Focusing on Faith Based Organizations Role in Public Health Emergencies and Public Health’s Role in Mass Care During Disaster Response

Missouri Faith Based Workshops 2015
Missouri’s Faith Based Initiative

- Began in 2007
- Purpose
  - Individual and Family Preparedness
  - External Ministry Following a Disaster
  - Congregational Preparedness
    - COOP
Faith Based Workshops Through the Years

- Active Shooter
- COOP Planning
- Map Your Neighborhood
- CERT Concept
- MRCs
- Etc.
2015 Faith Based Workshops

- Public Health Emphasis
  - How Faith Based Organizations Can Assist in a Public Health Emergency and other disasters

  - The Role Public Health Serves Following a Disaster Specifically in the Mass Care Response

- 9 Workshops Around the State
Specific Sessions

- Faith Based Closed Open PODS
- Feeding the Multitudes Following a Disaster
- COOP Template
- MIDRO Presentation
- Providing Shelter From the Storm
- Engaging Ways to Help Congregations Prepare
- Faith Based Organizations Lessons Learned In Joplin
- National Weather Service
Faith Based Closed/Open PODs
THIS IS WHERE THE FAITH BASED COMMUNITY CAN HELP...

Points Of Dispensing (PODs)
OPEN POD

- Coordinated through the local public health agency
- A location operated by a local public health agency
- Open to the entire community
CLOSED POD

- Becoming a Closed Point of Dispensing is your opportunity to play an active role in protecting the health of our community.

- A site, business or other entity that provides prophylaxis or vaccinations to members and their family's.

- The use of a Closed POD is an alternate method of dispensing that helps redirect some of the population away from Open POD sites.

- Primarily used to respond to a specific group or organization. It is not open to the public.
Becoming a Combination POD

Contact your local Public Health Agency
- Guidance
- Training
Becoming a Combination POD

- Assign a planning committee
- Determine your dispensing population
- Develop a plan
Title 19-Department of Health & Senior Services Division 20-Division of Community and Public Health Chapter 44-Emergency Response and Terrorism

Allows for the deployment of health care professionals licensed, registered, or certified volunteers in Missouri or any other state in an emergency and grants them immunity from civil damages.
Feeding the Multitudes Following A Disaster

Safe Food Handling in Disaster Kitchen
Operating A Disaster Kitchen

- BEFORE A DISASTER is the time to determine if your congregation/faith based organization will set up a kitchen to feed those impacted by local disasters.

- If your FBO would like to open a disaster kitchen, the first step is to call your LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR
  - You can locate the name of your EMD by going to the SEMA Webpage:
    - [http://sema.dps.mo.gov/](http://sema.dps.mo.gov/)
    - At the bottom of the page is “Contact Your Local Emergency Management Agency” section. Click on the county and look up the EMD contact information.
Operating A Disaster Kitchen

- After discussing with your local EMD, the next call should be to your Local Public Health Agency (LPHA.). *A list of Local Public Health Agencies is provided on the DVD.*

  - LPHA will discuss safe food handling regulations and how to protect the public.

  - Inspection Requirements

  - Available Training
Purpose of Inspection

- Victims of disasters are extremely vulnerable and under immense stress.
- Food improperly prepared and handled can cause serious illness and even death!
- Duty of Government to protect the health of its' citizens and residents.
Disaster Kitchen Requirements

- Staff Trained in Safe Food Preparation and Handling
- Kitchen Staff Health and Hygiene
- Approved Source of Food
- Food Protected from Contamination
- Proper Food Preparation and Clean up
- Safe Food and Water
- Food Temperature Control
- Proper Use of Utensils
- Proper Food Storage
  - Refrigeration and Freezer Capacity
Kitchen Staff Training

- Available online
- Contact Local Public Health Agency for safe food handling course options
- On the DVD you received is an excellent "Just In Time Emergency Shelter Food Handling Safety" video developed by "PrepareMetroKC. Recommend showing this video to your Kitchen Team."
COntinuity of OPerations

(aka: COOP)

SEMA Emergency Preparedness
What would you do if your building was made unusable by a disaster, if your staff was unavailable, or if you had no way of reaching your members?

Has this happened to your organization?
By developing a Continuity of Operations (COOP) plan you can significantly strengthen your ability to serve your community during and after disasters.
Purpose of COOP Planning

The purpose of the Continuity of Operations (COOP) plan is to establish policy and guidance to ensure that essential functions for an organization are continued in the event that manmade, natural, or technological emergencies disrupt or threaten to disrupt normal operations.
COOP Planning

- Must be reasonable, practical, and achievable
- Not planning for every possible incident/hazard
- Plan for ANY disruption
- Create a Planning Team with staff from all areas of your organization. Involving them will keep them engaged.
- Write the Plan
- Train Staff
- Test the Plan
COOP Template

- FEMA template is available
- The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and SEMA partnered to develop a simple template
  - Very basic and adaptable to almost any type of agency or organization
  - Available in Microsoft Word to allow modifications
  - Primary components of a COOP in form of 13 worksheets
Orders of Succession and Delegation of Authorities

What happens when our leaders aren’t available?
Clergy, Staff, Lay

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# COOP Plan Exercise Program

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DHSS/SEMA Template (worksheets presented)
http://health.mo.gov/emergencies/index.php

FEMA Template
http://www.fema.gov//media-library/assets/documents/90025
Providing Shelter From The Storm

Operating a Safe Disaster Shelter
Sanctuary From The Storm

- BEFORE A DISASTER is the time to determine if your congregation/faith based organization will set up a shelter for those impacted by local disasters.

