

# Whole of Community

## Executing the Vision: Developing Courses of Action for the Whole of Community

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# Whole of Community Principles

- We must prepare for an unprecedented catastrophic event. A meta-disaster will demand that we are prepared to respond in non-traditional ways, well beyond current Federal and State planning.
- Saving and sustaining lives is our number one priority. No matter the scale and magnitude of the crisis, we must be ready to effectively respond in the first hours and days. Our focus must shift from incidents to individuals and from processes to products.
- Time is our biggest enemy. We need to stabilize the event within the first 72 hours. Our campaign must focus on preparing and fully empowering impacted communities and survivors to meet the challenges following a meta-disaster.



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## Whole of Community Principles, cont'd

- Our citizens are our force multipliers. Individuals and communities are the most critical response and recovery assets present during the initial hours and days following an event. We need greater inclusion paths designed into our participatory planning & preparedness activities.
- It is essential that we engage all of our societal capacity. We need to fully leverage trade associations, Non-governmental organizations (NGOs), faith-based organizations (FBOs), private industry, and social and fraternal organizations.



## Catastrophic Preparedness

### Whole of Community Response Planning

- Improving nation's preparedness for catastrophic events
  - More effective collaboration with ALL members of the community
- The focus of the effort will be on stabilizing catastrophic effects in the "golden hours" up to seventy two (72) hours after an incident
  - We must plan for the real, not the manageable
  - This will require a new planning framework and a targeted preparedness campaign.

Stabilize in 72 hrs



## The Meta-Scenario

In order to anticipate catastrophic requirements and to avoid narrow focus on a limited number of specific scenarios, the Whole Community methodology is built upon a foundation of a meta-scenario consisting of the *maximum of maximum* challenges across a range of scenarios

- No-notice event
- Impact area
  - ~7 million population
  - 25,000 square miles
  - Several states and FEMA regions
- 190,000 fatalities in initial hours
- 265,000 citizens require emergency medical attention
- Severe damage to critical infrastructure and key resources
- Severe damage to essential transportation infrastructure
  - Ingress/egress options limited

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