

# The Next Five Hours Review

Neighborhood Disaster Response July 7, 2022

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### First, yourself and your family (The First 3 Hours)

- Personal & family safety
- Long-term sustainability (7 days)

### Then, your neighborhood (The Next 5 Hours)

- Emergency Assembly Points
- Reconnaissance and response teams

Throughout: Observe – Orient yourself – Decide – Act

Coordinate long-term neighbor post disaster survival

### Review of "The First Three Hours"



- Steps from "The First Three Hours for a Neighborhood" Handout
- And then perform the activities in

"The Next Five Hours"

### **Step 1: Report to Your EAP**

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- The Emergency Assembly Point (EAP) is the neighborhood hub of response activity
- Grab your Go Bag, put on your helmet & vest
- If you do not have a Go Bag (provided in your MPFPD at CERT training), then report with sustaining personal gear (Bug Out Bag if your home site is not sustainable)
- Note neighborhood conditions on your way





### Step 2: Assemble at Your EAP



- Establish or join EAP activity
- First to arrive is the Incident Coordinator (IC)

### Step 3: Assign a Scribe

- Notebook & pen
- Scribe stays in role for the duration



### What does the Scribe write down?



- Weather conditions
- Households
- Injuries
- Damage
- Fire
- Toxic materials
- Road obstructions
- Any other life-safety issues



# Step 4: Set Up Your EAP



### Depending on situation:

- Tables and chairs
- Scribing tools
- Lighting
- Canopies
- Staging areas





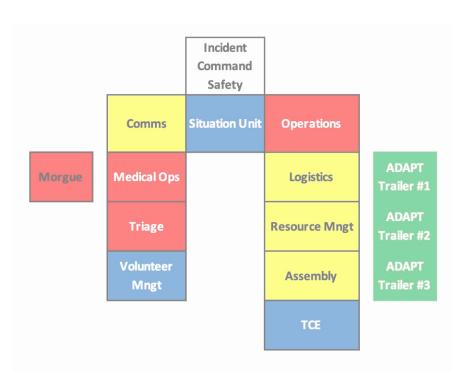
### What does your EAP/ICP prepare for?

- Assembly at EAP and designation of ICP leadership (IC, Communications, Operations, Medical Operations, Logistics, Shelter Operations, Team Leaders)
- ICP briefings
- Reconnaissance
- Medical Operations and Field Medical Teams Area
- Rapid Response Operations Area and Field Teams (Fire, Search and/or Rescue. Debris Clearing, Critter Control)
- Logistics Area
- Child Care Area
- Elder Care Area
- Sheltering Area
- Pet Care Area

### What will your EAP and ICP look like?



- Will a horseshoe layout work in your neighborhood?
- If not, adapt.
- Design your neighborhood's EAP layout in advance of a disaster



# **Step 5: Organize Teams and Leads**



Incident Commander (IC)

Communications

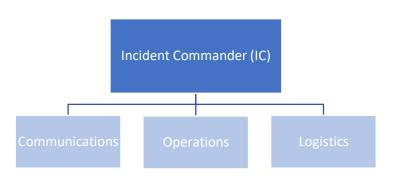
Operations (Field activity)

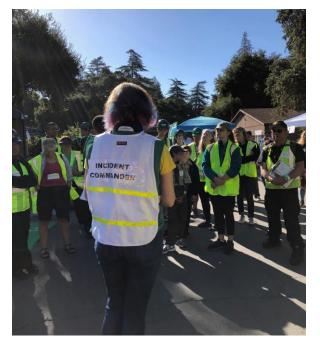
Logistics (EAP activity and Equipment)

### What does the Incident Commander do?



- Oversees all field operations
- Oversees the neighborhood response and conducts regular ICP Briefings
- Checks on volunteers
  - Health & welfare checks (HWCs) hourly
  - Schedules shifts
  - Safety and PPE checks
- Yields when necessary

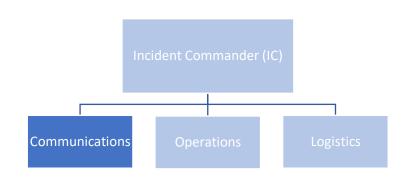




# **Step 6: Set Up Communications**



- Create a radio network with radio operators, scribe & runners
- AM/FM, FRS/GMRS, ham, CB, scanner, cellphones
- Establish communications with the outside world
- Radio network is needed for Step 7

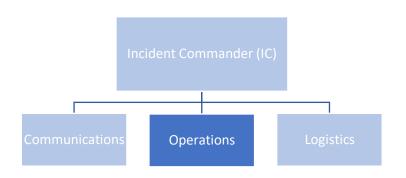




# Step 7: Perform Reconnaissance and Rapid Neighborhood Assessment



- 3-person Recon Teams (part of Operations)
- Note where help is needed, return quickly
  - For life-threatening issues, REPORT IMMEDIATELY via radio
  - For non-immediate issues, RECORD & SUBMIT to EAP
- While Recon is underway, Steps 8 and 9 are taking place

