



Are You Ready?



Disaster Preparedness


# What is a disaster?

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**disaster** n. An occurrence causing widespread destruction and distress; a catastrophe. A grave misfortune.




Frequently, disasters are seen as large, catastrophic events such as tornadoes, hurricanes, or floods.



Dramatic natural events over which there is little, if any, control.



Yet many disasters are events that only affect a single facility.



But whether large or small, disasters  
can threaten the quality of care.



A single fire or flood can disrupt patient care.



When you hear hoof beats think  
horses not zebras!

# Emergency Management

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## Planning for Disaster

# All Hazard, All Risk

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- Natural Disasters
- Terrorism
- Chemical
- Biological
- Nuclear/Radiological
- Explosive
- Mass Casualty

# A Team of Teams

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- State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)
- 19 Emergency Support Functions (ESF)
- Incident Command System (ICS)
- Local/State/Federal/Volunteer Teams
- Industry Involvement

# State Emergency Operations Center

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- State Command and Control
- Policy Room
- Planning Room
- Operations Room

# Emergency Support Functions

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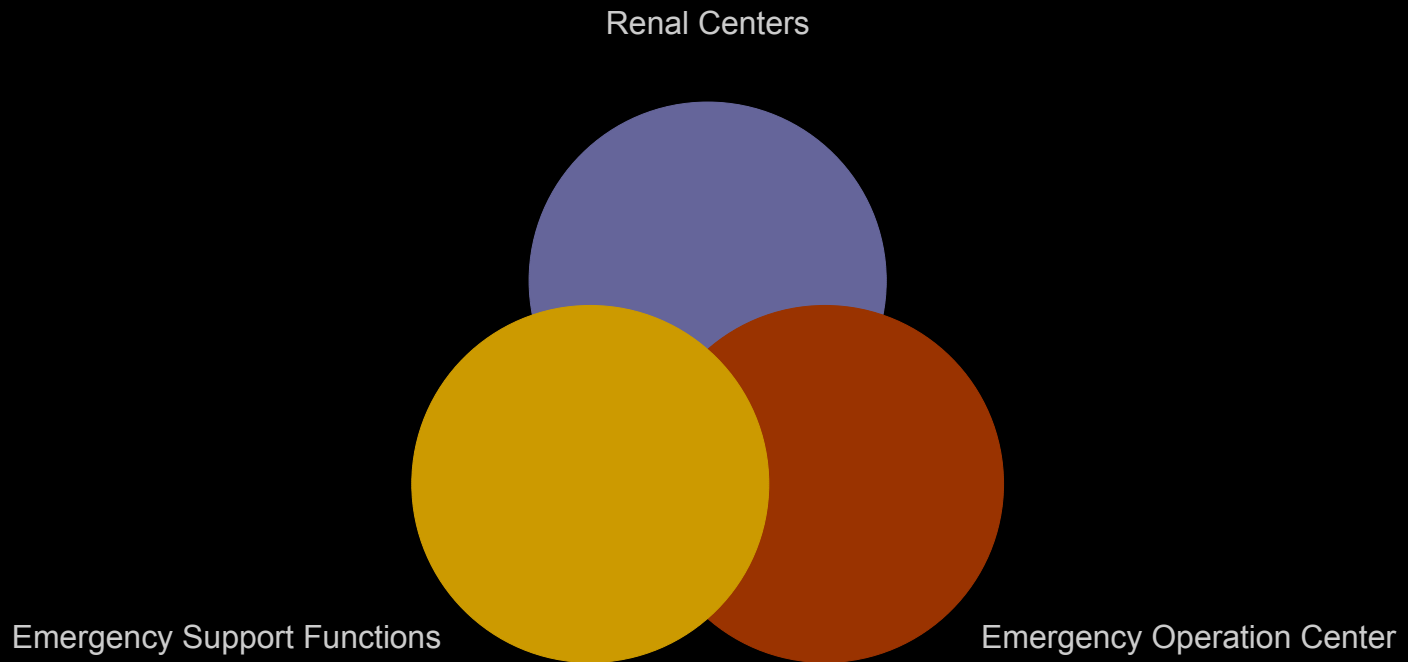
- Areas of Expertise and Responsibility
- Public/Private Partnership
- Mirrors National Response Plan (Framework)

# Emergency Support Functions

- ESF #1 – Transportation
- ESF #2 – Communications
- ESF #3 – Public Works and Engineering
- ESF #4 – Firefighting
- ESF #5 – Emergency Management
- ESF #6 – Mass Care, Housing, and Human Services
- ESF #7 – Resource Support
- ESF #8 – Public Health and Medical Services
- ESF #9 – Urban Search and Rescue
- ESF #10 – Oil and Hazardous Materials Response
- ESF #11 – Agriculture and Natural Resources
- ESF #12 – Energy
- ESF #13 – Public Safety and Security
- ESF #14 – Long-Term Community Recovery and Mitigation
- ESF #15 – External Affairs

# Planned and Cared For

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# Incident Command System

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- Common Operating Picture
- Common Operating Language
- Span of Control
- Easily Scalable
- Easily Adaptable

# Local/State/Federal/Volunteer Teams

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- Local First Responders
  - POLICE, FIRE
- Specialized State Teams
  - USAR, CST, HAZMAT/DECON
- Federal Teams
  - ERT-A, EMT
- Volunteer Teams
  - CERT, HAM RADIO OPERATORS

# Industry Involvement

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- Private Public Partnership
- ESF 15
- SARA Title III
- State Emergency Response Commission

# Special Populations

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Planning for Success

# Focus Areas

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- Physical
- Mental
- Behavioral
- Cognitive
- Language
- Age
- Cultural

# Special Populations Workgroup

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- Subcommittee of Lt Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council
- Meets Monthly
- Identifies Concerns
- Recommends Remedial Measures

# RI 5-Year Strategic Health Plan for Persons with Disabilities

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- Collaboration across the spectrum
- Identified 4 initiatives
- Addressed Emergency Preparedness

# Emergency Preparedness Objectives

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To foster state policy that reduces adverse effects of emergencies on the health and wellness of Rhode Islanders with disabilities and chronic illnesses

# Action Steps

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- Legislative/Administrative Intervention
- Review existing guidance for state, city, and town emergency preparedness
- Create opportunities for Rhode Islanders with disabilities and chronic illnesses to register with local/state entities

# Emergency Preparedness Objectives

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To establish a centralized process for developing, sharing, and coordinating information and efforts to address the health needs of Rhode Islanders with disabilities and chronic illnesses

# Action Steps

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- Identify and assess statewide emergency response capacity
- Assure coordinated planning and communication
- Widely distribute information resulting from coordinated planning and communication efforts
- Create opportunities for Rhode Islanders with disabilities and chronic illnesses to participate as committee members, drill participants, etc.

# Emergency Preparedness Objectives

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To foster individual responsibility and capacity for emergency planning by Rhode Islanders with disabilities and chronic illnesses

# Action Steps

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- Distribute tools (registry forms, information packets, etc.)
- Offer information and training
- Increase community/neighborhood awareness

# RIEMA Initiatives

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- Planning Position
- Reverse 911
- Special Populations Registry
- Community Outreach
- GIS Modeling

# Resource List

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- [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)
- [www.health.ri.gov/registry](http://www.health.ri.gov/registry)
- [www.riema.ri.gov](http://www.riema.ri.gov)
- [www.health.state.ri.us/family/disability/StrategicPlanDisabilitiesChronicIllness.pdf](http://www.health.state.ri.us/family/disability/StrategicPlanDisabilitiesChronicIllness.pdf)
- [www.redcross.org/](http://www.redcross.org/)

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