



Local Elected Officials Guide to Emergency Management Webinar

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Welcome

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Webinar Objectives

- ▶ Understand the **Role of Local Elected Officials** in Emergency Management
- ▶ Provide an Overview of **State-level Emergency Management**
- ▶ Discuss some of the **tools for managing disasters**
- ▶ Introduce the **Laws and Authorities** that Support Emergency Management Efforts



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Role of Local Elected Officials

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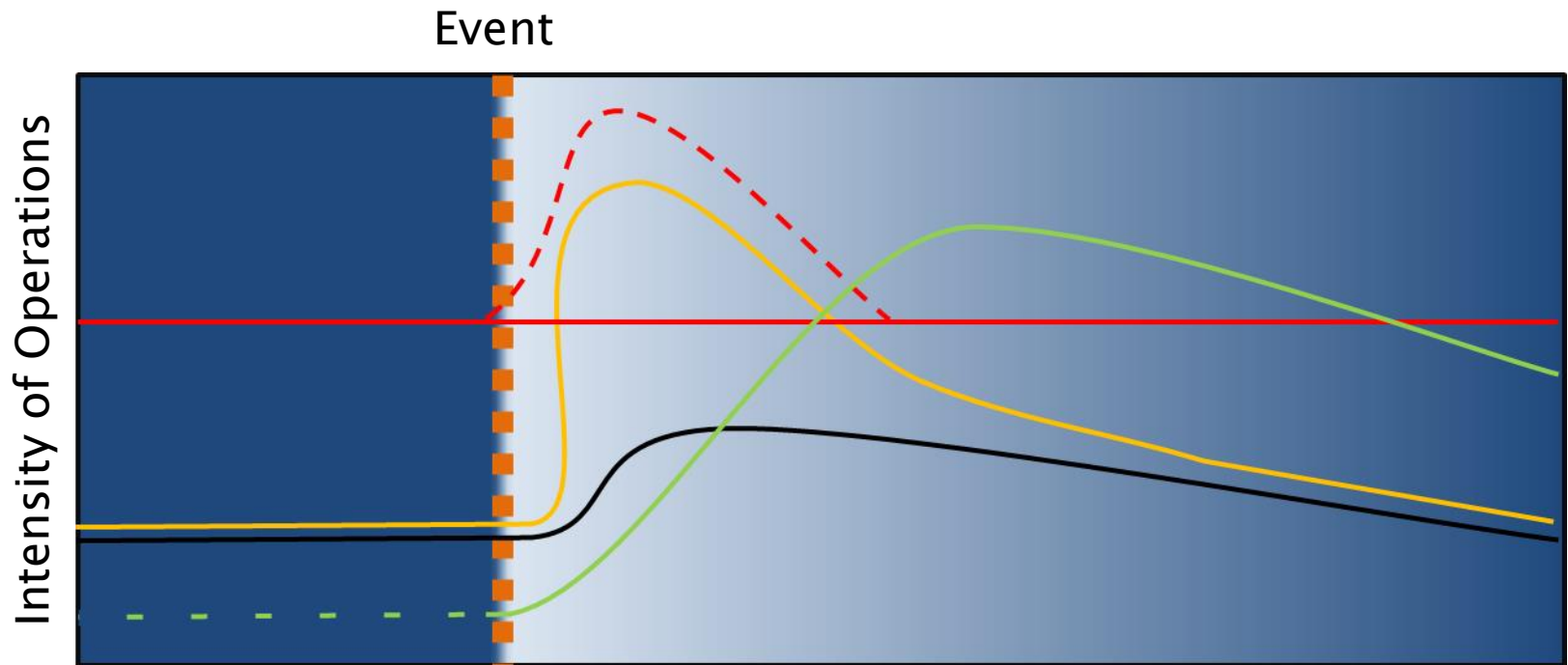
Overview






- ▶ All **disasters are locally-driven** events
- ▶ Local officials provide **leadership** and **policy guidance**, and should **engage in preparedness efforts**
- ▶ **Local elected officials operate at the policy and strategic levels**, and coordinate with local emergency managers, who operate at the operational and tactical levels



Defining “Preparedness”

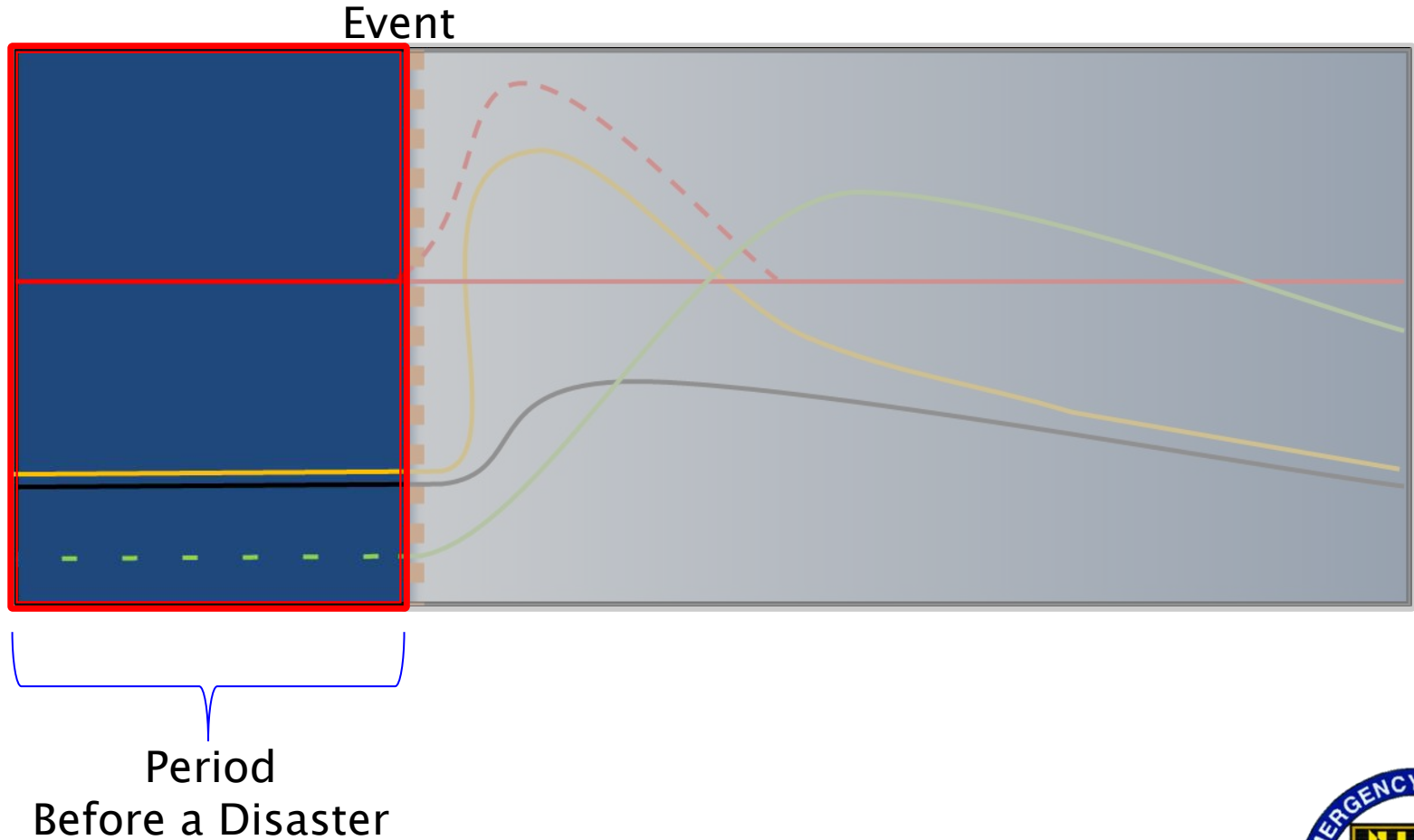
- ▶ Readiness and preparation to operate
- ▶ **Always ongoing** and present in all phases of an emergency



