

# EMERGENCY VOLUNTEER CORPS OF NEHALEM BAY

PROMOTING A CULTURE OF PREPAREDNESS AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

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NATIONAL TSUNAMI HAZARD MITIGATION CONFERENCE



# INTRODUCTION

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The Emergency Volunteer Corps of Nehalem Bay has been identified as one of the **MOST VISIONARY, INNOVATIVE, AND ORGANIZED** local emergency preparedness groups in Oregon

# INTRODUCTION

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## THE EVCNB'S MISSION

TO PROMOTE A CULTURE OF PERSONAL PREPAREDNESS AND REGIONAL  
RESILIENCE

**How did we grow from **an idea in 2007** into a volunteer led and run organization made up of **more than 300** inspired and motivated emergency prep and response volunteers?**

A photograph showing two emergency responders in high-visibility yellow and blue vests. They are kneeling on a dark carpeted floor, attending to a person lying on their back. The person on the floor has a white cloth covering their face and chest. One responder is holding a clipboard and looking at it, while the other is looking down at the person on the floor. The background shows a plain wall and a door.

**WE KNEW THAT WE WERE ON OUR OWN!**

**HOW TO RESPOND?**

# RISK

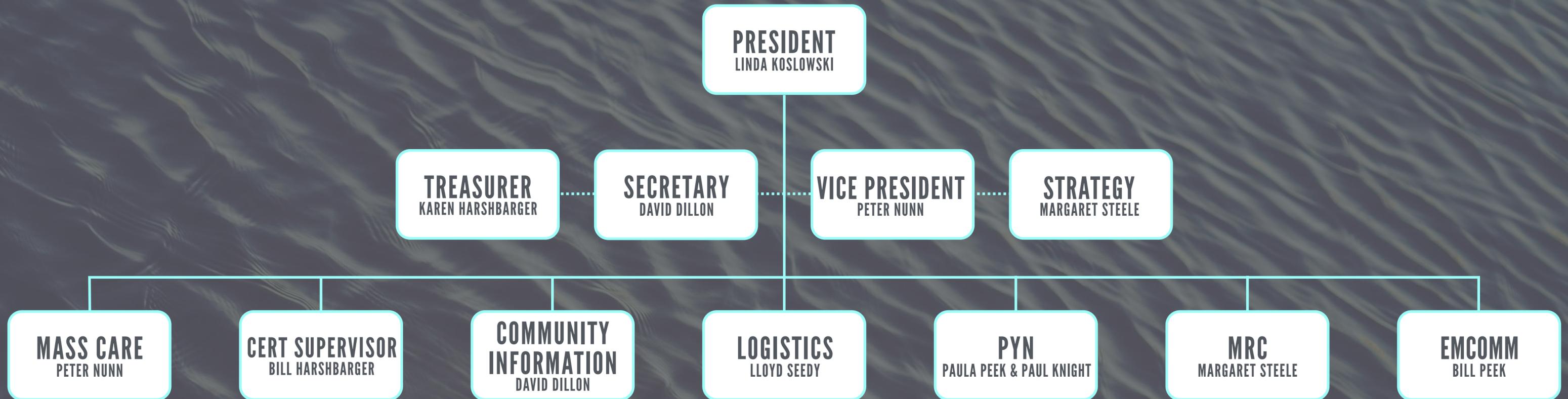
EASILY ISOLATION

WINTER STORMS AND  
LANDSLIDES

AND, OF COURSE.....  
THE CASCADIA EVENT

# VULNERABLE POPULATION

# OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE



# GOALS

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**CREATE** a culture of personal preparedness



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**PARTNER** with municipal agencies to ensure community resilience



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**PROVIDE** expanded and surge support for our emergency responders

A photograph showing two individuals in high-visibility yellow and blue safety vests practicing CPR on a mannequin lying on a dark floor. One person is kneeling and performing chest compressions, while the other stands nearby. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting an indoor training environment.

**HOW PREPARED ARE WE REALLY?**

**HOW DO YOU MEASURE PREPAREDNESS?**

A photograph of emergency responders in high-visibility yellow and blue vests practicing first aid on a mannequin lying on a floor. One responder is kneeling and using a device on the mannequin's chest, while another stands nearby. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting an indoor training environment.

