document library
 - Border states can participate

Public Health Community Resources

- **Comfort Care Centers**
 - Business, community or faith based organization
 - Organization has written plan & signs an MOU:
 - Organization provides non medical supplies and staff

Public Health Community Resources

- Public Health provides medical supplies for supportive care for 50 adults & 10 children
- **FREE Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**
 - N95 Masks
 - Hand Gel
 - Cleaning Supplies

Public Health Community Resources

- **ANY organization with a written preparedness plan and receives preparedness training from a Public Health EP Team member**

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