	Prevention/Protection
	Response
	Mitigation
	Recovery
	Preparedness



The Role of Elected Officials Before a Disaster Occurs



The Role of Elected Officials Before a Disaster Occurs

- ▶ **Make planning a priority**
- ▶ **Learn about the hazards** that threaten your jurisdiction and what is being done to address them
- ▶ **Learn about emergency management** and disaster assistance programs and processes



The Role of Elected Officials Before a Disaster Occurs Cont'd

- ▶ Provide **policy direction** for prevention/protection-related, response, recovery, and mitigation-related activities
- ▶ Encourage **coordination and collaboration** between the government and businesses
- ▶ Ensure you have an up-to-date Continuity of Operations (**COOP**) and Continuity of Government (**COG**) **plans**

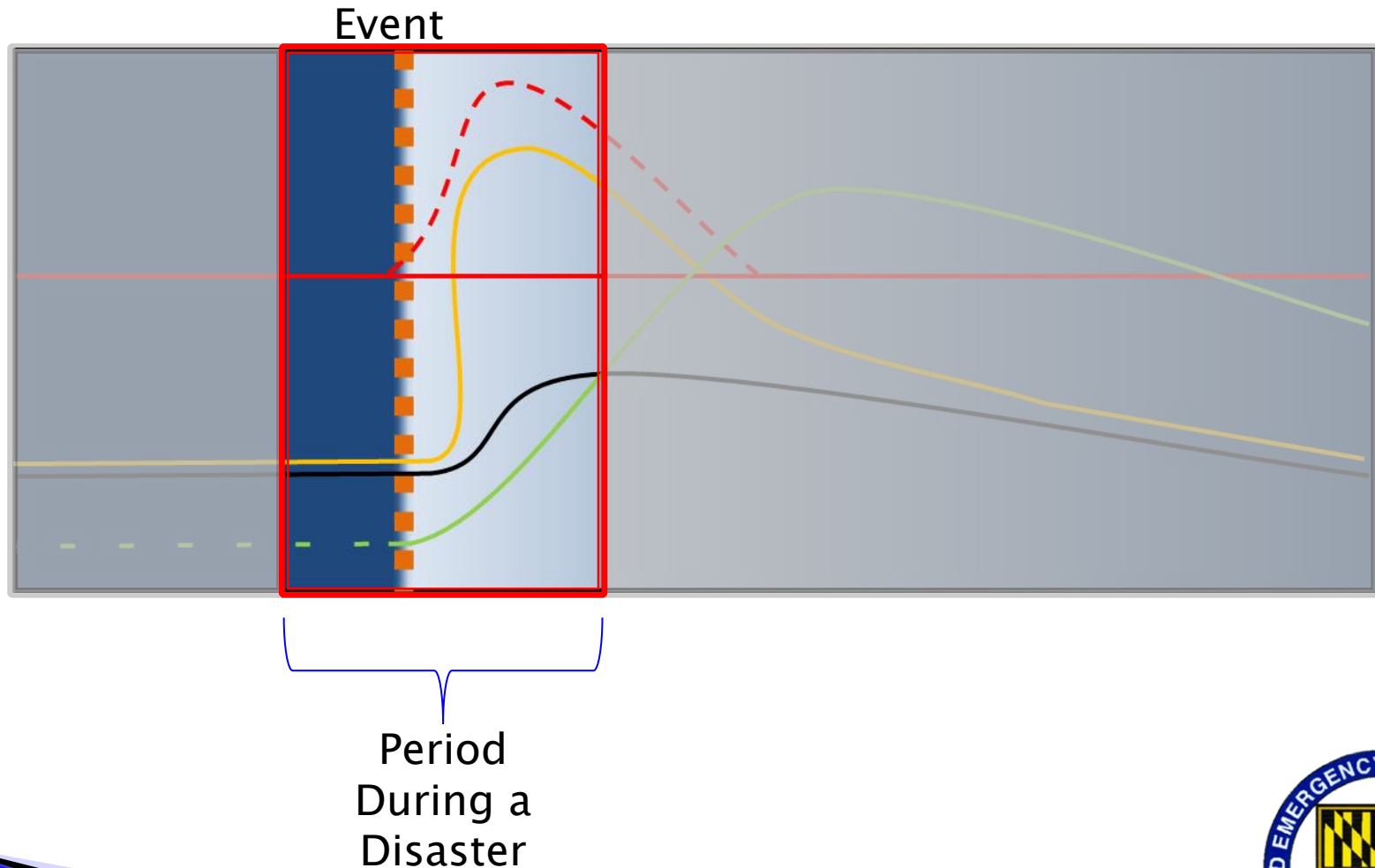


The Role of Elected Officials Before a Disaster Occurs Cont'd

- ▶ Familiarize yourself with your jurisdiction's Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
- ▶ Encourage individual preparedness
- ▶ Participate in emergency and disaster training and exercises
- ▶ Learn your legal authorities and responsibilities



The Role of Elected Officials During a Disaster Occurs



The Role of Elected Officials During a Disaster

- ▶ **Support and work with your emergency management officials**
 - Facilitate communication with other agencies
 - Obtain assistance from other agencies
 - Declare a local state of emergency
 - Issue emergency orders
- ▶ **Understand** the **resource request** process and **mutual aid** options, and how your local emergency manager coordinates this process

