Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division

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Purpose

- Outline the disaster response process from local to federal partners
- Discuss the Governor's Authorities during a disaster
- Define Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management's roles and responsibilities

The Disaster Response Cycle

HSEMD Mission

To support, coordinate, and maintain state and local homeland security and emergency management activities in order to establish sustainable communities and assure economic opportunities for Iowa and its citizens.

Are YOU Prepared??

- Do you have a family disaster plan?
  - Do you practice that plan?
- Do you have a family communications plan?
- Do you have food/water/emergency supplies on hand for three days?
- Standard rule of thumb….plan to be on your own for 72 hours until help can arrive

Resource Delivery

Local Disaster Response

- National Incident Management System (NIMS) encourages management of the incident at the lowest level possible.

- ALL incidents are LOCAL

Local Government Disaster Response Role

- Save Lives
- Protect Public Health and Safety
  - Critical Government Services
  - Mass Care
- Business
  - Critical Services and Economic Impact
- Agriculture

Code of Iowa 29C
Direction and Control

- Creates Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division and tasks the Division with emergency planning, resource planning, homeland security activities and coordination of available services in the event of a disaster
- Gives the Governor the authority to waive certain rules and regulations when the public safety is at stake

Code of Iowa 29C
Direction and Control

- Requires each county develop a Multi-Hazard County Emergency Operations Plan
- Each county must establish an Emergency Management Commission, an EM Agency and have an EM Coordinator
  - Composition of the EM Commission
  - EM Coordinator works for the Commission

County Emergency Management Coordinators

- Serve as 24/7 Point of Contact with the state:
  - Resource requests per the Incident Commander
  - Information flow
    - Identify trends and conditions
- Part-time / Full-time one of many hats

Local Government Response

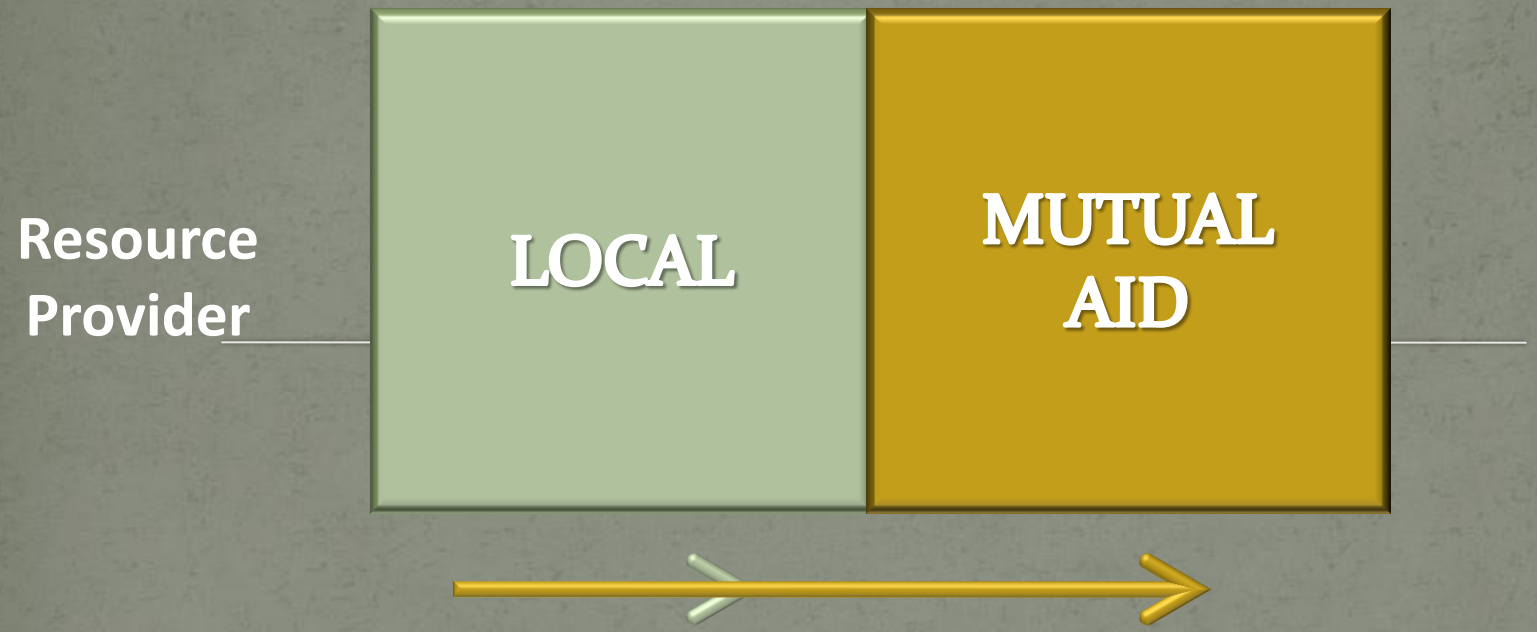
Respond to disaster impacts with local resources

