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OEM Overview
Past, Present, Future

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• Introduction and Thanks — *remember the mission*
• Anniversary of Sandy Landfall; OPEO becomes OEM — why, what does that mean?
• At the end of the day, what is critical to success?
  • **COMMUNICATION**
    — I think I know what you mean — do I?
    — I definitely know what you mean
• Refining an organization to one that speaks the same language. How? Let’s review this presentation.
• Questions???
• OEM’s Mission: Working together to save and sustain lives by supporting communities as they prepare for, respond to, and recover from public health and medical impacts of emergencies and disasters.

• Acknowledgement of PH priorities vs EM priorities in Sandy
  • Work with FEMA, DoD, and HHS at preparedness conferences

• OEM’s dedicated staff supports mission accomplishment.
  — 220 full-time staff and 6000+ NDMS team members
• ASPR authorized in 2006, OEM evolving ever since.

• January 2014, OEM released its Strategic Plan
  — sets the course in supporting communities (break down internal/external silos – make decisions and execute)
  — High emphasis on local/state/regional input through RECs and SMEs. (get away from the ivory tower mentality)

• On average, OEM responds to 2-3 large-scale public health emergencies annually as well as supporting a number of planned events (i.e. State of the Union, Papal visit, etc).

- US Military HQ Bombed in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia 4/19/1995
- World Trade Center Bombing 2/26/1993
- Oklahoma City Bombing 4/19/1995
- Dharan, Saudi Arabia Bombing (19 American Servicemen Died) 6/25/1996
- Hurricane Andrew 8/19/1992
- USS Cole Attacked 10/12/2000
- World Trade Center and Pentagon Attacked 9/11/2001
- Hurricane Katrina 8/28/2005
- H1N1 Influenza Virus 4/18/2009
- Times Square Car Bombing (disarmed) 5/1/2010
- Hurricane Superstorm Sandy 10/23/2012
- Benghazi, Libya Attack on American Consulate 9/11/2012
- 6/17/2015 Charleston, SC Shooting at Methodist Church
- Ebola Outbreak in US 9/30/2014

**Key**
- Major Domestic Natural Disaster
- Domestic Terrorist Attack
- International Terrorist Attack Killing US Citizens
- Major Public Health Emergency

OEM Supports a Number of Activities Simultaneously

May
- Vibrant Response
- LOGS Support
- IRCT East All Hazards IM Training
- LOGS Training Support
- LOGS DMORT Upgrade
- California Capstone
- Peace Officer Memorial
- LOGS POM
- LOGS Training
- Indy 500
- LOGS Cache Refresh
- Southern Exposure Seminars
- Anniston DMAT/NVRT
- LOGS Support
- HHS Training/Exercise Workshop
- Anniston DMAT
- LOGS Support
- Anniston DMAT/IMSURT
- LOGS Support
- LOGS Cache Refresh
- Police and Fire Games
- LOGS Support
- Independence Day
- Southern Exposure Full Scale
- Anniston DMAT
- LOGS Support
- Sturgis 75th Anniversary Bike Rally
- LOGS Cache Rehab
- Anniston DMORT WMD
- LOGS Support
- Southern Exposure Table Top
- Anniston DMORT WMD
- LOGS Support
- LOGS Cache Rehab
- UN General Assembly
- LOGS Support
- PAPAL Visit

June
- Midwest Flooding

July
- Hurricane Season

August

September

LEGEND
- NSSE Event
- Exercise
- NDMS Training
- Logistics Support
OEM Supports Comprehensive Response to Public Health and Medical Incidents

- Hurricane Gustav and Ike (August and September 2008)
- Red River Flooding (March 2009)
- H1N1 (April 2009)
- Haiti Earthquake (January 2010)
- Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill (April 2010)
- Japan Earthquake and Radiological Disaster (March 2011)
- Hurricane Sandy (October 2012)
- Mass Shooting Incident in Connecticut (2012-2013)
- Multiple Severe Weather Events (ongoing)
- Unaccompanied Children (2014-present)
- Ebola (2015 – present)
- Oregon mass shooting incident (2015)
- Papal Visit (2015)
- Ongoing monitoring with 24/7 SOC ……
Breaking silo walls and working as one - *(daily stand up)*

