

Disaster Response & Recovery Working Group

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Presentation on pre-disaster recommendations

- Today is a draft of high level pre-disaster recommendations
- DRRWG targeting March 2020 for final report and recommendations
- Discussion at the end of presentation

Building and Maintaining Formal Relationships

- Needed at all levels (Leadership to implementer)
- Preplanned events are a great place to start & maintain
- Mutual agreement on the scope

New Infrastructure Deployment – redundancy, resiliency

- Example – tower construction standards, backhaul, power & redundancy and resiliency opportunities
- Network overlap might provide better service than site hardening
- Review of permitting process with new technologies

Infrastructure response and recovery planning

- Physical access to infrastructure (SANDy and RAYBAUM's Act)
- Government expedited permitting process
- Planned waivers to support response/recovery

Plans for Information Sharing

- Government (Emergency Management Agency) and Industry to address critical infrastructure assets in high risk areas of mutual concern;
- Deployment coordination (response coordination of assets) to possibly include embedding in an EoC during an event
- Cultural hesitancy for public and private entity collaboration

Define the problem and not solution

- For example, SAT-COW requested for a generator out of fuel
- Education to all levels and stakeholders, including the public
- Identify existing education materials

Discussion of draft pre-disaster recommendations

1. Building and Maintaining Formal Relationships
2. New Infrastructure Deployment – redundancy, resiliency
3. Infrastructure response and recovery planning
4. Plans for Information Sharing
5. Define the problem and not solution

Thank you