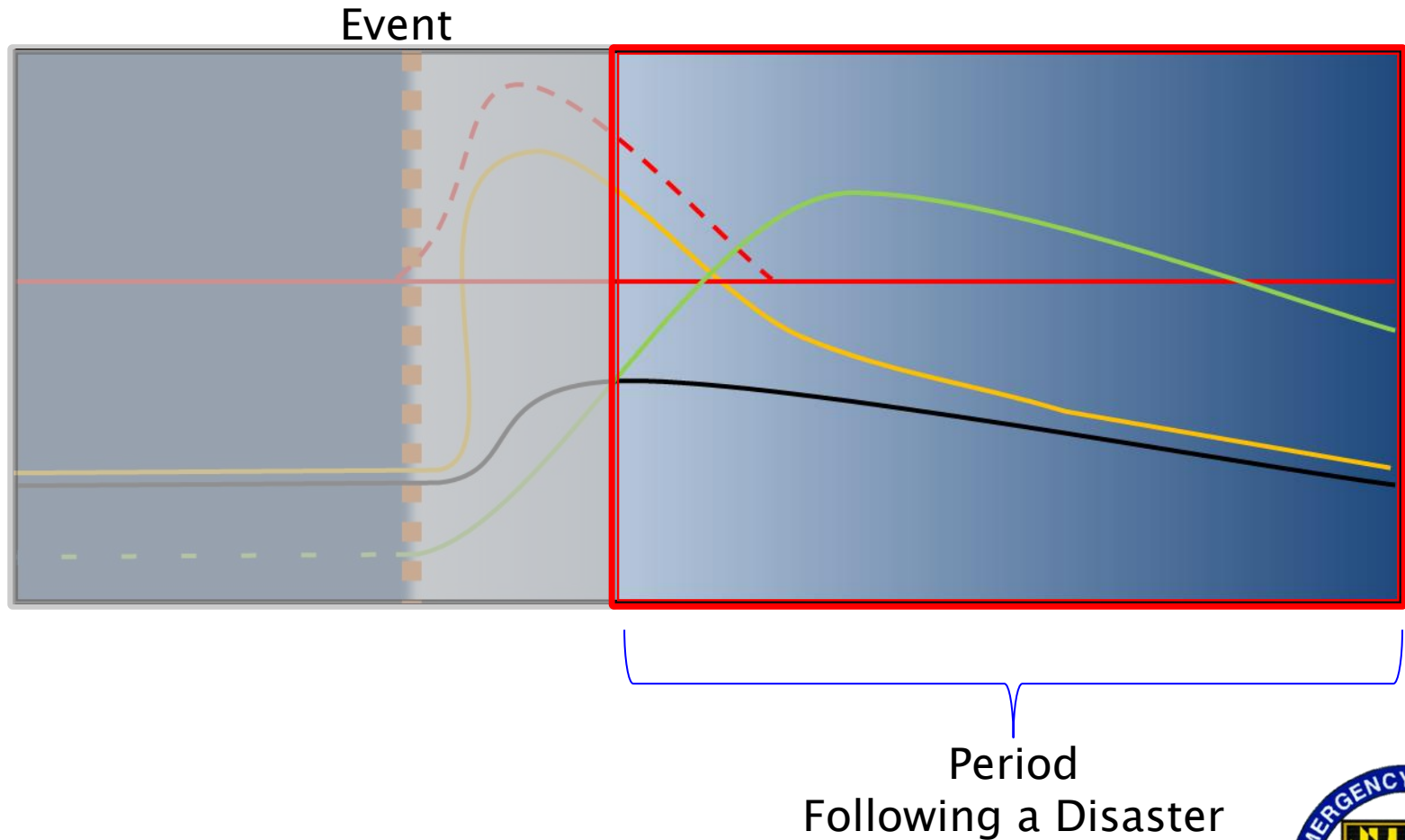


The Role of Elected Officials During a Disaster Cont'd

- ▶ In coordination with your emergency manager:
 - **Communicate** with constituents and ensure a **coordinated message**
 - Ensure all messaging is **accessible**
 - Maintain **situational awareness**
 - **Provide direction** for response-related activities
- ▶ **Trust and empower your emergency management officials** to make the right decisions



The Role of Elected Officials Following a Disaster Occurs

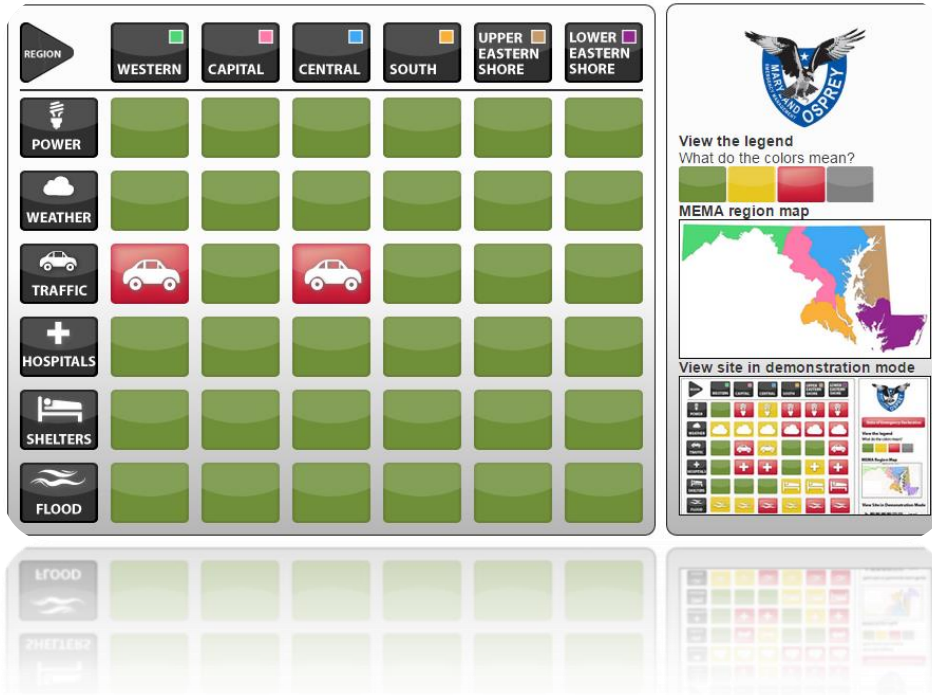


The Role of Elected Officials Following a Disaster

- ▶ Understand available disaster **assistance programs and application processes**
- ▶ **Support your community** throughout the recovery process
- ▶ Help **identify opportunities** to build back better and mitigate future damage
- ▶ **Ask** questions



Situational Awareness Tools



- ▶ **MEMA Alert and Notification Network**
 - Signup through the MJOC by emailing mjoc.mema@maryland.gov
- ▶ **Maryland Prepares Mobile App**
 - Download the App at <http://mema.maryland.gov/pages/mdprepares.aspx>
- ▶ **Public OSPREY Dashboard**
 - Visit <http://mema.maryland.gov/Pages/OSPREYdashboard.aspx>



Situational Awareness Tools

Cont'd: Social Media

- ▶ MEMA on **Facebook**
 - Become a fan or “Like” MEMA by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/MDMEMA>
- ▶ MEMA on **Twitter**
 - Follow [@MDMEMA](https://twitter.com/MDMEMA)
- ▶ MEMA **Website**
 - Visit <http://mema.maryland.gov/>
- ▶ MEMA on **Instagram**
 - Visit https://instagram.com/md_mema/
- ▶ MEMA on **YouTube**
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Maryland Emergency Preparedness Program (MEPP) Executive Order



The State of Maryland Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER
01.01.2013.06

Maryland Emergency Preparedness Program
(Rescinds Executive Order 01.01.1991.02)