- Personnel
- Equipment
- Materials/Supplies

- MAY issue a local disaster declaration to give validity to what is occurring
  - Lines of Succession
  - Delegation of Authority
  - Emergency procurement powers

Not required for activation of state resources

Resource Delivery



Local Mutual Aid Response

When disaster impacts exceed the local jurisdictions capability to respond:

- Request Mutual Aid
  - 28E Agreements
    - Common to law enforcement / fire – neighboring jurisdictions agree to help one another
  - Iowa Mutual Aid Compact (IMAC) 29C.22
    - ALL political subdivisions within the state of Iowa are members unless they opt out
    - State can assist in facilitation of the request, but does not have to be involved

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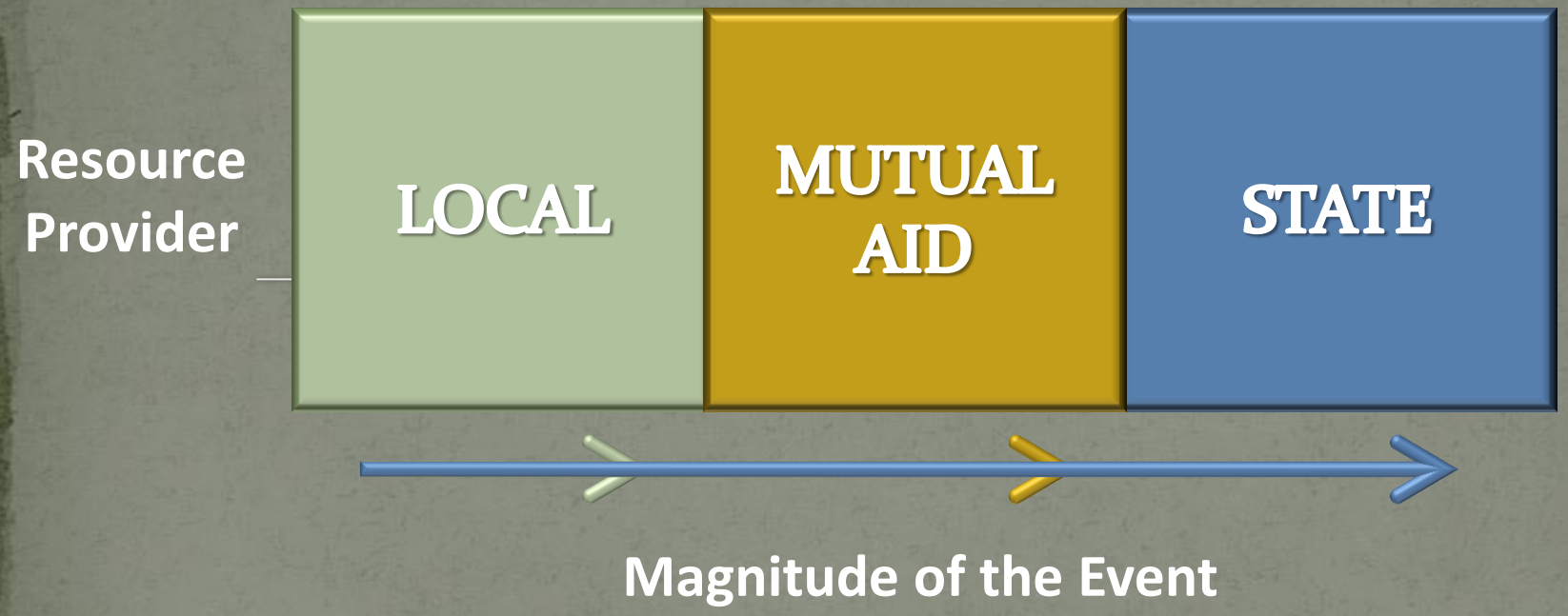

State Agency's Own Authorities

- Primary and Support responsibilities outlined per matrix in State Response Plan
- Key mission of each agency that they perform on a daily basis
- No direction needed, or action required, by Iowa Governors Office

- Highway Assistance Team (HAT)
  - Dept. Public Safety; Dept. of Transportation; National Guard; Homeland Security & Emergency Management Division

HSEMD Duty Officer

- On call 24/7 on behalf of state government to receive information and resource requests from county Emergency Management Coordinator
- HSEMD is coordinating agency for state response
- 24/7 numbers
  - 515-725-3231 (Main office number – answered by State Patrol Communications after hours)

Duty Officers - Types of Info Received

- Severe weather warnings/impacts
- Hazmat incidents
- Water outages
- 911 outages
- Safeguard Info for transportation of radiological materials
- Missing persons
- Suspicious Substances
- Law Enforcement sensitive information
- Cyber threats (virus)
- Citizen calls
- Pipe bombs
- Bomb threats
- Other agency calls

