ZIKA ICS and RESPONSE TEAMS

KEEP CALM AND STOP THE ZIKA VIRUS

The Great Disclaimers...

• The overall topic is too huge to allow in-depth examination.
• Most of the presentation will consist of BFO’s (Blinding Flashes of the Obvious)
• There are exceptions to every rule

Problems in Emergency Response

Common To All
• Communications
• Who’s in charge
• Nonstandard terminology
• Inability to expand and contract as needed
• Span of Control
• Information Sharing

What is ICS designed to do?

• Meet the needs of incidents of any kind or size.
• Allow personnel from a variety of agencies and organizations to meld rapidly into a common management structure.
• Provide logistical and administrative support to operational staff.
• Be cost effective by avoiding duplication of efforts.

ZIKA PLANNING SUMMIT & WORKSHOP

WE’RE NOT IN KANSAS ANYMORE

It only storms at the local level
Reminder ICS Principles

IS IT MAGIC?

WHAT MAKES IT WORK?

Benefits Of ICS

• Safety
• Consistency
• Efficiency
• Better Communications
• Saves time, money, and resources

Goals of ICS

• Life Safety
• Preserve Property
• Protect the Environment

Accomplished Through
• Unity of Command
• Span of Control
• Common Terminology

Principles Common to All

• Structure
• Expand and Contract
• Span of control
• Incident Action Plan
• Situation Report

Ready to respond to Huge Wild Cards

Spontaneous Public Actions

Untrained “officials”

Media Attention

IAP - Incident Action Plan

• Every incident must have an Incident Action Plan (IAP) that:
  • Specifies the incident objectives.
  • States the activities to be completed.
  • Identifies resources and assignments.
  • Covers a specified timeframe, called an operational period.
  • May be oral or written—except for hazardous materials incidents, which require a written IAP.
Span of Control

- Effective = 1 supervisor – three to seven but 1 to 5 BEST

Pre-incident (Mosquito Season)

- Know the beast
- Get the right people to participate in exercises and drills
- Keep your ear to the rail
- Use ICS for event planning

Suspected or Confirmed Incident

- Establish ICS
- Name the Event
- IAP
- Sit Rep

Incident Response

- Adjust Planning Period
- Add De-mob as an objective

IN PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE, IT’S:

- LOCATION
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REMEMBER, IN REAL ESTATE IT’S:

- LOCATION
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Everything you always wanted to know about the basics of that thing that the Health Department really doesn’t like but were afraid to bring up cause you were sure you would be stuck in another meeting.

ICS in one slide...
- What is your job?
- Who do you work for?
- That is the question!!

Unity of Command
- Each person involved will be assigned to only one supervisor.

Chain of Command
- means that there is an orderly line of authority within the ranks of the organization

Communications
- Common Terminology
- Clear Text
- Formal communication goes through the chain of command
ICS Vs. Administrative Structure

- No correlation with any agency – this is to help avoid confusion over different positions, titles and org charts

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  - **Step 2:** Assess incident situation.
  - **Step 3:** Establish incident objectives.
  - **Step 4:** Select appropriate strategy or strategies to achieve objectives.
  - **Step 5:** Perform tactical direction.
  - **Step 6:** Provide necessary followup.

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