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Linking Science with Local Solutions and Decision-Making

Enhancing Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Response Systems

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What is the BCREPC?

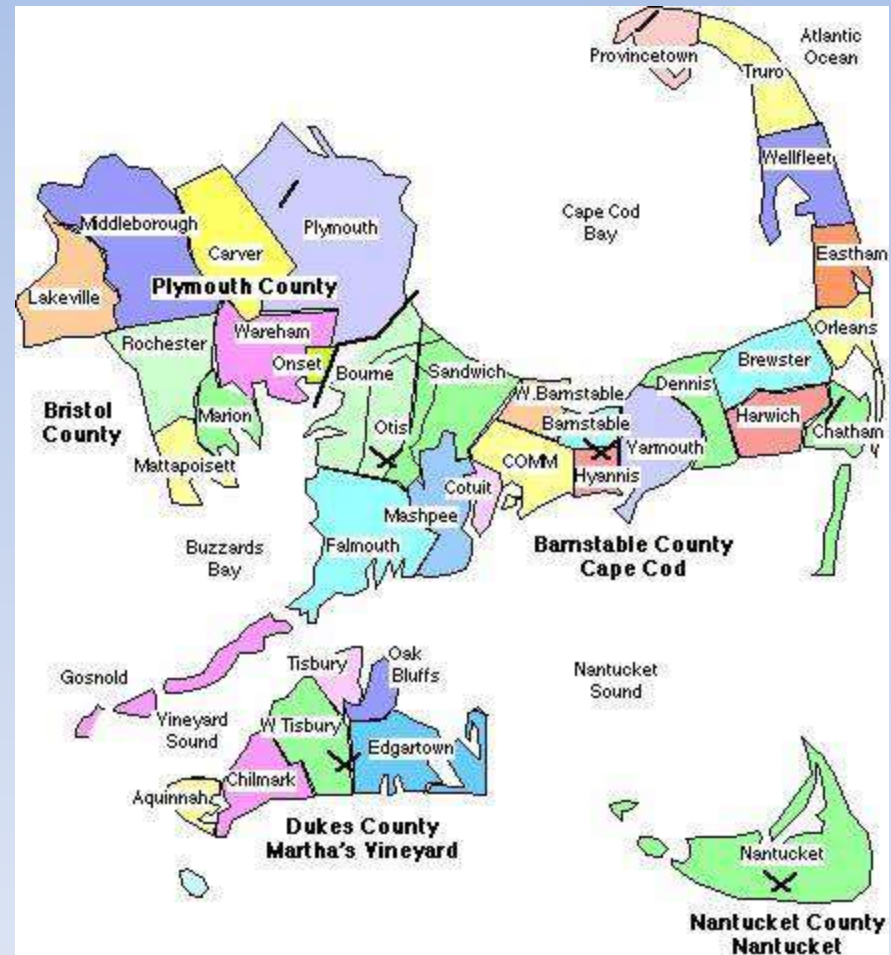
- The Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning Committee is a regional “All Hazard” multi-disciplined emergency planning organization.
- 15 communities on Cape Cod and the Town of Nantucket participate as voting members.
- 14 disciplines, Ex. environmental, police, fire, health care, DPW , BCSO communications, Emergency Mgt.
- First formed to address hazardous materials issues, Grew out of fire departments mutual aid system.
- We are a support function for the participating communities and agencies
- Meet monthly and as needed

Emergency Planning in Barnstable County

Geographically, Most of Barnstable County is separated from the Commonwealth by the Cape Cod Canal and Connected by three bridges.

1. We can be easily isolated and should prepare for a 48-72 hour time frame for assistance to arrive.
2. We need to take an “All Discipline” team approach for local and regional emergency planning.

(Map at CapeCodFD.com)