- WHEREAS, State emergency preparedness is measured by the homeland security and emergency management capability of State agencies, as they work together to save lives, protect property, and protect the environment of the State of Maryland;
- WHEREAS, The mission of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, a Center for Preparedness Excellence, is to ensure that Maryland families, communities, and key stakeholders are provided the tools they need to prepare for, mitigate against, respond to, and recover from the consequences of emergency and disaster events;
- WHEREAS, To carry out this mission, Maryland's homeland security and emergency management responsibilities are comprised of the four mission areas of prevention and protection, hazard mitigation, incident response, and disaster recovery;
- WHEREAS, The Maryland State Police is the lead agency for carrying out the mission area of prevention and protection from criminal activity and terrorist attacks;
- WHEREAS, The Maryland Emergency Management Agency is the lead agency for carrying out the mission areas of hazard mitigation, incident response, and disaster recovery;

- ▶ Outlines the **roles and responsibilities of State Agencies** to engage in preparedness and emergency management activities
- ▶ States that **local jurisdictions** are expected to make their **best efforts to align** their emergency management preparedness activities with the MEPP



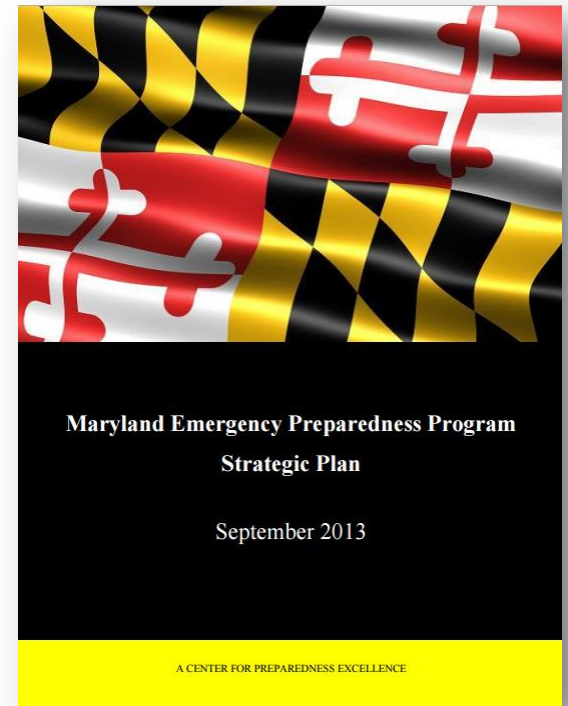
Role of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)

- ▶ Emergency **preparedness** and **coordination**

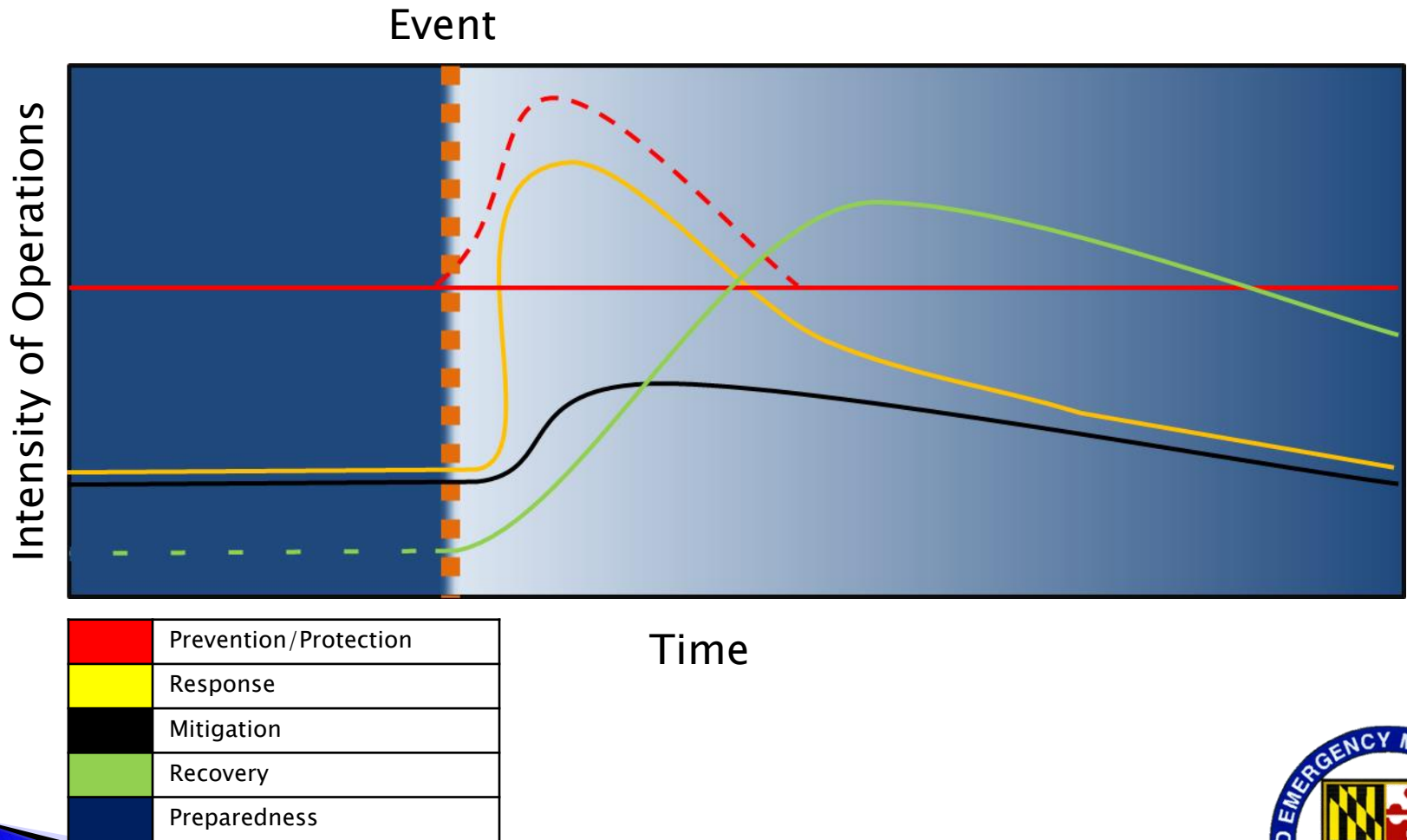


What is the MEPP?

