

# SPECIAL EVENTS & DISASTERS

The Ultimate Team Sport

The background features a dark, almost black, gradient. In the lower half, there are dynamic, flowing shapes. On the left, a vibrant red wave-like form curves upwards. On the right, a bright cyan wave-like form curves downwards, meeting the red one in the center. The overall effect is one of motion and energy.

# ***LARGE SCALE INCIDENT***

**April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Ogle County  
Tornado Response**

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# RESOURCES

- MABAS
- ILEAS
- IEMA
- IL-IMT
- IESMA/EMAT
- IPWMAN
- IDOT
- County Highway
- Jurisdictional Public Works
- Non-Governmental Organizations

# RESOURCES

- Faith Based Organizations
- Private Business entities
- NICOR
- Commonwealth Edison
- Local Utility Companies
- Established Volunteer Organizations
- Spontaneous Volunteers
- Private/Public Donation Sources
- Local, County & State & Federal Government Offices and Officials



# SCENE SIZE UP

- Roadway hazards

Debris:

Power lines & Power Poles

Trees

Automobiles

Victims

Buildings/materials/nails

- Safety concerns:

Utilities

Victims

Trip hazards

Collapse

In ground pools

# ICS / UNIFIED COMMAND / EOC

- ICS: A standardized on scene management specifically designed to provide for the adoption of an integrated organizational structure which guides the complexity and demands of a single or multiple incident(s).
- ICS: Is the combination of facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures and communications operating within a common organizational structure.
- ICS: Is used by various jurisdictions, and functional agencies to organize field-level incident management operations which are applicable to small as well as large and complex incidents.

*\*Accomplished without being hindered by jurisdictional boundaries\**

# ICS / UNIFIED COMMAND / EOC

- UC: An Incident Command System application used when more than one agency has incident jurisdiction or when incidents cross political jurisdictions.
- UC: Agencies work together through designated members of the Unified Command.
- UC: Often the senior person from the respective agencies and/or disciplines participating in the Unified Command, establish a common set of objectives and strategies and a single Incident Action Plan.

# ICS / UNIFIED COMMAND / EOC

- EOC: The Physical location at which the coordination of information and resources to support incident management (on-scene operation) activities normally takes place.
- EOC: An EOC may be a temporary facility or may be located in a more central or permanently established facility , perhaps at a higher level of organization within a jurisdiction.
- EOC: May be organized by major functional disciplines (e.g., fire, law enforcement and emergency medical services), by jurisdiction (e.g. Federal, State, regional, tribal, city or county), or some combination thereof.



# EOC LIAISONS

READ's in the EOC !



# RISK MANAGEMENT

Emergency Management Actions

# WHAT IS RISK ?

- A probability or threat of damage, injury, liability, loss or any other negative occurrence that is caused by internal or external vulnerabilities.
- RISK IS A HUMAN FACTOR !!

# PERSONAL & SYSTEMIC VULNERABILITIES

Ego

Stress

Lack of adequate training

Budget

Common Communications Platforms...(plan "B")

Lack of concerned leadership

High Risk/Low Probability events



# RISK MANAGEMENT

- Risk may be managed and reduced to an acceptable level or even avoided through...
  - PREMPTIVE ACTION

# PREEMPTIVE ACTIONS

- Go meet your partners !!!
- Training
- Informed Leadership
- Pre-plan for HR/LP/NDT events
- MOA's/MOU's

- Proactive information management (incoming/outgoing)
- Joint Information centers
- Designated information locations for the affected
- Public meetings (before/during)

# WHY WAS OUR DISASTER SUCCESSFUL?



# REASONS FOR SUCCESS

- Training, Training, Training
- Working Relationships
- Technology already in place
- Agreements in place



# LESSONS LEARNED...

## Prepare for worst case scenario...

- Critical information distribution list.
- Protocol for large scale response.
- Back up communications.
- Intelligence gathering.
- Specialized resource needs.

## Train for the worst case scenario...

- Evacuation notification/shelter facilities.
- Commodity mobilization points/distribution protocol.
- Volunteer management.
- EOC liaisons.

# QUESTIONS??



Where do you go from here?