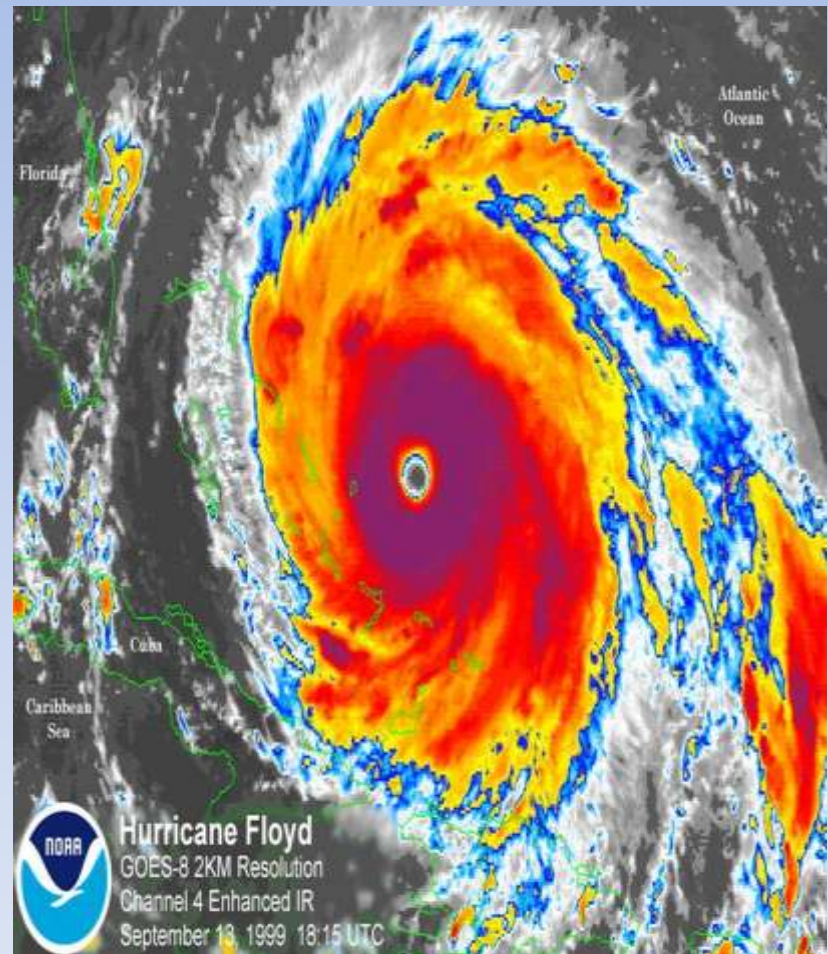
“All Discipline-All Hazard”

- Emergency planning can not be done in a vacuum it must be comprehensive and inclusive”
- It is important to involve all departments in the community and in the region at the planning stages to any emergency situation.
- Each agency or discipline may have a role at all stages of emergency events:
 - Mitigation
 - Preparedness
 - Response
 - Recovery
- The more inclusive our planning the more resilient our communities and region
- Do Blue and Red Mix?

“All Hazard” Issues

- Hazardous Materials
 - Accidental
 - Intentional
- Cyber Terrorism
- Public Health
- Weather Related Events
 - Hurricanes
 - Winter Storms
- Planned Events
- Homeland Security

(Photo Courtesy of NOAA)



Local and Regional Emergency Planning Committees

- Local Emergency Planning Committees may be used for the development of Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plans and Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans.
- Examples: Harwich, Sandwich and Falmouth
- BCREPC developed the Barnstable County Regional Hazardous Materials Response Plan and the Barnstable County Regional Shelter Plan

Emergency Operations Centers and Multi-Agency Coordination Centers

- Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
 - Town Department Reps
- Multi-Agency Coordination Center (MACC)
 - Utilities
 - Shelters
 - MEMA
 - Multidiscipline



Example/ Barnstable County Regional Sheltering Plan

- Local-Regional Plan to support 6 shelters across Cape Cod. Developed at Planning Committee level. 2 satellite shelters as well.
- Host communities and neighboring communities support opening and operation of shelter. EM, Police, Fire, EMS, School Departments and DPWs
- Regional plan with county fiscal support through grants and budget. Regional IMT manages shelter system.
- Full Service Shelters

Example/ Barnstable County Regional Sheltering Plan

- Full service partner shelters supported by volunteer organizations.
 - Disaster Animal Response Team, Citizens Emergency Response Team, American Red Cross, Amateur Radio Emergency Services, Medical Reserve Corps, CORD
- Provides better services for the public.
- We would not have a shelter program without volunteer agencies.

Volunteer Agencies/ Public Participation

- There is always a need for volunteers for our partner agencies.
- Each organization is responsible for their volunteers but we assist them with their recruiting efforts through our web site or public education activities.
- Volunteer shortages more often during the winter months.
- February 2013 Blizzard NEMO

Public Education Integration Into Emergency Planning

- Public education programs for volunteer opportunities.
- A hurricane has not significantly impacted Cape Cod since Hurricane Bob in August 1991.
- We are so due!
- Implement programs to educate the public as to how to protect themselves during an emergency.
 - Home Preparedness
 - Family Disaster Kits
 - Sheltering, Where they are, what to bring.



Integration of Small Business into Planning Efforts

- 25-40% of Small Businesses do not reopen after a disaster
- Impacts local economy and resiliency
- Business reopening is key to a community's recovery.
- BCREPC is working on a plan to support business after an event.



The End



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