Winter Storm Preparedness and Response

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Out of Chaos and Confusion…

Comes the Incident Action Plan
Winter Storm
Agenda

• Preparedness

• Response

• Recovery
Preparedness

- Planning: Collaborative vs. Vacuum
  - Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)
  - Operational Response Plan
  - Planned Objectives
  - Staffing Plan
Preparedness

• Training… Full spectrum across all teams, activities
  – Incident Management Team/First Responder
    • Team availability
    • Shifts
      – Incident Management Team
        » Spokesperson
      – Operations
Preparedness

• Training (Cont)
  – NIMS, ICS, COOP, Operations Plans, Protocols
    • Incident Command Organization
    • Incident Action Planning
    – Activation Triggers
      » National Weather Service
      » Planned Objectives
      » Continuity of Operations Plan...
        Mission Essential Functions!
Severe Winter Storm

- Blizzard conditions:
  - Heavy snow 12 – 18 inches or more
  - Regular wind gusts of 35 mph
  - Limited visibility
- Nearly all roads are impassible
- Community-wide power outage
- Hospitals are running short on essential supplies
- Emergency responder vehicles running out of fuel
- Multiple motor vehicle crashes, stranded motorists
Policy Issues

- Snow removal
- Snow chains
- No travel order
- Stop operations
- Commandeering private property
Preparedness

- Exercises and Drills
  - Functional
  - Table Top
  - Drills
    - Technology Systems… drill, drill, drill
    - Collaborative
    - Situational Awareness
Web EOC Drill

Scenario:

• Login to Web EOC
• Select & Sign into incident:
  ‘Drill 2013-03-14 SDOT WebEOC’
• Post an Update: Winter Storm Policy Issue
• Sign out of Web EOC
Jan 16-20, 2012 Winter Storm
Response

• Communicate, Communicate, Communicate…
  Formal, informal, public
  – Public information does not drive operations
  – Multi-Agency Coordination does not drive operations
    • Snap shot reports
    • Situation reports
  – Task Force Conference Calls do not drive operations
Response
Response

• Expand organization to meet response requirements
  – Incident management staff
  – Operational staff
• Adjust operations to meet response requirements
  – Snow
  – Ice
• Advanced planning works
Recovery

- Hot wash
- After action review
- Cost reimbursement
Questions?

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