

Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security



Use of CERT in Exercises

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Why CERT?

- ◆ Following a major disaster, first responders who provide fire and medical services will not be able to meet the demand for these services.
- ◆ Number of victims, communication failures, and road blockages will prevent people from accessing emergency services they have come to expect at a moment's notice.





First Responders Per Capita

1 firefighter for every 280 people

1 million firefighters – 750,000 volunteer

**1 sworn officer for every 385
people**

436,000 sworn law enforcement personnel

291,000 sworn sheriff's office personnel

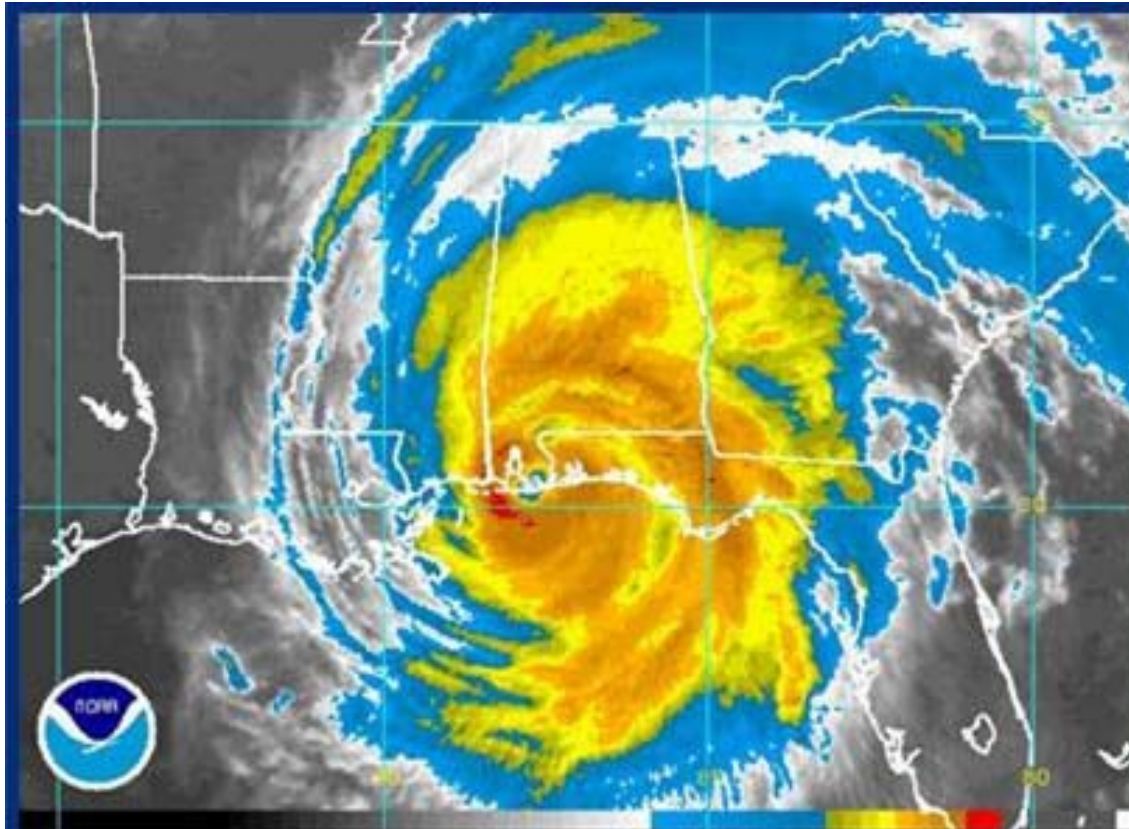
**1 EMT/paramedic for every 325
people**

860,000 all levels of pre-hospital services:

basic EMT, intermediate EMT, paramedic



2004



- ◆ **Charlie**
 - **Landfall 8/13**
 - **Category 4**
- ◆ **Francis**
 - **Landfall 9/5**
 - **Category 2**
- ◆ **Ivan**
 - **Landfall 9/16**
 - **Category 4**



Citizen Corps Local Strategy and Implementation

Increased collaboration between government and community leaders.



What is an Exercise?