Governor's Proclamation

- County specific
- **Required for activation of state assets**
- No cost to locals for resources
- Good for 30 days
  - Can be rescinded by legislature
- Extended an additional 30 days as needed
- Timely decision - may be verbal

Common Uses – Governor's Proclamation

- Lift Burn Ban so certain disaster debris can be burned
- Transportation
  - over length/ over weight/ drivers hours
- Activate STATE Individual Assistance Program
  - administered by Dept. Human Services
  - provides financial assistance if no federal funds
- Dept. of Transportation needs in order to access Federal dollars that can help repair damaged roads

Considerations when Issuing a Governor's Proclamation

- #1 - Life safety issues
- Public health concerns
- Not enough or the right resources
- CNN disaster
- Large geographic area impacted
- Budget concerns
  - "Exhausting resources" will mean something very different from one county to another, both from a funding perspective and a resources on hand perspective

State Government Response

Determined by:

- Requests for resource support
- Magnitude of Event
- Geographic Coverage Area of Event
- Injuries / Fatalities

- In some instances, resources may be out the door prior to receiving a Proclamation
  - Parkersburg / Little Sioux

State Government Response

- Respond to disaster impacts with any and all state resources requested (and available)
  - Personnel
  - Equipment
  - Materials/Supplies

WHAT is the MISSION?

State Government Response

- May be at State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)
  - When face to face coordination is needed
  - Technology allows the capability to coordinate remotely
    - Cost savings to the state
- May be at home / office – winter events
  - WebEOC

SEOC Activation

- When the State Emergency Operations Center is activated, the expectation is that partners who are needed at the facility for face to face coordination will report as quickly as possible.
- Activation authorized by:
  - Governor / Lt. Governor
  - Administrator
  - Readiness/Response Bureau Chief

SEOC Computer Login
WebEOC Login
WINTER WEATHER FEBRUARY 24 2007 EVENT
75%
TOP BANKS, RETAILERS AND PHARMACIES
DEVELOPING STORY
JOHN THUNE
SITUATION ROOM
National Guard
Elder Affairs

SEOC Basic Capabilities

- Self Sustaining - Power/Water/Air filtration
- Earthquake standards-zone 1 - 12” thick reinforced concrete walls
- Numerous audio/visual capabilities
- Redundant communications
- Hooked to Iowa Communications Network (ICN)

SEOC Readiness Levels 1 to 5

Level 1 – Duty Officer on call

Level 5 - SEOC fully activated

- State agency representatives (45) are on site at the Joint Forces Headquarters
  - Safeguard Iowa Partnership SEOC Liaison
- FEMA Liaison
- All positions staffed, based upon direction given by Administrator or Readiness & Response Bureau Chief

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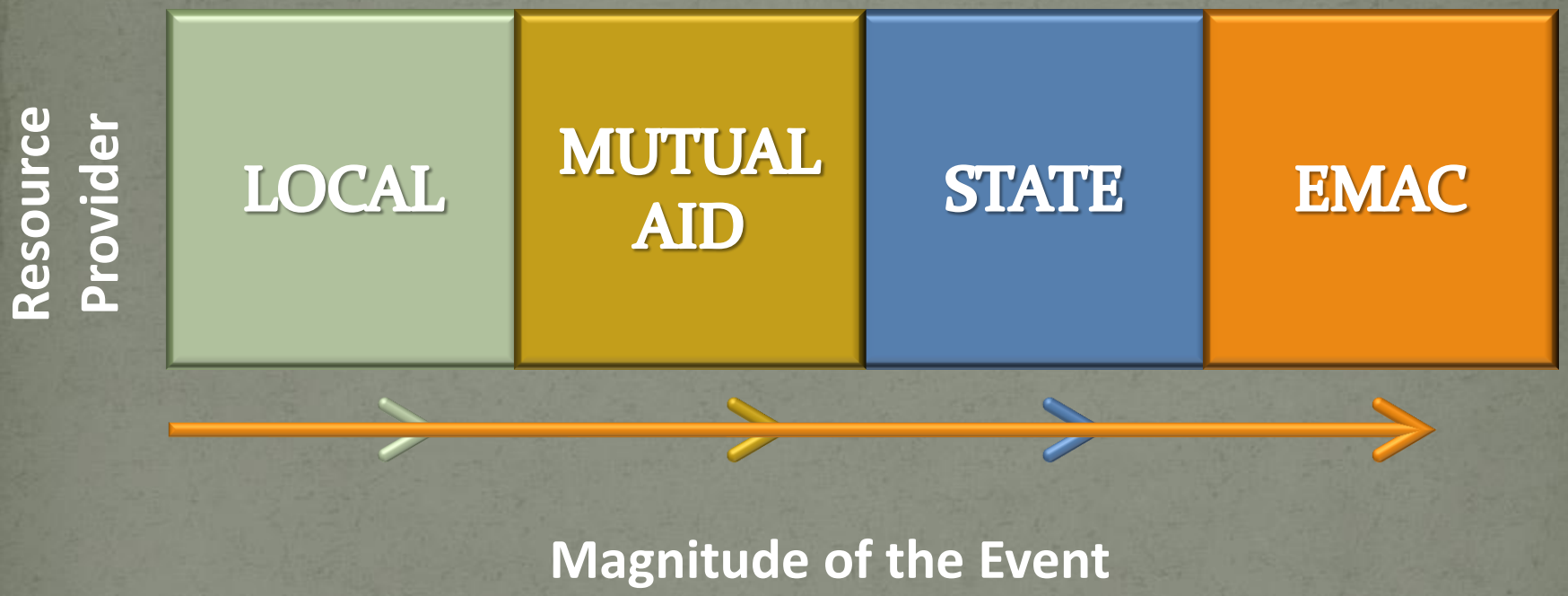