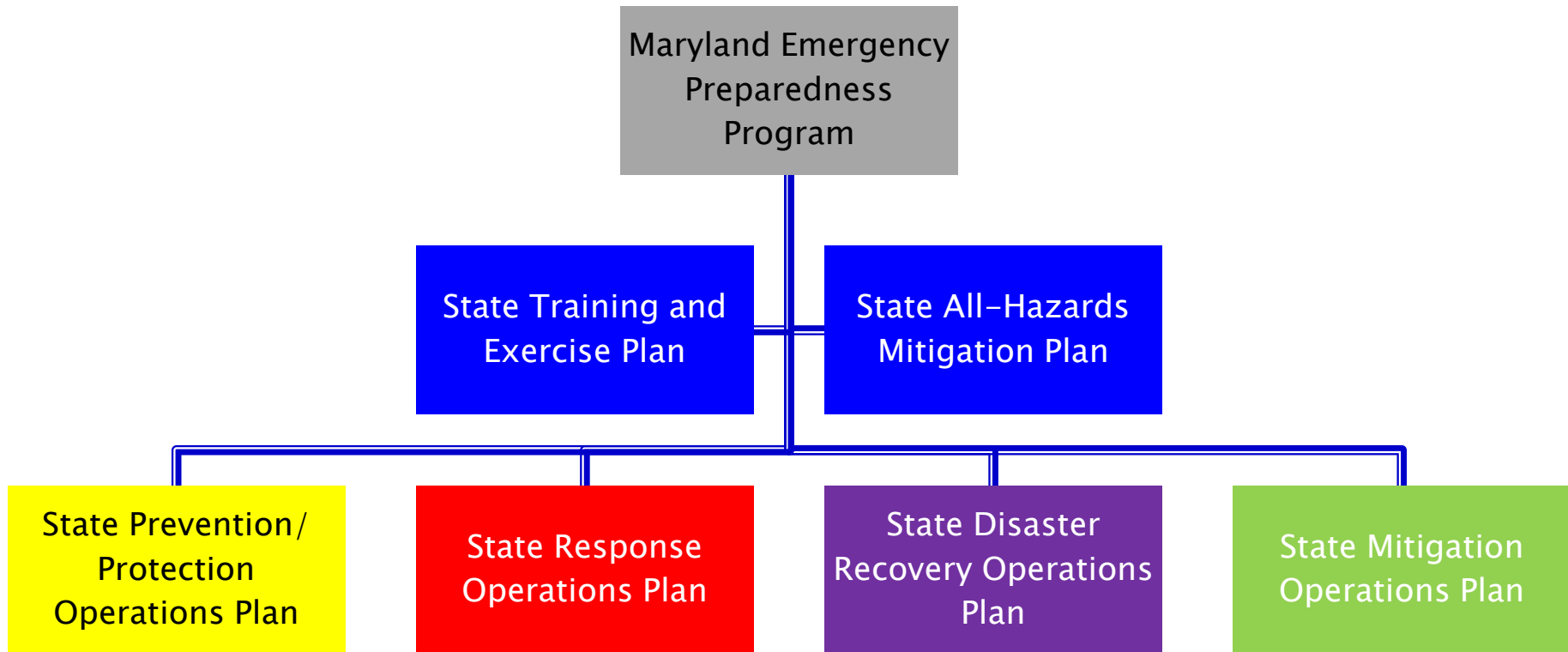
- ▶ **Overarching construct** for emergency preparedness and operations
- ▶ **Innovative, all-hazards approach** to comprehensive, statewide preparedness
- ▶ Goal = **institutionalize** coordination of emergency preparedness activities



The Emergency Management Continuum



Maryland's Mission Areas



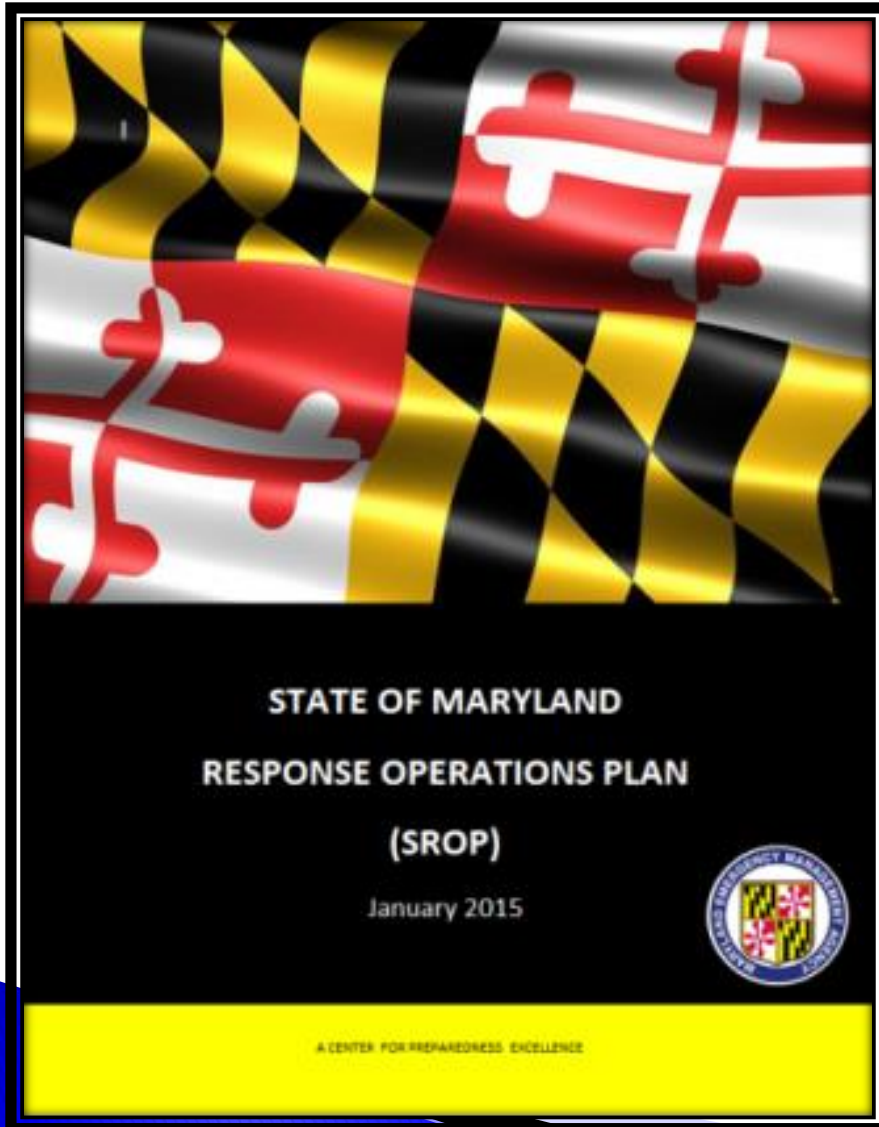
Prevention/Protection Operations



- ▶ Occurs **prior to an incident**
- ▶ Involves **actions to protect and prevent** credible or actual acts of terrorism and organized crime



