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Emergency Preparedness at the local and regional level in North Carolina

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Emergency Preparedness in NC

- ▶ NC boasts strong law enforcement and public safety partnerships among local, state, and federal agencies:
 - ▶ Shared jurisdiction
 - ▶ Mutual-aid agreements
 - ▶ Pre-planning and exercises



Resource Availability

- ▶ Resource availability can vary greatly across the state:
 - ▶ Metro areas / large agencies
 - ▶ Unique challenges in rural areas and smaller agencies
 - ▶ NCSHP / NCSBI / Federal Partners
 - ▶ Grant funding opportunities



Focus Areas for Law Enforcement

- ▶ Focus areas for law enforcement:
 - ▶ Active Shooter
 - ▶ Public Demonstrations / Disorder
 - ▶ Natural Disasters



Focus Areas for Law Enforcement

▶ Active Shooter:

- ▶ Rapid Deployment / Columbine effect
 - ▶ Consistent training state-wide
- ▶ Need for equipment and training to support first responders
 - ▶ Ex. Boone Rescue Task Force (Police, Fire, and EMS)
 - ▶ Ex. Wilmington / New Hanover Multi-Agency High Threat Response Plan



Focus Areas for Law Enforcement

▶ Active Shooter:

- ▶ Working toward education and “target hardening”
- ▶ Importance of “See something, say something”
- ▶ Training community on “Run, Hide, Fight”
- ▶ Cannot necessarily prevent these incidents, but can minimize impact



Focus Areas for Law Enforcement

- ▶ Public Demonstration / Disruption:
 - ▶ Increased public divisiveness has impacted law enforcement and public safety
 - ▶ Impact of social media and professional demonstrators / disruptors
 - ▶ Need for enhanced intelligence gathering
 - ▶ SBI ISAAC / Raleigh Intelligence Center



Focus Areas for Law Enforcement

- ▶ Public Demonstration / Disruption:
 - ▶ Police-related demonstrations
 - ▶ Ex. Charlotte incident
 - ▶ Non-police related demonstrations
 - ▶ Ex. Charlottesville incident
 - ▶ Threats against police
 - ▶ Recent incidents of "Swatting"



Focus Areas for Law Enforcement

- ▶ Public Demonstration / Disruption:
 - ▶ Police “Field Force Operations”
 - ▶ Consistent training across agencies
 - ▶ Labor / equipment intensive operations
 - ▶ Ex. Newton PD Homeland Security grant
 - ▶ Ex. Wake Co / Watauga Co models



Focus Areas for Law Enforcement

- ▶ Natural Disasters:
 - ▶ Concerns vary across the state by region
 - ▶ Pre-planning and operational exercises occur for hurricanes, flooding, and snow emergencies
 - ▶ Important to keep in mind that existing law enforcement responsibilities do not stop when natural disasters occur



Focus Areas for Law Enforcement

- ▶ Natural Disasters:
 - ▶ Unique, often expensive resources may be required
 - ▶ Short and long-term responsibilities
 - ▶ Initial life-saving efforts
 - ▶ Sheltering often required for extended periods of time



Focus Areas for Law Enforcement

- ▶ Ex. Hurricane Matthew – Johnston Co impact 2016
 - ▶ Municipal Law Enforcement
 - ▶ Sheriff's Office
 - ▶ Johnston Co Emergency Management / EOC
 - ▶ NC Emergency Management
 - ▶ Fire / EMS Departments
 - ▶ North Carolina National Guard



Focus Areas for Law Enforcement

- ▶ Ex. Wrightsville Beach Hurricane Plan
 - ▶ Comprehensive Response and Recovery Plan
 - ▶ Involves PD, Town Departments, EM
 - ▶ Regional New Hanover EM Planning
 - ▶ Use of ICS for event response
 - ▶ North Carolina Emergency Management Domestic Preparedness Region 3 collaboration



Other Considerations

- ▶ Small agencies make up the majority of municipal agencies in NC
- ▶ Shouldn't overlook families of first responders who are without their husband, wife, father, or mother



Questions?

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