



Emergency Management Overview

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Responsible for:

- ◆ Disaster preparedness
- ◆ Disaster response
- ◆ Disaster recovery

Consistent with resources available



What does KEMA do?

- ◆ Coordinates interagency planning
 - Updates Emergency Management Plan & others
- ◆ Leads Emergency Services Committee & Communications Working Group
- ◆ Provides training to local emergency services
 - Incident command, Hazmat, Terrorism
- ◆ Disaster preparedness education & outreach
- ◆ Assists emergency services during major incidents
- ◆ Manages the Emergency Operations Center
- ◆ Responds with Mobile Command Post
- ◆ Coordinates additional resources
 - State and Federal responses
 - Non-traditional responders (Red Cross, VOAD)

Emergency Operations Center & Mobile Command



Emergency Management

- ◆ Every county has an emergency management agency
- ◆ KEMA → TEMA → FEMA
- ◆ All disasters are local



Questions or Comments?

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How to Conduct an Exercise

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Exercises

- ◆ **Tabletop Exercise**

- Discussion based in classroom
- Opportunity to talk through different response actions

- ◆ **Functional Exercise**

- Limited exercise for a specific task, procedure, or function

- ◆ **Full Scale Exercise**

- Involves all practical aspects of response
- As realistic as possible
- Frequently multi-agency

How to Conduct an Exercise

- ◆ The exercise is the **end** of the cycle
 - Plan → Train → Exercise
- ◆ An exercise should test plans and training **not people**
- ◆ An exercise that does not identify areas for improvement is a waste of time
- ◆ Identify successes as well as things that didn't go well



How to Conduct an Exercise

- ◆ Assemble a planning team
- ◆ Assess needs and current capabilities
- ◆ Review hazard vulnerability assessment/risk assessment
- ◆ Develop exercise objectives
- ◆ Develop exercise scenario (to meet objectives)
- ◆ Identify controllers & evaluators
- ◆ Conduct exercise
- ◆ Critique / hotwash / after action



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