

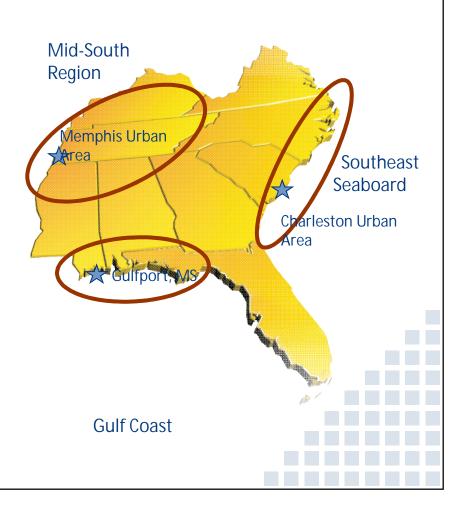


A Community on the Frontline Practical Lessons from Charleston, SC

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CARRI Community Partnerships

- Three southeastern cities became partners in 2007
 - Memphis, TN
 - Gulfport, MS
 - Charleston, SC



Just a little bit disaster prone



Charleston – geostrategic importance

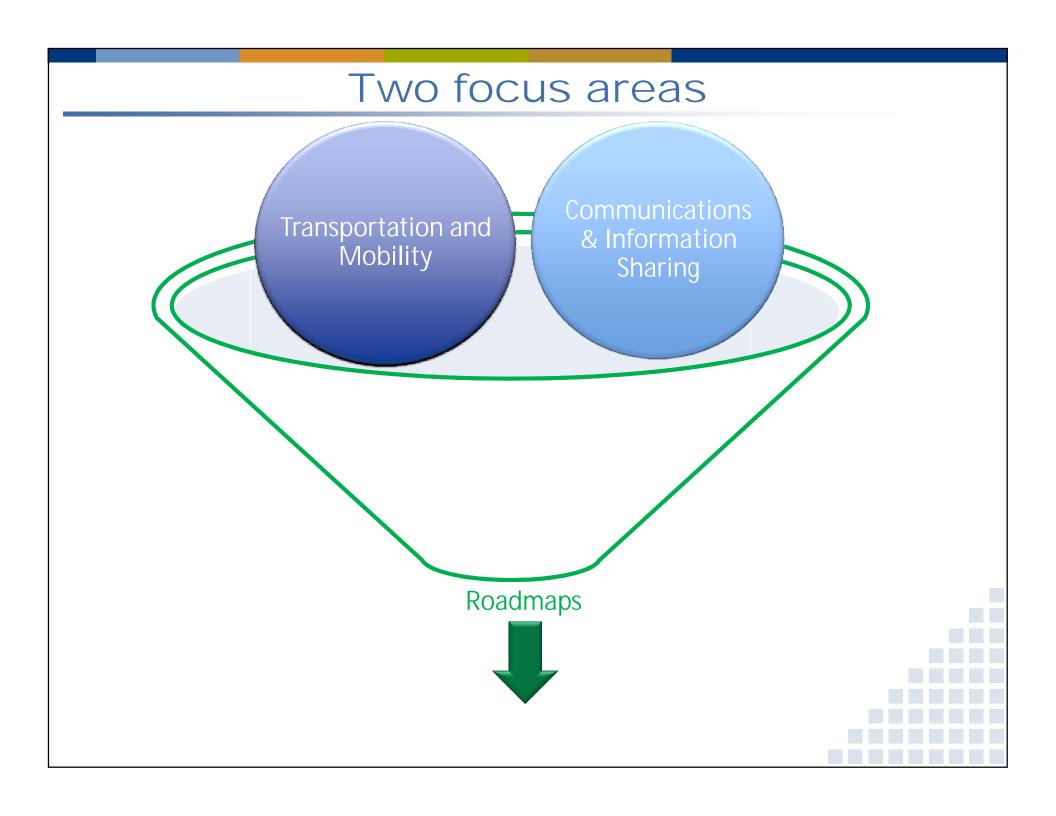
- One of the busiest container ports along Southeast and Gulf coasts supply chain
 - Major supplier to BMW, Boeing
 - One of few ports that accepts nuclear material (Savannah River Nuclear Power Plant)
- Significant military presence
 - Naval Weapons Station, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (12,500 personnel)
 - Charleston Air Force (7,000 personnel)



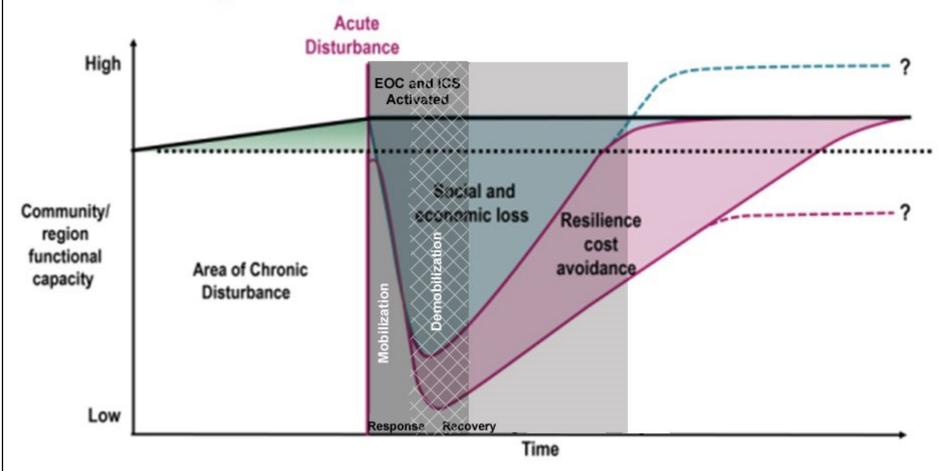
The Charleston-area experience: Assessment and engagement

