



Keys to Success for Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response

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National Preparedness Goal

To achieve and sustain target levels of capability to

- Prevent
- Protect against
- Respond to
- Recover from

major events in order to minimize the impact on lives, property and the economy



Seven National Priorities

Overarching

1. Implement National Incident Management System and National Response Plan (soon to be Framework)
2. Expand Regional Collaboration
3. Implement the National Infrastructure Protection Plan



National Priorities (cont.)

Capability Specific

4. Information Sharing and Collaboration
5. Interoperable Communication
6. CBRNE Detection and Response
7. Medical Surge and Mass Prophylaxis



Capabilities Based Planning

- Know your hazards, risks, threats
- Know the target capability
- Assess your current capability
- Analyze the gaps
- Prioritize efforts to close the gaps



Keys to Preparedness & Response

- All Disasters Are Local
- Bottom up approach
 - Local hazard/risk analysis
 - Local Capability Assessment
 - Regional Assessment
 - Statewide Assessment



Building Capabilities

- Solution is not always technological
 - Governance
 - Systems
 - Relationships
 - Partnerships



Technological Solutions

- Must fit the mission
- Must be scalable
- Must be maintained



Conclusions

- Preparedness is local but within a national framework
- We should all have a common approach to develop capabilities
- Working toward the priorities in the near term achieves preparedness for the longer term
- Technology is one “tool in our toolbox”