**2015...**

**COMMUNITY WIDE SURVEY: SELF EVALUATION OF PERSONAL PREPAREDNESS**

**14%**

**OF OUR COMMUNITY FELT WELL-PREPARED**

**60%**

**OF OUR COMMUNITY FELT MODERATELY PREPARED**

# REVISED METHODOLOGY

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- **TEACH** personal preparedness courses in small groups
- **DEMONSTRATE** and promote community emergency preparations with drills, assembly site expansion and ready shelters
- **ESTABLISH** regional guidelines for a well-prepared community
- **SUPPORT** emergency responders proactively

# BY 2017 OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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- To our knowledge, **ONLY** mass care plan in state
- Working closely with DOGAMI, expanded our Assembly Sites so that everyone can get all assembly sites **WITHIN 10 MINUTES** from inundation zones
- **EXPANDED CLASSES** to include: EmComm (YR101 and YR102), Shelter in Place (Camping at Home), Personal Emergency Medical strategy, developed a PYN 101-Neighbors Helping Neighbors, ATC20/Critical Structures, Water Sanitation and Hygiene for personal preparation and Wayfinding (Getting to High Ground)
- Expanded Map Your Neighborhood to more effective **NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR**
- **REGIONAL AGREEMENT** on Mission, Vision for Community Preparedness and Resilience
- **OEM HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT** to develop sustainability strategy

# DIVISIONS

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## MOBILIZING AND TRAINING OUR LOCAL VOLUNTEER RESPONSE



**NHN:**  
NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS



**EMCOMM:**  
HAM AND BAOFENG YELLOW RADIO



**MRC:**  
MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS



**SHELTERS:**  
SHELTERING AFTER A NATURAL DISASTER



**WaSH:**  
WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE



**CERT:**  
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM



**WAYFINDING:**  
EVACUATE TO SAFETY



**GO BAGS:**  
SURVIVAL ESSENTIALS

# PREPARE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS



After a major disaster, our communities may be forced to “go it alone” for an extended period of time. Local emergency responders will be overwhelmed. Organizing your neighborhood will help you – and neighbors – survive. Help organize your neighborhood. EVCNB can help.

# GO BAGS

GRAB AND GO BAG OF THREE-DAY SURVIVAL ESSENTIALS



A “Go Bag” is an emergency bag filled with the essential items you will need to survive for three days during a disaster. This bag may be all you have.

Prepare a Go Bag light enough to carry, and keep it up to date. EVCNB can help.

# EMCOMM

COMMUNICATION CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE



Your small, hand-held “yellow radio” will be among the most powerful tools you have in a disaster - connecting you to critical information, emergency help, family and friends.

Have a Yellow Radio, learn to use it in a Yellow Radio class and practice, practice, practice!

# WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

SURVIVE WITHOUT RUNNING WATER AND FLUSH TOILETS



We know from other natural disasters that clean water and adequate hygiene are absolutely critical to survival. Take a WaSH class, have the right gear, be prepared.

# SHELTERING

## THE ART OF EMERGENCY CAMPING



During a disaster and depending on where you live, sheltering in your home—even if it is damaged—may be your best option. You may need to know where community emergency shelters will be located. Learn about and prepare for your shelter – at home or in a community facility.

# WAYFINDING

EVACUATE TO SAFETY



After an earthquake and before a tsunami hits you will have extremely limited time to get to a safe location.  
Know your routes to safety wherever you are.  
Practice with neighbors and co-workers.

# COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

VOLUNTEERS HELPING FIRST RESPONDERS



CERT volunteers are trained and equipped to support first responders during an emergency or disaster. Take our training course, become a certified CERT volunteer and help expand our ability to respond to disasters.

# MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

SUPPORTS MEDICAL NEEDS AFTER A DISASTER



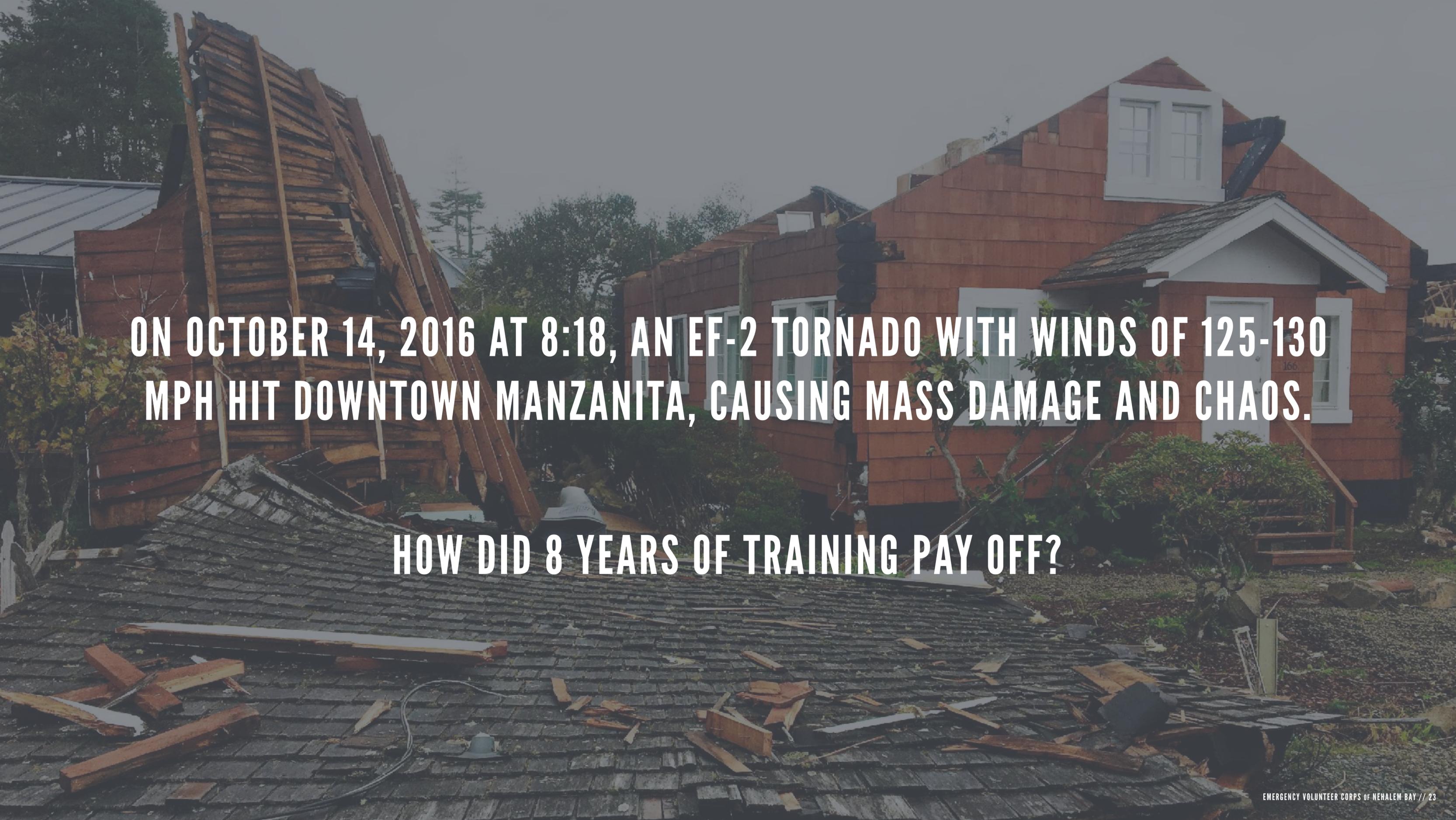
During a disaster, access to medical care will be limited.

Prepare a personal First Aid Kit for your medical needs, have a month's supply of prescription medications, learn basic First Aid. Volunteer your medical skills to help our community be prepared.

# CONVENER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

ENGAGING OUR CITIES AND AGENCIES TO MAKE SURE WE ARE FOCUSED AND ALIGNED

- **CITIES: MANZANITA, NEHALEM, WHEELER**
- **FIRE DISTRICT**
- **SCHOOL DISTRICT**
- **WASTER WATER DISTRICT**
- **CLINICS**
- **COAST GUARD**
- **PORTS**



**ON OCTOBER 14, 2016 AT 8:18, AN EF-2 TORNADO WITH WINDS OF 125-130 MPH HIT DOWNTOWN MANZANITA, CAUSING MASS DAMAGE AND CHAOS.**

**HOW DID 8 YEARS OF TRAINING PAY OFF?**

# 2016 TORNADO RESPONSE

## DIVISION RESPONSE SUMMARY



### CERT

42 CERTS ON SCENE  
WITHIN 30 MINUTES  
TO SUPPORT POLICE,  
FIRE, AND PUBLIC  
WORKS

### EMCOMM

SET UP NET CONTROL  
TO SYSTEMATICALLY  
CONVEY INFORMATION  
FROM INCIDENT  
COMMAND

### PYN

PROVIDED  
SITUATIONAL  
ANALYSIS OF  
DAMAGE WHICH  
FOCUSED RESPONSE

### SHELTER TEAM

SET UP COMMUNITY  
CENTER FOR THOSE  
WHOSE HOMES HAD  
BEEN DAMAGED

### RED CROSS

HAD SHELTER TEAM  
ON STANDBY

### MRC

HAD MEDICAL  
PROFESSIONALS ON  
STANDBY FOR  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
AND SHELTER  
RESPONSE

### REHAB

PROVIDED FOOD  
FOR RESPONDERS

# NEXT STEPS

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HOW CAN OUR RESPONSE BE SCALED AND IMPROVED TO HANDLE A LARGER INCIDENT?

Work in close partnership with local and state agencies, including the State Emergency Response Team (SERT) and the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) to ensure that our response is coordinated and effective.

## MAIN CONCERN:

How would we shelter a large number of people for an extended period of time?

**THE MASS CARE PLAN IS OUR ROADMAP... BUT LOTS OF WORK YET TO DO!**

# TOGETHER WE CAN ACCOMPLISH SO MUCH...

THE GOOD NEWS IS **ANYONE** CAN DO WHAT WE HAVE DONE!

**NEEDS**



THREAT



A DEDICATED TEAM



COMMUNITY  
PARTNERSHIPS



ENGAGING & INCLUSIVE  
ACTIVITIES

# CHALLENGES

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**SUSTAINABILITY**



**LEADERSHIP SUCCESSION**



**FUNDING**



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