- NHPP (National Healthcare Preparedness Programs)
- NDMS
- PREP (Partner Readiness and Emergency Programs)
  - RA/REC Program
  - MRC
  - CBNRE
  - Tac-Med Program
  - International
- Recovery
- Logistics
- Operations
- RIC (Resilience and Infrastructure Coordination)
- Plans
- Fusion
NDMS

• NDMS is a coordinated system between HHS, the DoD, DHS, and VA
• System to support communities impacted by a disaster with medical, veterinary, and mass fatality support.
• NDMS also has the mission of assisting the DOD and the VA in caring for casualties evacuated back to the United States from overseas conflict.
  — NDMS has participated in over 300 responses in its 30 year history.
• Comprised of 6000+ Intermittent Federal Employees.
• **ASK FOR WHAT YOU NEED – PLAIN LANGUAGE**
  — IF WE DON’T HAVE IT WE CAN TRY TO BUILD IT
How is NDMS seeking efficiencies?

- Enhanced team training
- Right-sizing (real capture of responders by cleaning up the roster)
- Broke teams into three categories based on competencies and size
- Reconfigured the deployment caches to more efficient design
- Monthly rosters that hold teams accountable – so they know when they may be called and can properly prepare
- Advance communications with Team Commanders as we are ramping up for a deployment
- Reconfigured FMS cache (making smaller components to meet the need)
- Management Work Group – a voice for the thousands
- Hiring problems being overcome
- Deployment in advance of impact – resulting in “quicker” presence
- **Stafford vs. Non Stafford (Sandy example, Behavioral Health Teams)**
PREP Division

RA/REC

• Designation of Regional Administrators
• Enhanced focus on regional issues
• Alignment across regions
• Better alignment between RAs, RECs, and FPOs

MRC

• Transfer of MRC from ASH to ASPR – assigned to OEM
• Strategy decision to not collocate under NDMS, but instead preserve the integrity of the Program
• Situated in the Division that houses all “beyond the wall” programs
• Guiding knowledge, skills, and capability development for MRC unit leaders in building competent and capable units
• Improving awareness of MRC network activities
RECOVERY
• Seat (for the ASPR) on the RSFLG
• Starts, as hopefully everyone does, during response
• Stays connected until finished (still present in NY/NJ from Sandy
• Better alignment between RAs, RECs, and FPOs
• Current deployments: OR, SC, TX, NY/NJ….

RIC
• Sharing of secure and pertinent info across the provider network
• Security Clearances
• Note: classified info we disseminate is usually generic and/or non-actionable; but important should it be required on a bad day

FUSION
• GeoHealth
• Social Media
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PLANS
Planning and Training for Emergencies
• OEM has developed over 200 plans for various types of hazards and conducts exercises across the nation to capture and implement lessons learned to create more coordinated federal response
• Work with FEMA and NSC (and federal partners) to develop response posture

OPERATIONS/PREP
Coordinating Response to Public Health/Medical Emergencies
• OEM coordinates ESF-8 through the Secretary’s Operations Center (SOC) 24/7/365, constantly maintaining situational awareness

Partnering with Public Health and Emergency Management
• OEM has established networks of local, state, and regional partners
  – Provide SME on CBRNE issues, international issues, LNO with DOD
  – Cadre of Regional Emergency Coordinators across the nation
OEM – Boiled Down

• Provides Medical Care, vet care, and mass fatality support
• Strengthens the Health Care System
• Helping State and Local Communities become self reliant
• Ready to assist when requested – NOT becoming a burden
• Linking Partners to Resources
• Connecting Responders to Real-Time Data (emPOWER, Fusion capabilities)
• A resource, not a liability – Initiative with DOD and FEMA:
  — State/Local EMs introduced to ESF-8
Access OEM Online Tools:

http://www.phe.gov/about/oem/Pages/responders-data.aspx

- HHS Response and Recovery Compendium
- GeoHEALTH
- HHS emPOWER Map
- Technical Resource Assistance Center and Information Exchange (TRACIE)
- Nowtrending.hhs.gov
All of OEM’s programs work together to enhance community preparedness.

- MRC supporting local response (Legionaries in NY; HIV/AIDS in Indiana)
- Recovery connects to communities before, during, and after incidents

OEM is working to improve support before, during, and after emergencies.

- Enhancing training and incorporating other federal responders.
- Supporting Incident Command Structures within local communities.

OEM’s professional workforce response appropriately and as needed to mitigate the lasting impacts of disaster.
Questions?

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