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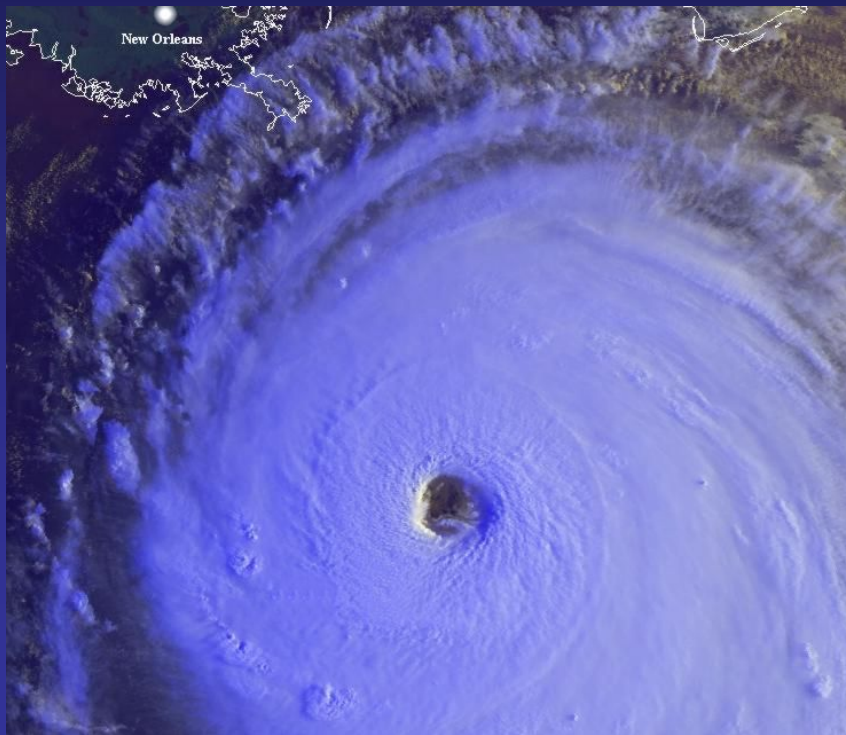
Lessons Learned

Preparing Your Agency For A Catastrophic Event

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HURRICANE KATRINA + BOWL OF NEW ORLEANS = EPIC CATASTROPHE

Five Areas of Importance

1. Readiness
2. Coordination
3. Technical Support
4. Structure
5. Commitment

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Readiness

- Evacuations and Relocations Shelters for the Families of First Responders
- Evacuations
- Planning, Training, Exercising
- Leadership must be seen and heard



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Coordination

- Knowledge of National Response Plan
- Health and Medical
- Prisons
- Coroner
- Courts



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Coordination continued

- . Media
 - Media Briefings ASAP
 - Embed media ASAP

Technological Support

Communications and Interoperability

- 1 Interoperable platforms for communications networks
- 2 Equipment that allows for the sharing of resources in the time of crises
- 3 Up to date software capable of sharing information



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Structure

- Comprehensive Emergency Management Organization
- Comprehensive all hazards approach to Emergency Management
- Establish Regional Strike Teams
- Establish a Government Wide Operations Center



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Commitment

- Strengthen Plans
- Constantly Improve your agency or Nations Capacity to respond to Catastrophic Events



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In summary your organizations must have:

- Readiness
- Coordination
- Technological Expertise
- Structure
- Commitment



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