



Disaster Sheltering

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Overview

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- Disaster vs. Homeless Shelters
- Disaster Shelter Program Update

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→ Housing Services

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Overlap

- People that were unhoused pre-disaster requesting services at a disaster shelter (and vice versa)
- “Disaster” impacting an inclement weather shelter
- EM as backstop when normal resources are overwhelmed

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→ Basic Principles

- Shelters are:
 - Safe and secure
 - Open and accessible to all
 - Hubs for recovery services



→ Mass Care Response

- Many-pronged approach depending on incident, objectives
- Mass Care Facilities
 - Points of Distribution
 - (Evacuation) Reception Sites
 - Resource Centers
 - Disaster Shelters
- Temporary Housing
- Shelter Types
 - By Setup
 - Congregate
 - Non-Congregate
 - Medical/Designated Care
 - By Management
 - Partner (Red Cross, City)
 - County
 - Independent
 - Spontaneous



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- Generally, not previously known to us or each other
- Triage for AFN, Behavioral/Medical support



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- Based on pre-disaster housing situation
- Documentation!
- FEMA, Red Cross, HUD
- Home repair
- Direct financial assistance
- Temporary housing
- Navigating insurance



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- Building safety
- Transportation
- Food
- Sanitation
- Utilities

Disaster Shelter Program Updates

→ Planning Scenarios

- County Pop: 600,000+
- Severe Wildfire
 - 2,000 (0.35% total pop) individuals requiring mass care services
 - 100 additional shelter staff needed to augment Red Cross
- Catastrophic Earthquake
 - 60,000 (10% total pop) individuals requiring mass care services
 - 1,800 (3% of impacted individuals) requiring shelter
 - Does not include individuals from other areas (e.g., coastal areas) seeking refuge in Washington County.

→ Program Updates

- **Shelter Portfolio:** Identify and engage facility owners
 - Unincorporated Washington County
 - Other areas in partnership with Cities, American Red Cross
 - Informed by CDC Social Vulnerability Index
- **Volunteer Corps:** Identify, train shelter workers
 - County-wide volunteer management project
 - Ongoing training opportunities for affiliated volunteers to add shelter training, experience

→ Program Updates

- **Mass Care Exercise Series**

- 3/7 Workshop: Presentations from state, regional and local partners on post-disaster mass care capabilities
- 5/2 Tabletop Exercise: Facilitated discussion around disaster shelter activation and coordination
- 6/13 Functional Exercise: Simulated disaster shelter activation and coordination
- 6/14 Mock Disaster Shelter: Simulated set up and training

- **Disaster Recovery Planning Project**

- Kick off March 28
- County-wide project to build a framework for long-term recovery following a disaster

→ WCEM and HSSN

- Personal Preparedness
- Organizational Preparedness and Emergency Planning
- Networking
 - Facilities
 - Organizations
 - Volunteers
- Exercise/Drills/Training



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