- If your FBO would like to open a disaster shelter, the first step is to call your local MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR (EMD)
  - You can locate the name of your EMD by going to the SEMA Webpage:
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Planning For Disaster Shelters

- Steps For Setting Up a Disaster Shelter
  - Establish A Shelter Planning Committee
    - Committee will develop the Sheltering Plan
    - Planning Process Should Include;
      - Conducting an analysis of the facility to determine if a shelter is possible.
      - Determine Which Part of Facility Will Serve as the Shelter
  - Work with the Local Public Health Agency to determine public health requirements and recommendation for opening a shelter, i.e., how many toilets, showers, feet of space are needed, etc.
  - Identify and address Legal and Liability Issues
Shelter Management Team

- Shelter Manager X 2
- Dormitory Manager X 2
- Feeding X 2
- Health Services X 2
- Mental Health X 2
- Logistics X 2
In Conclusion

☐ First Step, contact your local EMD

☐ Second Step, Contact your Local Public Health Agency

☐ Begin the Planning Process

☐ Reach out to Subject Matter Experts
  ☐ Red Cross
  ☐ Salvation Army
  ☐ SEMA
Engaging Ways to Help Congregations Become Disaster Ready
Celebrate Disaster Preparedness Month

Help your congregation become disaster ready
Why Celebrate Disaster Preparedness Month?

- To help individuals, households, and your congregation become **more aware** and **more prepared** for the unexpected in order to enhance the **resiliency** of the community.
Why?
Because Resiliency Matters

- **Resiliency** is the ability to adapt to changing conditions and withstand and rapidly recover from disruption due to emergencies.
What is a Disaster Preparedness Celebration?

- This observance will be as individual as the congregations represented here.
- The goal of the celebration is two-fold:
  - To promote the importance of individual, household, and congregational disaster preparedness.
  - To provide the tools needed to help your congregation become more aware and more prepared.
Disaster Ready Activities

- Incorporate a special prayer and/or sermon focusing on disaster preparedness
- See “Messages of Faith and Preparedness” information from Ready in 3
Disaster Ready Activities

- Use Ready in 3 youth materials in classes for children and youth
- Conduct a Disaster Ready scavenger hunt
- Order Ready in 3 games and stickers
- Hold an emergency drill
  - Fire drill
  - Storm shelter drill
Disaster Ready Activities

- **Ready in 3** materials are available at no cost and online at: http://www.health.mo.gov/emergencies/readyin3
- Order disaster preparedness materials and distribute them at gatherings
Compassion starts before an emergency strikes.

Being Prepared Saves Lives

We must all work together to prepare for natural disasters or acts of terrorism. Becoming prepared is as simple as 1-2-3.

1 – Create a Plan | 2 – Prepare an Emergency Kit | 3 – Listen for Information

To learn more about preparing a plan for your family, visit health.mo.gov/emergencies/readyin3 or contact your local public health agency.
Lessons Learned From The Joplin Tornado

Faith Community
Joplin Tornado Impact

- **GENERAL INFORMATION**
- Joplin population approximately 50,175 (2010 Census)
- Daytime population approximately 240,000
- Located in Southwest Missouri along I-44 and I-49 (formerly U.S. Highway 71)
- EF-5 Tornado initially ½ mile, expanding to ¾ mile wide, traveled on ground approximately 13 miles
- Tornado touched down at edge of western city limits, traveled on the ground 6 miles throughout all of City
- to eastern city limits and continuing into the City of Duquesne and rural Jasper and Newton Counties
- Tornado winds estimated at 200 mph +; NWS indicates it moved as slowly at 10 mph in some places
- Storm affected homes and businesses in both Jasper and Newton Counties in Missouri
Joplin Tornado Impacts

- Total of 7,500 residential dwellings in the City were damaged or destroyed by storm
- More than 17,000 people affected by tornado
- Of the 7,500 dwellings, approximately 4,000 homes were destroyed, causing an estimated 9,200 people to be displaced
- 161 Fatalities
- Over 1500 injured
Faith Based Organizations Role in Response and Recovery

Provided:

- Direct Assistance, including financial assistance to tornado survivors
- Served as shelters, first aid stations, feeding centers, and Points of Distribution (POD,) child care centers, and other services to those impacted by the tornado.
- Spiritual and emotional care of the community
- Many churches were damaged by the tornado.
- Housed and cared for volunteers coming into the community to help.
  - One church built a large bunk house for volunteers to sleep in.
FBO Lessons Learned

• *Have good insurance.* Insurance paid for a contractor to rebuild so that church members could focus on other issues.

• *Keep contact information for all church members/attendees.*

• *Set up ways of alternate communication.*

• *Have a COOP plan.* Have an alternate arranged meeting site pre-identified and shared with members. “Plan for what you can plan for.”
Other Presentations

Missouri Interfaith Disaster Response Organization

We’re the folks Building Bridges Between Emergency Managers and the Faith-Based Community
National Weather Service

Building a Weather Ready Nation - We Need Your Help

Rick Shanklin
Warning Coordination Meteorologist
NWS Paducah, KY
Resources Provided to Attendees

- On Jump Drive
  - COOP Template
  - Safe Food Handling DVD Training
  - Other Food Safety Tips and Techniques
  - Joplin Lessons Learned---Faith Based Organizations
  - Joplin Lessons Learned---VOADs
  - Closed POD Worksheets
  - Closed POD Plan
Resources Provided Continued

- Listing and Contact Information for Local Health Departments
- Listing and Contact Information for Local Emergency Managers
- Ready In Three Materials and How to Obtain Them
- FEMA Mega Shelter Plan Template
- CDCs “Environmental Health Assessment Form For Shelter” and the Instructions
  - For Rapid Assessment of Shelter Conditions During Disasters
QUESTIONs?

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