Montgomery County
Emergency Operations
Presentation to the Montgomery Amateur Radio Club

The Office of Emergency Management
and Homeland Security
Hazards

Natural, Technological, and Societal
We never know what the next Emergency will be...
Disaster Management Cycle

- Preparedness
  - Plan
  - Train
  - Exercise
  - Corrective Action
Emergency Plans

Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)
• The EOP is a multi-discipline, all-hazards plan that establishes a single, comprehensive framework for the management of major emergencies and disasters within the county
• The plan assigns roles and responsibilities to county departments and agencies for use in responding to disasters and emergencies
Continuity of Operations Planning

- Vital Records
- Orders of Succession
- Delegations Of Authority
- Alternate facility
- Interoperable Communications
- Human Capital
- Reconstitution
- Essential Functions
County’s Emergency Powers

- Authorizes issuance of Declaration of Public Emergency and related orders as required
- Declare a Curfew
- Prohibit the sale and transport of certain items
- Restrict areas to certain critical personnel
- Manage emergency personnel and resources
- Prioritize restoration of critical resources and facilities
County Response Capabilities

**CAPABILITIES**
- 1200 career Fire Fighters
- 19 volunteer depts.
  - 500 to 1000 volunteers
- 40 EMS units
- Approximately 1070 Police Officers
- 9 Rescue Squads
- 200 DOT employees with 175 pieces of snow removal equipment

**SPECIAL OPERATIONS**
- Explosives Unit
- Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT)
- Urban Search and Rescue (FEMA Maryland Task Force 1)
- Water Rescue
- Collapse Rescue
- Weapons of Mass Destruction
- Mass Casualty
- Mass Decontamination
Emergency Operations Center

The EOC may be activated in an emergency at one of three levels depending on the severity of the incident

• **Monitoring**: Provides for increased monitoring capability and typically involves OEMHS staff and representatives from key public safety agencies.
• **Partial Activation**: Provides for select activation of ESF primary agencies and key support agencies that may be or will be engaged in the emergency situation.
• **Full Activation**: Includes all primary and support agencies identified within the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) which could operate 24 hours a day.
Flexible Notification Systems

- Emergency Alert System (TV and Radio)
- Reverse 911 Alerts (hard line phones)
- Alert Montgomery
  (cell phone, blackberry, pager, e-mail)
Who is Responsible for What?

• 16 Emergency Support Functions and 9 Annexes—headed by a primary County agency designated by its authorities, resources, and capabilities in the particular functional area. Each primary agency is supported by an array of organizations that have similar functional roles and responsibilities.
Montgomery County Emergency Operations Center Support Groups

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer

Disaster Manager

MEMA Liaison Officer

Finance and Risk Management

Legal

Emergency Services (FRS Group Leader)
- ESF #4 - Firefighting
- ESF #9 – Search and Rescue
- ESF #10 – HazMat Response

Community Services (HHS – Group Leader)
- EFF #6 – Mass Care, Emergency and Assistance, Housing and Human Services
- ESF #8 – Public Health and Medical Services
- ESF #11 – Agriculture and Natural Resources
- ESF #16 – Donations and Volunteer Management

Infrastructure Support (DOT – Group Leader)
- ESF #1 -- Transportation
- ESF #3 – Public Works and Engineering
- ESF #7 – Logistics Management and Resource Support
- ESF #12 -- Energy

Public Safely and Municipality Support (POL – Group Leader)
- ESF #13 – Public Safety and Security

Operations Support (OEMHS – Group Leader)
- ESF #5 – Emergency Management
- ESF #2 -- Communications
- ESF #14 – Long-Term Community Recovery
Role of the Community

- Stay Informed
- Make a Plan
- Make a Kit
- Get Involved

Resources:
- www.montgomerycountymd.gov
- www.mema.state.gov
- www.fema.gov
- www.ready.gov
- www.ncd.gov
- www.nod.gov
- www.redcross.org