An exercise is a activity that allows us to:

- ◆ Assess and validate policies, plans, procedures, training, equipment, assumptions and interagency agreements;
- ◆ Clarifying roles and responsibilities
- ◆ Improves interagency coordination and communications
- ◆ Identifies gaps in resources
- ◆ Measures performance
- ◆ Identifies opportunities for improvement

IN A REDUCED RISK ENVIRONMENT



Why Exercise?

Successful responses to past emergencies have shown that exercising is an effective means to prepare

- ◆ **Case Study: Sioux City, IA plane crash**

- UA 232 loses one engine and all hydraulics
- Crash lands at a small, local airport
- More than half the people on board survive



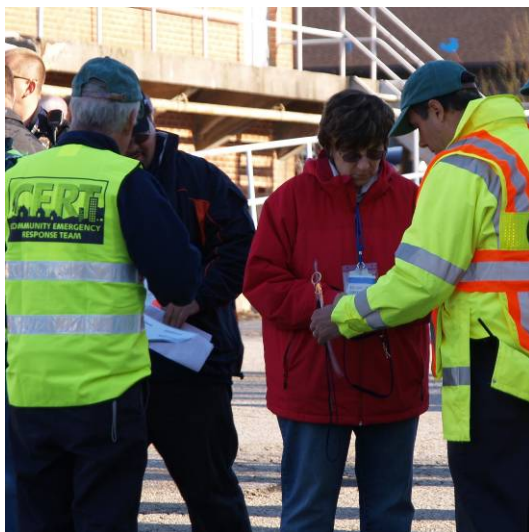
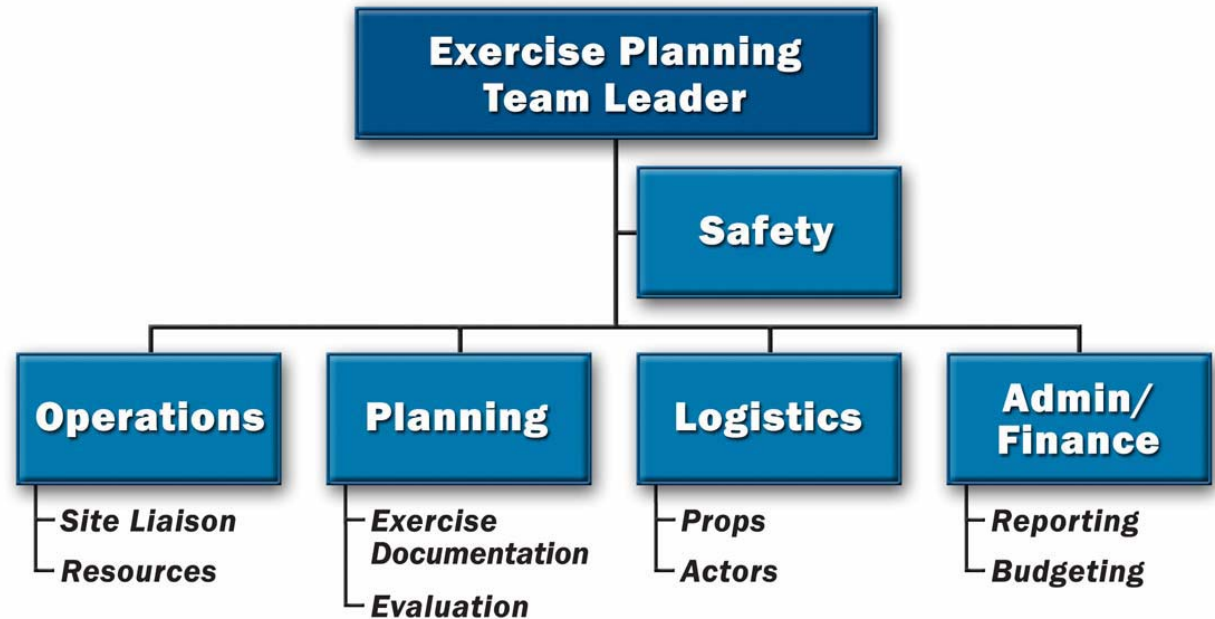
Role of CERT in Exercises



Participants and Exercise Support



Exercise Support



Exercise Participants



Exercise Program Management Cycle



Questions?

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