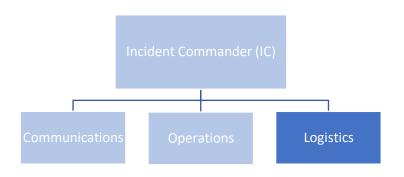




# Step 8: Set Up Traffic/Crowd Control and Security



- 2-person teams (part of Logistics)
- Flashlights & vests
- Identify all members of our Marcussen community (for safety reasons)
- Ensure that the active members at the EAP are safe and secure
- Monitor member as they leave or enter the EAP (for safety reasons)

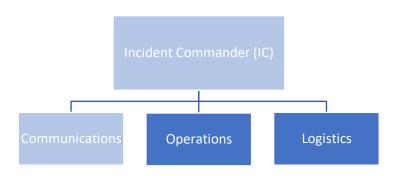




# Step 9a: Create Medical Response Area



- Medical unit (injuries, medications, response)
- Sign-in/resource management
- Security (6-hour shifts)
- Shelter cover (canopies, tents, tarps, blankets)
- Water & food
- Medical equipment
- Power and lighting
- Hygiene and Sanitation





# Step 9b: Disaster First Aid Reality



When we are on our own injury response is predicated upon staffing, medical equipment and time to hospital.



- Bleeding
- Fractures
- Lower Body Trauma
- Upper Body Trauma
- Concussion
- Wound Infection
- Shock
- Burn
- Dehydration
- Hypothermia
- Impalement
- Disease





# Step 9c: Disaster First Aid Reality

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- Crush victims' survival is 20%-40% with IMMEDIATE care
- Crush victims are likely to succumb without treatment after 4-6 hours due to sepsis which eventually shuts down the liver, kidneys, lungs then heart
- Arterial bleed out takes 30 seconds to 5 minutes
- Consent for tourniquet

"If we do not – you will die"

"If we do – you will probably lose your limb, but we may be able to save your life"

Unconscious – you make the call

- Damage below a tourniquet varies from 2 hours to 6 hours
  - 2 hours nerve damage, muscle and vascular injury, skin necrosis
- 6 hours complete muscle damage requiring amputation







# Step 9d: Disaster First Aid Reality

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#### **Disaster Injury to Death Frequency**

Injury -22/1000

Death - 16/1000

Loma Prieta – 90:1 Injuries to Death

Northridge – 4.2:1 Injuries to Death





### **Field Injury Progress and Management**

**Green Tarp (Minor Injuries)** 

Yellow Tarp (Injuries That Need Attention)

**Red Tarp (Severe Injuries)** 

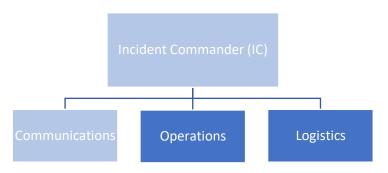
**Blue Tarp (Extend Care, Hospice)** 

**Black Tarp (Morgue)** 

# **Step 10: Prepare Shelter Area**

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- Sign-in/resource management
- Security (6-hour shifts)
- Shelter cover (canopies, tents, tarps, blankets)
- Water and food
- Child and pet care
- Hygiene and sanitation
- Power and lighting
- Security and critter remediation

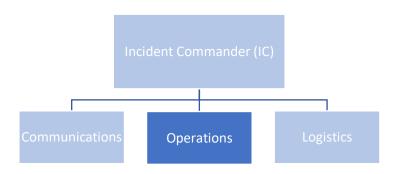




# **Step 11: Deploy Response Teams**



- As resources and conditions allow, respond to Reconnaissance reports
- Operations Medical Field Teams
  - Triage & Transport
- Operations Rapid Response Teams
  - Light Search & Rescue (remember your CERT training)
  - Search & Recovery (lost individuals)
  - Firefighting
  - Obstacle Clearing
- Safety first







### Reminders



- Stay hydrated while on duty
- Watch for dehydration, low blood sugar, exhaustion, stress
- Check in regularly with your family
- Maintain relief cycles, transition meetings between shifts
- Hydrate, eat, rest while off-shift
- Engage as many neighbors as possible in your disaster response to reduce fatigue and maintain group morale

### Wrap-Up



- Thank you for participating!
- Handouts are online: <u>www.getreadyatherton.org/resource-library</u>
- Sign up for emergency alerts: <a href="https://www.smcalert.org">www.smcalert.org</a>

www.zonehaven.org

