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OEM Overview Past, Present, Future

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Office of Emergency Management Overview: An Introduction



- 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 – FOCUS ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



- **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



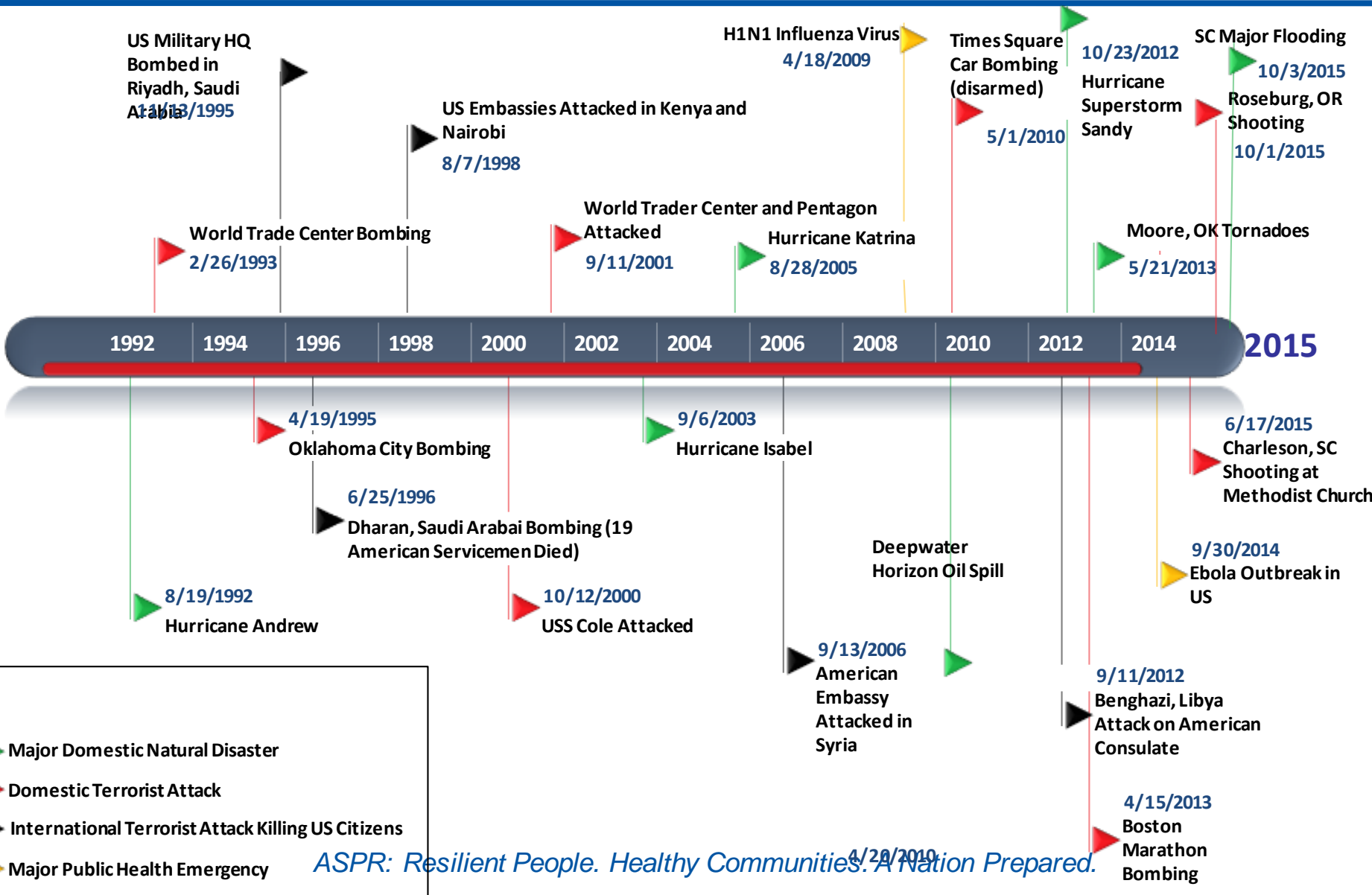
OEM Supports Comprehensive Response to Public Health and Medical Incidents



- 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).