Disaster Exceeds State Capability to Respond

- Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) PL 104-321
  - MUST be Governor's Declaration in place in impacted state for EMAC to be utilized
  - Impacted state requests assistance
  - Impacted state pays wages, travel, lodging, etc.
  - All 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands and District of Columbia are members
  - Authorized Rep / Designated Contact

World Trade Center 9-11-01

Hurricane Katrina - 2005
New Orleans, Louisiana
2005

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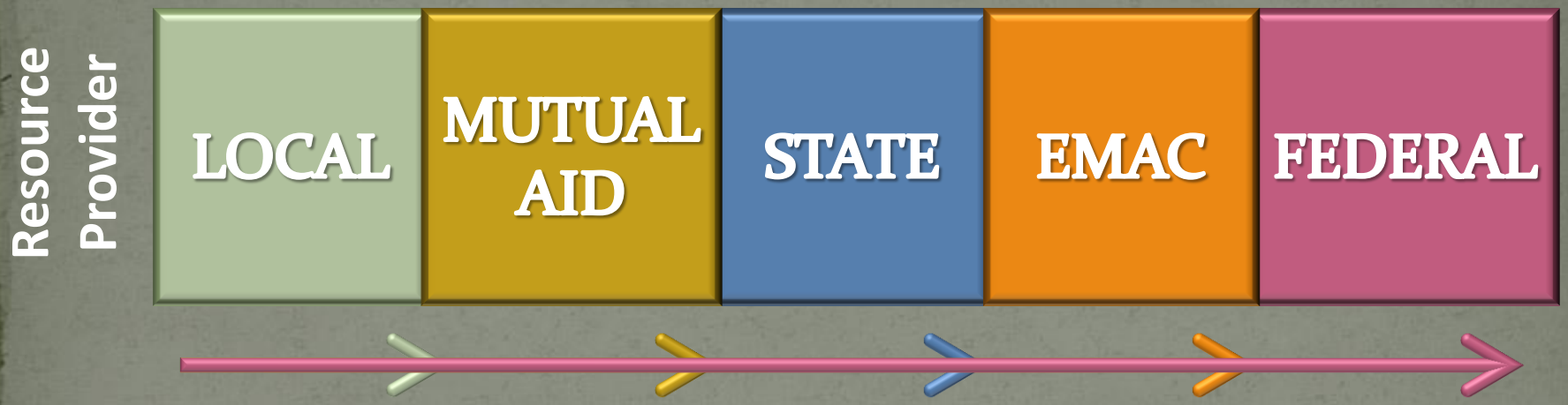

Disaster Exceeds State Capability to Respond

- National Response Framework
  - Equipment/Personnel
  - FEMA liaison at SEOC if needed
  - Requests for Assistance (cost share)
  - NO funds at this point – however if we get to this point, usually fairly certain there will be a declaration

Presidential Disaster Declaration

- Request made by Governor of impacted state thru FEMA Regional office (must be attested to by Secretary of State)
- Regional office (KC) reviews and sends to FEMA National in DC
- Reviewed by FEMA, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Dept. of Homeland Security Secretary, and the President – declaration granted or denied

Presidential Disaster Declaration

- If granted, financial assistance becomes available for either the Individual Assistance program, Public Assistance program, or both
- Funding is approved or denied for EACH county requested in declaration
- Federal Individual Assistance program administered by Dept. of Human Services

Summary

- Hopefully this briefing has helped you to better understand the role of the Governor and partners at all levels in the disaster response process.
- Being familiar with the disaster response process makes you more aware of how you may be able to fit into the process.
- Familiarity will also help you know what to expect should you be impacted by disaster events

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