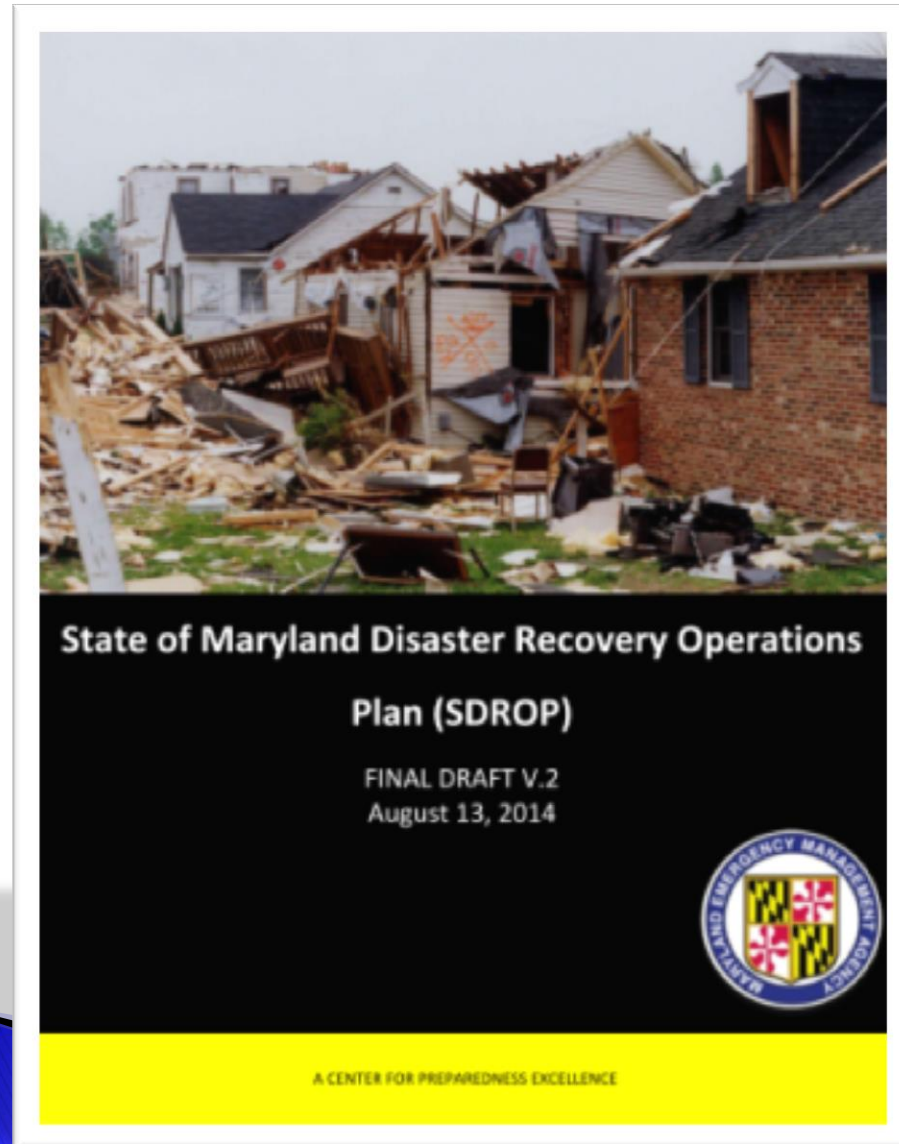
Response Operations



- ▶ Occurs when an **incident happens**
- ▶ Primary Focus = **life safety**
- ▶ Involves activities to **meet basic human needs and restore essential services**



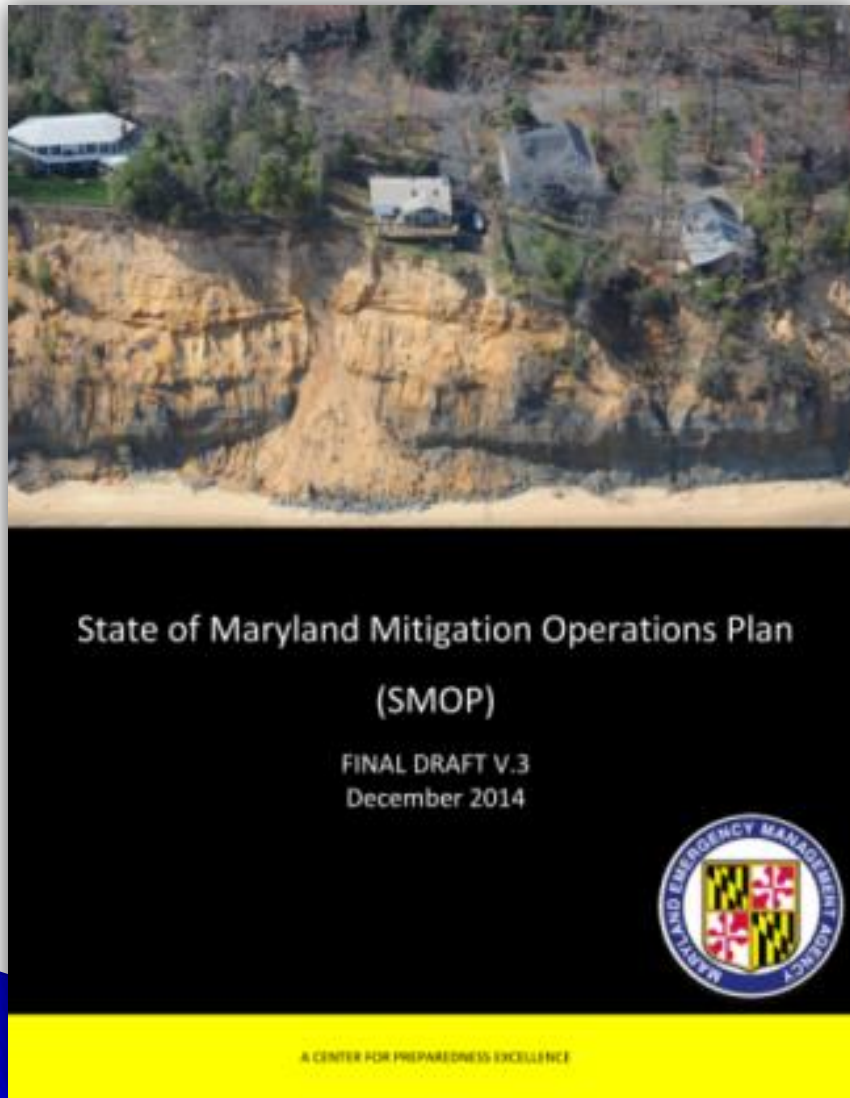
Recovery Operations



- ▶ Occurs an **effort is needed to restore** community services and functionality
- ▶ Involves **reconstruction, repairing, and rebuilding**



Mitigation Operations



- ▶ Always occurring
- ▶ Involves activities to **avoid** or **reduce** the probability of, or **lessen the effects** of a disaster
- ▶ Coordinated with physical protection programs

