Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Workshop Session 3

Time of Session: 1:30-3:00PM

Session Title: Mixed Session

A. The Next Step—Beyond Disaster Resistance to Resilience
   Speaker: **M.J. Plodinec**, Community and Regional Resilience Institute

B. How Emergency Planning Standards Can Help You Do Your Job
   Speaker: **Troy Harris**, Westmont College

Room: 205

Head Count: 16

Note Taker: Tara Lambeth
Session 3B: How Emergency Planning Standards Can Help You Do Your Job
Speaker: Troy Harris, Westmont College

- Handed out FrameworkED fans
- Changed the title to Standards on Steroids to give it more pizzazz
- Standards are important, your job can be made easier by diving into standards
- URMIA – University Risk Management and Insurance Association – a network – extend interactions with agencies
- UCC – gathering of higher ed emergency managers
- Troy works in risk management at Westmont
- FrameworkED – Institutional Resilience Framework
- Westmont had a wildfire disaster
  - Plan – if there’s a fire, go to the gym
  - Fire fighters arrived 2.5 hours after the fire started because they had to evacuate the neighborhood and school buildings were burning
  - Lost 3 buildings and 1 car, no human casualties
  - It was the 3rd of 4 wildfires in a 4 year period
  - Made a plan in 2003 and had annual drills
  - Had a stay plan, but no go plan
  - Critical Incident Management Plan
- Why Standards?
  - Expertise bank and measuring device
  - What am I missing? – provides that for you
- What?
  - What people think things ought to be
- Where?
  - Private – Red Cross
  - Governmental – FEMA
  - Voluntary, obligatory, and mandatory
    - NIMS NGO is voluntary, full NIMS is not optional
- Who?
  - Private: ISO, NFPA
  - Public: Legislators – often don’t care
    - April of last year sent a letter with a new interpretation of the Clery Act with many contradictions
- How?
  - Private: only affected parties
  - Governmental
- Which?
  - Plethora of standards
- When?
  - How to choose
  - UCC Crosswalk
    - Compilation/cross-reference of standards
    - FrameworkED.org/crosswalk
    - Matrix – massive, hard to digest (Sloan)
    - Translated into website
    - UCC Standards Committee
- Tour of Crosswalk
  - Standards – Clery, Federal standards, private standards (9 total)
  - Explains how much content there is for each topic
- UCC Crosswalk of Institutional Resilience Standards
  - Framework categories – foundation, obligations, impacts, strategies, implementation, competence, communication, resources, evaluation, enhancement
  - Amalgamation of resources
  - Unprecedented panoramic view of standards
- Comment: That’s the best thing that’s been done in a long time, and it can be used as a teaching tool
- Using the Crosswalk
  - 10 categories or 45 categories – self-assessment
- Comment: Thank you [applause]. We need to look at training. Most discussions are about legality – don’t want to identify a hole. The standards give a comfort zone. This is a good starting point for a body of knowledge, an outline for it; it should be required by iAEM. It is a body of knowledge; we talked to Gallagher and Sloan to provide a “window shopping” of their standards. (Andre Le Duc)
- Comment: No one talks about FARS, and people can be fined for it. Standards are the first thing. (M.J. Plodenic)
- Comment: In the emergency management world, we are driven by compliance. We need to do more training and knowledge based work. (Andre Le Duc)