

# **Disaster Preparedness Update and Work Plan**

City Council Workshop  
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# Introduction

- Disaster Response
- OES Work Plan
- Future Goals

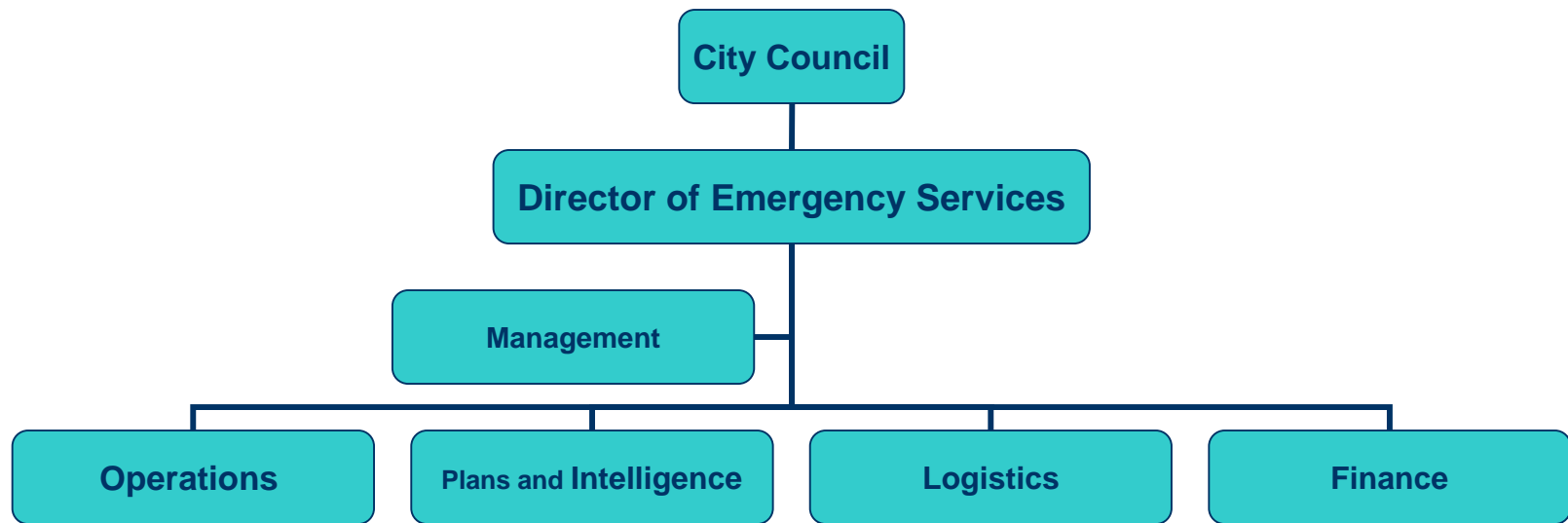
# Disaster Response

- Emergency Operations Center activation
- Coordinates resource requests and deployment
- Coordinates flow of information
- Utilizes Standardized Emergency Management System

# SEMS

- Based on Fire Incident Command System
- Improves flow of information
- Coordinates requests and deployment of resources
- Faster mobilization
- Better coordination between agencies

# EOC Organizational Chart



# Are we better prepared?

Areas we are better prepared

- Established Statewide and Regional Mutual Aid System
- Annual large scale incidents
- Training of city staff and citizens
- City focus on disaster preparedness
- Efforts to retrofit buildings

# Federal and State Funding

- Retrofit of buildings
  - \$18.5 million of Civic Center
  - \$ 6.0 million from Prop 120 for fire station retrofit and public safety building
  - \$ 5.0 million of Cragmont School
  - \$ 1.5 million of Arts Magnet Retrofit
- Total \$31 million in retrofit matching funds

# Prevention and Response

- Fire Prevention and Response
  - \$547,000 for Heavy Rescue Training and Self Contained Breathing Equipment
  - \$465,000 for Project Impact (various sources)
  - \$413,000 for Fire Prevention
  - \$300,000 for Police Anti-terrorism funding

Total \$1,725,000 in matching funds

# Areas of Focus

## Areas to concentrate efforts

- Preparedness - Improvement with Neighborhood Group Organization
- Tendency for people to become lax with preparedness over time
- Mitigation - Retrofit soft-story buildings
- Response - Ongoing training

# Current Projects

- Past Three Months
  - Updates in Emergency Operations Plans
  - Delivered EOC Set-Up Training
  - Department Disaster Plans
  - EOC exercise and evaluation
  - Focus on underrepresented

# Past Three Months

- Delivered 25 disaster preparedness talks
  - 973 citizens in three months vs. 75 citizens the previous year
  - Demand for preparedness remains high
- Delivery sites
  - Neighborhood homes
  - Senior centers
  - Business offices
  - Churches
- Collaboration with community groups and city staff

# Past Three Months Continued

- Disability, Business, and Community Groups
  - Easy Does It – Special Needs List
  - Business Community
  - UC Greek Council
  - High School Interns
  - Faith Based Organizations

## Three-Month Goals

- Provide City Council with Disaster Operations Training
- Select Vendor for the Above Ground Water System
- Provide Neighborhood Collaboration Training
- Establish a Train-the-Trainer Program
- Finalize the Shelter Operations Plan

## Six-Month Goals

- Develop Backup Communications Solutions
- Complete Fire Station 7
- Schedule CERT Disaster Training Scenario for Neighborhood Cache groups
- Update Disaster Preparedness Handbook
- Develop Recovery Operations Program

## Six-Month Goals Continued

- Plan second round of Disaster Cache of equipment for 8 council districts (unfunded)
- Finalize “Welcome to City of Berkeley” packet to include disaster preparedness information
- Conduct Extended EOC Operations exercise
- Finalize Retrofit Standards Program

# Twelve-Month Goals

- Ongoing training for city staff
- Increase number of organized neighborhood groups
- Update Multi-Hazard Function Plan
- Update remaining CERT program materials

# Health and Human Services

- Oversight
  - Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program
  - Care and Shelter Program
  - Collaboration with Housing Department to manage Katrina Resource Center

# Past HHS Achievements

- Continued preparedness planning
- Assessed Public Health readiness
- Enhanced surveillance activities
- Upgraded information technology and increased participants in the State Health Alert Network
- Developed Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication Plan
- Trained Public Health staff on bioterrorism and disaster response

# HHS Current Programs

- Continuing to enhance public health preparedness through staff training and exercises
- Revising Public Health's Pandemic Influenza Response Plan
- Increasing Public Health regional response efforts
- Focusing on vulnerable population including seniors and children

# Other City Department Activities and Acknowledgements

- Building and Planning Department – retrofit issues
- City Manager's Office – public information
- Finance Department – Recovery operations and pre-disaster needs
- Human Resources – citizen volunteer staging and registration
- Housing Department – long term housing needs
- Information Technology – communications devices
- Police, Fire, and Public Works – work on response
- EOC Section Chiefs and Unit Leaders

# Summary

- Focus on mitigation, prevention and preparedness
- Enhance backup communication programs and devices
- Enhance training for city staff and citizens
- Encourage development of neighborhood organizations
- Collaborate with allied agencies and community organizations for improved planning and response