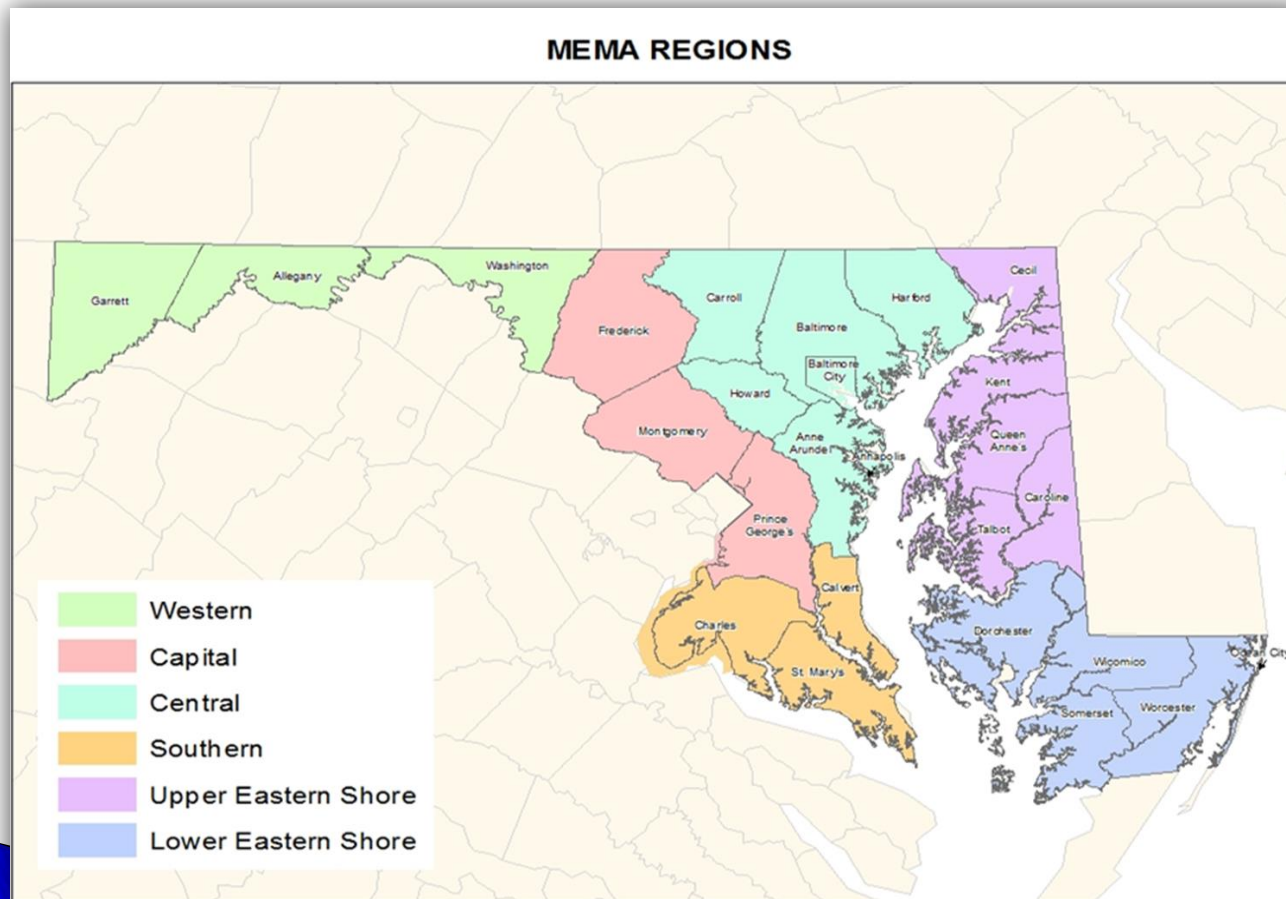


Role of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Cont'd

- ▶ Supporting **preparedness** activities
- ▶ Regional Liaison Officer (**RLO**) program
- ▶ Maryland Joint Operations Center (**MJOC**)
- ▶ State Emergency Operations Center (**SEOC**)



Regional Liaison Officer (RLO) Program



- ▶ RLO = **liaison** between MEMA and local emergency managers



Role of the Maryland Joint Operations Center (MJOC)

- ▶ 24/7/365 watch center
- ▶ Primary point of contact
- ▶ Provides **services** (e.g., situational awareness and notifications)



Role of the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)



- ▶ Primary physical location for state-level information sharing and resource coordination



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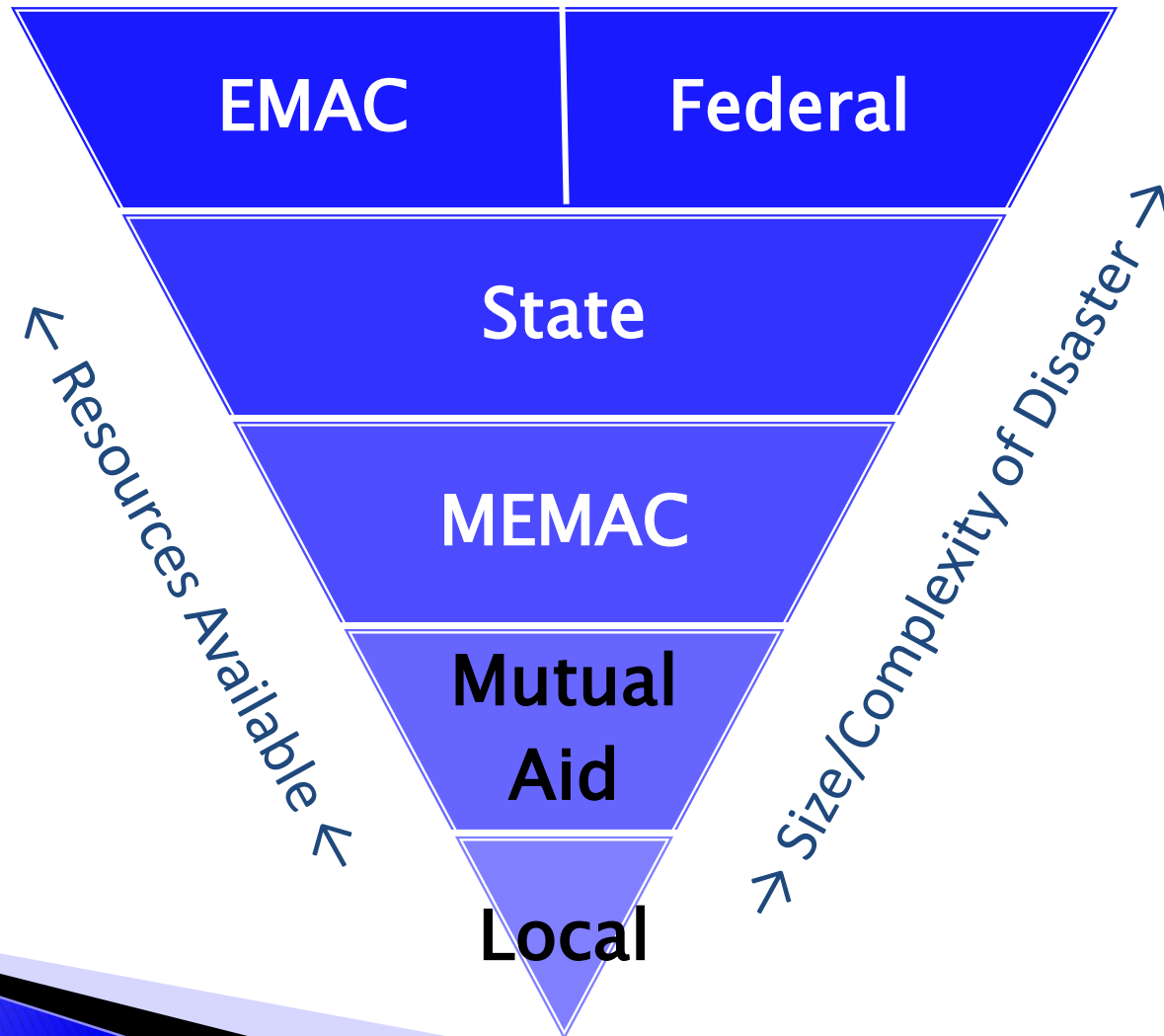
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Resources for Managing Emergencies