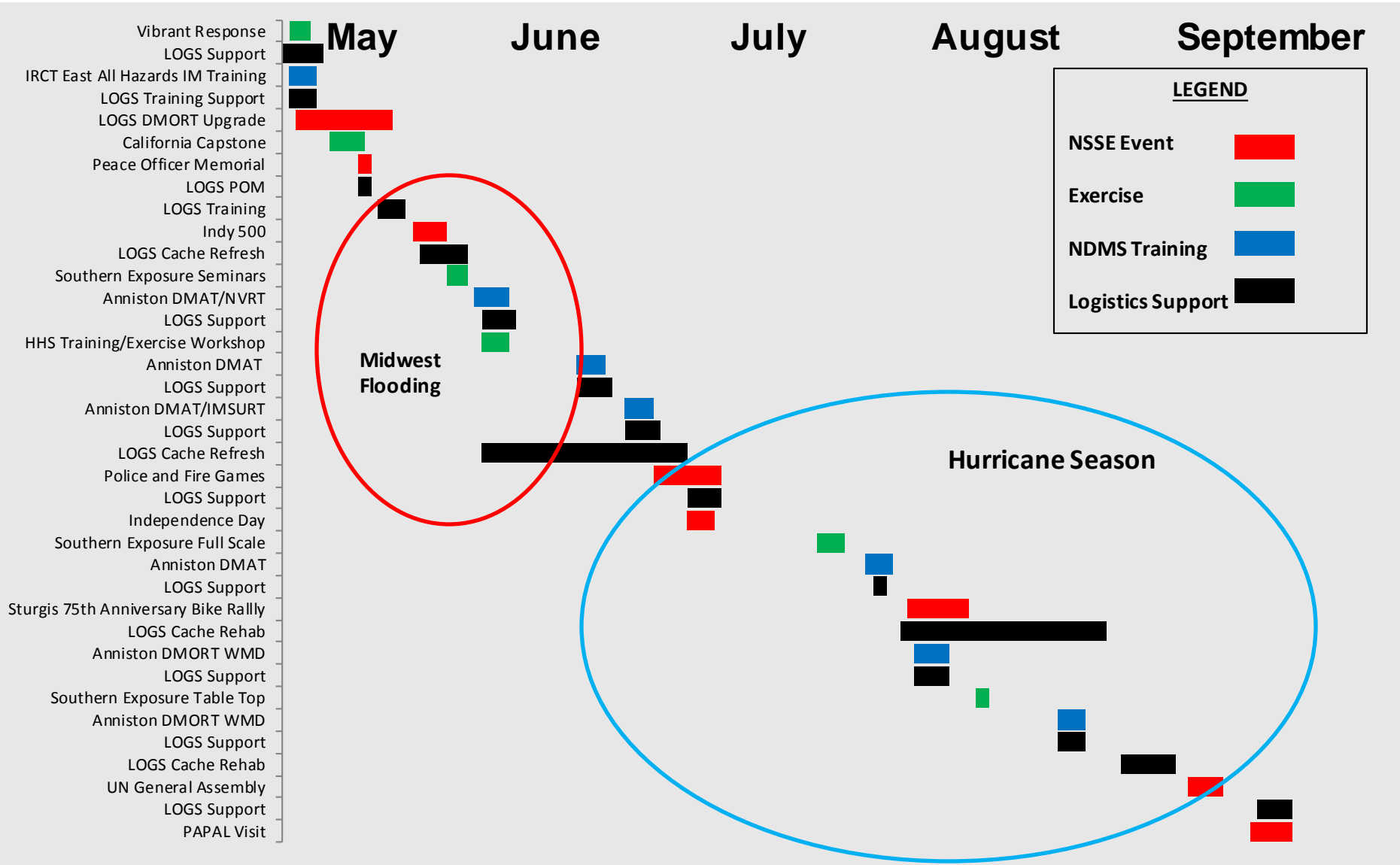


Timeline of Disasters 1992 - 2015





OEM Supports a Number of Activities Simultaneously





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- 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





OEM –WHAT DO WE REALLY LOOK LIKE?

- ❖ 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 EFFECIENCIES?

- 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



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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



Connecting Responders to Real-Time Information

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](http://nowtrending.hhs.gov)



OEM: Saving Lives and Building Resilient Communities

- All of OEM's programs work together to enhance community preparedness.
 - MRC supporting local response (Legionnaires 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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