Disaster Response & Recovery Working Group

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Subgroup Organization

Subgroup A: Government Processes and Procedures
Lead: Sanjay Saggere

 Subgroup B: Infrastructure Standards and Resiliency Lead: Kurt Jacobs

Subgroup C: Mutual Aid and Coordination

Lead: Pete Tomczak

Subgroup A – Government Processes & Procedures

- Research
- Sources
- Biggest challenges:
 - How to better align private sector telecom industries and multi-jurisdictional government entities
 - Government needs to approach more holistically the interdependency between broadband connectivity and available energy supplies

Subgroup B — Infrastructure Standards & Resiliency

- Research
- Sources
- Biggest challenges:
 - Abundance of best practices/standards, but they are siloed by industry and technology. How to best consolidate and converge?
 - Network evolution causing more complexities and opportunities that require education and outreach to support information sharing
 - Determining resiliency targets and metrics and how to best document and report them

Subgroup C – Mutual Aid, Resource Sharing & Coordination

- Research
- Sources
- Biggest challenges:
 - Wealth of resources on best practices available; how to best distill into actionable intelligence and operationalized practices
 - The need to educate/inform local governments and consumers about their communications dependencies and existing processes for coordination with response agencies and the telecom and energy industries

Reactions/Additional Discussion