Disaster Declarations

- ▶ A **state of emergency** can be declared or executed by:
 - Local Jurisdiction
 - State
 - Federal Government
- ▶ This may make certain **assets/resources available** to address the emergency



Local Declaration of Emergency



- ▶ Declared by the **principal executive officer** of a political subdivision
- ▶ Allows for:
 - Activation of applicable **local plans**
 - Authorizes the **provision of aid and assistance**



State Declaration of Emergency

- ▶ Declared by the **Governor** for a single jurisdiction, several jurisdictions, or for the entire State
- ▶ Allows for:
 - Activates applicable **state plans**
 - Expenditure of **funds**
 - Initiation of **mutual aid** agreements
 - Deployment/use of **resources**
 - Use/distribution of **supplies, equipment, materials, and facilities**
 - **Suspend** the effect of **statutes/regulations**
 - Activation of the **National Guard**
 - Implementation of **protective actions**
 - Activation of **statutory immunities and liability protections**
 - **Streamlining** of **administrative procedures**
 - Access to many **federal resources**



Presidential Declaration of Emergency

- ▶ **Governor** can request a federal disaster declaration
- ▶ The **President** may provide federal assistance to save lives or prevent severe damage
- ▶ Two types of disaster declarations that authorize federal disaster assistance:
 - **Emergency declarations**
 - **Major disaster declarations**

Note: the type and amount of assistance differ



Considerations for Granting a Disaster Declaration



- ▶ FEMA will consider **factors** including:
 - # of **homes** destroyed/damaged
 - **Concentration** of damage
 - **Impacts**
 - Other **assistance**
 - **Frequency** of disaster events
 - etc...



Assistance Programs

Requires a Federal Disaster Declaration:

- ▶ **Public Assistance (PA)**
 - Provides supplemental financial assistance to State and local governments, and certain private nonprofit organizations
 - Requires that the entity meets its own financial threshold, as well as a statewide aggregate financial threshold
- ▶ **Individual Assistance (IA)**
 - Provide services to disaster survivors
 - No official threshold – it is based on the totality of circumstances
 - It is difficult to get

Does NOT Require a Federal Disaster Declaration:

- ▶ **Small Business Administration (SBA)**
 - Does not require a federal disaster declaration
 - Provides low-interest disaster loans to businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners, and renters
- ▶ **Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**
 - Does not require a federal disaster declaration
 - Provides a variety of disaster resources, including protection for homeowners who are unable to pay their mortgage as a result of a disaster
- ▶ **United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)**
 - Provides emergency loan funds



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Laws and Authorities

- ▶ Annotated Code of Maryland, Public Safety, Title 14. Emergency Management §§ 14-101 *et seq.*
 - Ensures the State of Maryland is prepared to **deal with emergencies**, and **preserve public health and safety**
 - Establishes a **local organization for emergency management** in each political subdivision
 - Provisions of Title 14 include:
 - Governor's Emergency Powers
 - Health Emergency Powers
 - Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)
 - Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact (MEMAC)
 - Other local emergency management provisions



Laws and Authorities Cont'd

- ▶ **Maryland Emergency Preparedness Program, Executive Order 01.01.2013.06**
 - Outlines the **responsibilities of State agencies** with regard to emergency preparedness
 - States that Maryland's **local jurisdictions** are expected to make their **best efforts to align** their emergency management preparedness activities with the MEPP



Laws and Authorities Cont'd

The Stafford Act

Robert T. Stafford
Disaster Relief and Emergency
Assistance Act, as Amended

April 2013



- ▶ Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (2007)
 - Provides the **statutory authority for most federal disaster response, recovery, and mitigation activities, as well as preparedness funding**



Training Resources

- ▶ National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS) training
 - Maryland Emergency Management Agency Learning Management System–
<https://memamaryland.csod.com/client/memamaryland/default.aspx>
 - Federal Emergency Management Agency Independent Study (IS) courses–
<https://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx>
 - Other organizations



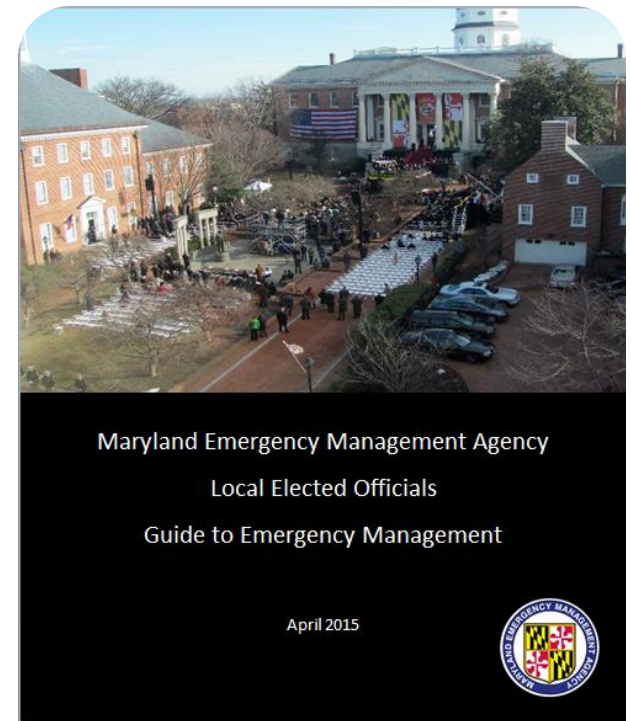
Policy Resources

- ▶ Presidential Policy Directive 8 (PPD-8):
National Preparedness–
<http://www.dhs.gov/presidential-policy-directive-8-national-preparedness>
- ▶ National Planning Frameworks (one for each mission area)–
<https://www.fema.gov/national-planning-frameworks>



MEMA Resources

- ▶ MEMA Website–
<http://mema.maryland.gov>
- ▶ Maryland's State Plans–
<http://mema.maryland.gov/Pages/publications.aspx>
- ▶ MEPP Strategic Plan–
http://mema.maryland.gov/community/Documents/2013_MEPP_StratPlan_SIGNED.pdf
- ▶ Local Elected Officials Guide, to be posted following the webinar...



Errata

- ▶ Carroll County EM Updated Phone Number:
410-386-2296
- ▶ Worcester County EM Updated Phone
Number: 410-632-3080



Upcoming June Webinar in the MEMA Webinar Series

- ▶ **Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact (MEMAC)**
 - **Date:** Wednesday, June 17, 2015
 - **Time:** 2:00 p.m.
 - **Purpose:** provide emergency management and first responder personnel with a general overview of the **system, roles and responsibilities, and lessons learned from the recent events in Baltimore.**

- ▶ **Questions:** contact Nicole Lanigan at nicole.lanigan@maryland.gov



July Webinar

- ▶ **Public Assistance (PA)**
 - Date: Thursday, July 23, 2015
 - Time: 1:00 p.m.

- ▶ More information to follow soon...



Closing Remarks

- ▶ **Brendan McCluskey, Director of Preparedness**



Thank You! Questions?



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