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North Carolina Readiness Capabilities

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North Carolina
Readiness Capabilities

- DCCPS Mission
- Philosophy
- Federal Funding
- Disaster Declarations
- High Risk Areas
- Capabilities
- Support Needed
DCCPS Mission:

Enhance the quality of life of North Carolinians by reducing crime, enhancing public safety and managing the coordinated response and recovery efforts from man-made, natural hazards and other threats to our citizens and communities.
Addressing NC Capabilities, Vulnerabilities, Risks, Threats, and Needs

Our philosophy is a three-tiered response which is locally centered, regionally augmented, state backed and federally assisted, where all counties have some capability to respond to emergency and disaster incidents, whether man-made or natural.
Billion Dollar Climate and Weather Disasters
1980-2005

NOAA's National Climatic Data Center
Ashville, North Carolina

Please note that the national map color-coded by state reflects a summation of billion dollar events, for each state affected—i.e., it does not mean that each state shown suffered at least $1 billion in losses for each event.
State of North Carolina
Division of Emergency Management
Federal Declarations By County 1968 - 2005

Total Events by Event type

Legend

Federal Declarations
Total of Declarations Per County

Blizzard
Flooding
High Winds
Hurricane
Ice Storm
Tornadoes
Tropical Storms
Winter Storm

2 - 4
4 - 6
6 - 7
8 - 10
North Carolina High Risk Areas

County Population
- 300,000 +
- 150,000 - 300,000
- 100,000 - 150,000
- 1 - 100,000

Military Bases
Other High Risk Areas
Nuclear Facilities
2005-07 Total HSGP Funding for the Nation

Billions

$0.00 $0.50 $1.00 $1.50 $2.00 $2.50

FY 05 FY 06 FY 07

$2.36B $1.67B $1.7B

Total HSGP Funding
Expanding and Enhancing Capabilities

- Expanding Interoperable Communications (VIPER)

- Strengthening Regional Capabilities:
  - Regional Response Teams
  - Urban Search and Rescue
  - State Medical Assistance Team
  - Public Health Regional Surveillance Team
  - State Animal Response Team
  - Swift Water Rescue Teams
Expanding and Enhancing Capabilities (continued)

- Implementing the National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- Sharing of Information among agencies
  - State Emergency Response Team (handout)
- Develop/Expand Intelligence Fusion Center
- Developing Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP)
- Building mission ready capabilities
Support Needed

- Operations and maintenance funds for response capability developed with grant dollars.
- Warehouse capability
- Floodplain and GIS map maintenance funds
- Technology support
- Maintain disaster readiness as a priority business of state government.
Ready North Carolina
Prepare Now for Emergencies

We never know when an emergency might happen. They come in the form of severe weather, accidents, and unfortunately, terrorist attacks. Planning now for how you would respond will help you remain calm, think clearly and react appropriately to any disaster scenario.

Taking responsibility for your own safety by being prepared with plans and an emergency supply kit not only increases your ability to survive, but reduces the workload of first responders, emergency medical services, fire fighters and law enforcement.

No community is truly prepared for a disaster until every individual, family and household takes personal responsibility for his or her own safety.

The Ready North Carolina campaign provides North Carolinians with the information you need to prepare for all types of emergencies.

The N.C. Department of Crime Control & Public Safety, the N.C. Citizen Corps, the N.C. Emergency Management Association and the 100 county emergency management agencies across the state are ready to help you be better prepared for emergencies.
Questions?

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