CEPA Summary and Initial Findings

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Overview

- **County Emergency Preparedness Assessment (CEPA)** is a Governor's initiative to obtain a greater understanding of preparedness in New York State.

- CEPA is a **framework** and **tool** to assess risk, capabilities, and the potential need for support during disasters.

- DHSES facilitates **CEPA sessions** with State and local stakeholders.

Key Findings

- The hazard of greatest concern is **flooding,** although the **hazard profile is evolving.**

- Traditional first responder capabilities are generally the **most well developed.**

- While there is a **great deal of ability**, there is **limited capacity**.

- **Grant funding** has had a profound impact on capabilities.

- All counties are participating in **regional partnerships**.

Resource Inventory and Anticipated Needs

Resource Inventory

- All counties have at least one **Emergency Operations Center (EOC)**.

- All counties have at least one **mobile command and communications** vehicle.

- All counties are part of **regional consortiums** (e.g., Interoperable Communication Consortium, HazMat Consortium, regional Companion Animal Response Team (CART).

- Most counties have a limited supply of mass care supplies (e.g., cots, blankets, pillows and comfort kits).

Anticipated Requests

- The most frequent anticipated resource requests are **pumps, light towers, generators, potable water, mass care supplies** and **variable message boards.**

- Counties will likely request an **Incident Management Team (IMT)** or other staffing support for their EOC Operations during large and/or prolonged events.

- Several counties will need **aviation** support or other specialty response assets such as **Bomb Squad** support.

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Best Practices

Counties are engaged in innovative practices. A few examples include:

- **Albany County** has a dedicated meteorologist on staff.

- **Erie County** a robust First Responder Alerting Network, an alpha paging systems with the capacity to communication with 10,000 first responders.

- **Montgomery County** created a smartphone app to support Public Information and Warning.

- **Steuben County** has a Human Needs Task Force to assist with disaster recovery and community preparedness efforts.

- **Warren County** has developed a Disaster Tool Kit for elected officials outlining their responsibilities related to emergency management.

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So What?

CEPA allow us to:

- Better understand local preparedness levels and capability gaps.
- Make more informed programmatic decisions (e.g. capability workshops, targeted grants, training and exercises).
- Better anticipate local response needs and resource requests.
- Highlight and share best practices.
- Promote communication and collaboration with our stakeholders.

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Next Steps

- Continue to conduct CEPA sessions.

  - ➢ Work through your OEM Regional Director to schedule a session.

- Our goal is to have all of NYS completed by the end of 2015.

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