CHURCH DISASTER READINESS

IN 10 ‘EASY’ STEPS
WHAT DO WE DO?

PREPARE / RESPOND / RECOVER
3 KEY QUESTIONS FOR OUR CHURCH SAFETY

1. WHERE ARE WE?

2. WHERE DO WE NEED TO BE?

3. HOW DO WE GET THERE?
WHY DO WE NEED A PLAN?

◊ NATURAL HAZARDS

◊ EARTHQUAKE
◊ TORNADO
◊ FLOOD
◊ FIRE
◊ SNOW / ICE
♦ TECHNICAL HAZARDS
  ♦ POWER FAILURE
    ♦ Heat
    ♦ Cooling
    ♦ Lights
  ♦ Computers

♦ WATER FAILURE/DAMAGE
♦ HUMAN THREAT
  ♦ ARSON
  ♦ SHOOTER
  ♦ THEFT
  ♦ DOMESTIC DISPUTE
  ♦ BOMB
  ♦ CYBER ATTACK
  ♦ MEDICAL CRISIS
IMPROVING SAFETY AT YOUR WORSHIP CENTER

(video)
WHAT IS OUR GREATEST OBSTACLE?

“Motivation”
FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

- SUPPORTED BY LEADERSHIP
- CONSIDER ALL HAZARDS
- CONSIDER ALL SETTINGS AND TIMES
- CONSIDER ALL RESPONSES
- PROVIDE FOR FUNCTIONAL NEEDS OF ALL WORSHIPERS
- EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION PLAN
PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT REVIEW

♦ PREPARED AREAS . . .
PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT REVIEW

♦ AREAS NEEDING IMPROVEMENT ..

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STEP #1 - TEAM

- FORM A TEAM
- DEFINE TEAM MEMBER ROLES
- REGULAR SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS
- TIME FRAME FOR PLAN DEVELOPMENT
- ENVISION EXPECTED OUTCOME
STEP # 2 - HAZARDS

♦ IDENTIFY HAZARDS
♦ ASSESS DEGREE OF RISK
♦ PRIORITIZE HAZARDS
STEP # 3 – CONCERNS

- LIABILITY OF STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS
- REPLACEMENT OF ASSETS
- LOSS OF RECORDS
- ADEQUATE INSURANCE
- BUILDING SAFETY / EVACUATION
- COMMUNICATION PROCESS
- DECISION MAKING
- ALTERNATE WORSHIP SITE
STEP # 4 – DIRECTION

- DEVELOP OBJECTIVES TO MINIMIZE RISK
- IDENTIFY COURSES OF ACTION
- DETERMINE RESOURCE NEEDS AND COST
STEP # 5 – DESIGN

♦ FORMAT FOR THE PLAN
  ♦ Bullet points – minimize narrative
  ♦ Thick is not better
  ♦ Heaviness is directly correlated to non-usage

FORGET IT!

CONCISE

CONFUSING
STEP # 6 – WRITE

♦ WRITE THE PLAN
  ♦ Short sentences
  ♦ Active voice
  ♦ Simple word choice
  ♦ Clear meaning
  ♦ Easy reference
STEP # 7 - APPROVALS

♦ DETERMINE THE FOLLOWING
  ♦ Who has signature authority to approve the plan
  ♦ Who has responsibility for plan implementation
  ♦ Who will maintain
  ♦ Who will train
  ♦ Schedule for plan review and evaluation
STEP # 8 - INFORM

- TRAIN THE STAKEHOLDERS
  - Meeting
  - Visit site
  - Post information
  - Provide skills
  - Inform the congregation
  - Use Social Media
STEP # 9 - RESPOND

♦ EXERCISE THE PLAN
  ♦ Table top exercise
  ♦ Drill
  ♦ Real situation
STEP # 10 – AFTER PLAN

- REVIEW
- REVISE
- MAINTAIN
  - Develop training schedule
  - Date for plan review
  - Who is responsible for plan maintenance
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SEE . . . YOU’RE DONE !!

(and are much better prepared)
RESOURCES

- www.hcrn.info/Disaster_Planning_for_Churches.pdf
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- http://www.youtube.com/churchmutual
- Church Mutual DVDs – Safety, Fire, Crime
- Red Cross - Ready in 123: www.readyrating.org
- Big Book of Checklists: www.brotherhoodmutual.com
- http://calnevada.s3.amazonaws.com/
- F7BCF89A92084CBDB67FC4533F702108_GenericDisasterPlan_2012.pdf