- Nearly 4 years intense examination of resilience
- Practical community experience, research, and policy relevance
- Engaged 100s of local stakeholders – public, private, non-profit
- Identified 12 community functions related to community resilience for potential improvement





Resilience provides significant economic benefits, today and tomorrow



Model: Dr. Mary Ellen Hynes, DHS (2001); Blair Ross, ORNL; CARRI 2008 ©

TWO IMPORTANT LESSONS

- Regionalism makes us stronger
- Collaboration makes us more resilient



Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Resilience Communications Network (RCN)

- Initial task force formed 2009
 - Improved reach to and integration of nongovernment and private partners
 - More targeted and effective communication messaging
 - Improved recovery communication

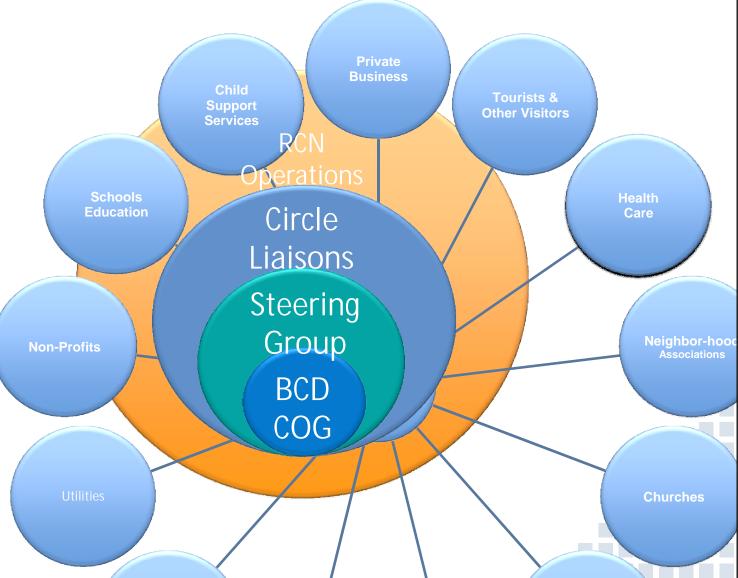


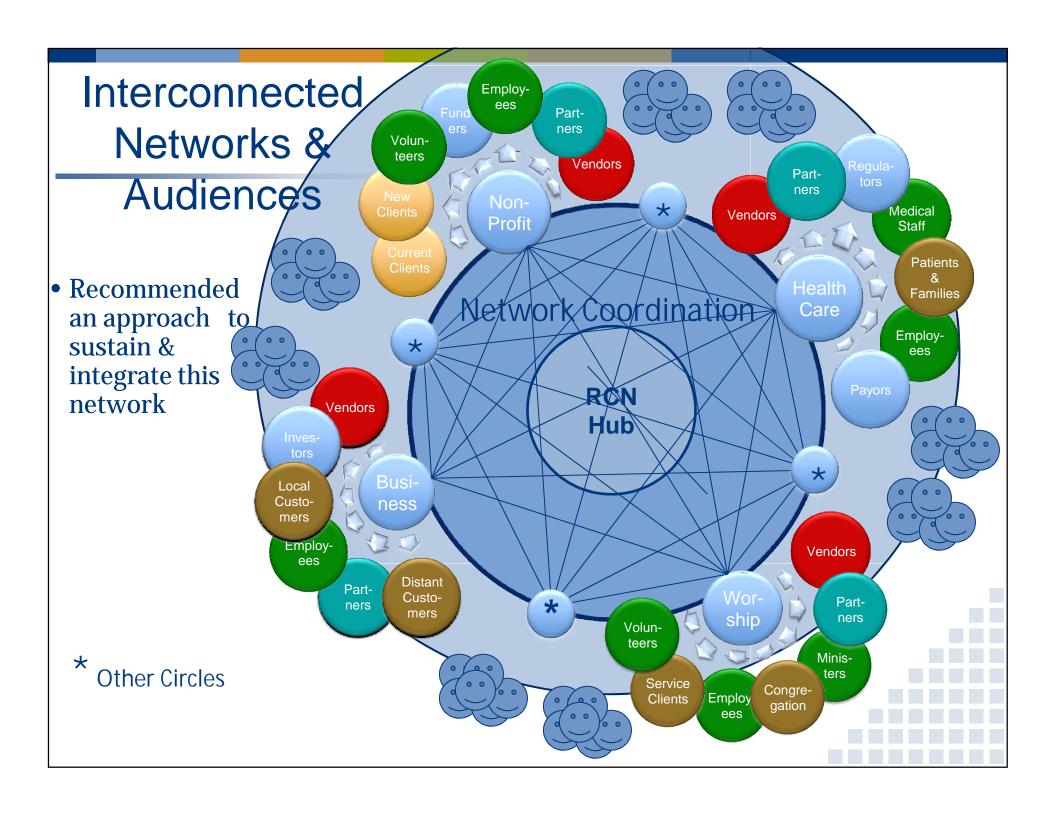
Resilience Communication Network

Initial Recommendations



- Small steering group
- Clear charter
- Integrated with existing regional communications





The model: VOAD = a network of networks



- •A <u>forum</u> where organizations share knowledge and resources throughout the disaster cycle—preparation, response and recovery—to help disaster survivors and their communities.
- •Members of National VOAD form a <u>coalition</u> of nonprofit organizations that respond to disasters as part of their overall mission.

Three community resilience champions **Charleston Metro Trident United Way** Chamber of Commerce **BCDCOG Resilience Communication Network**

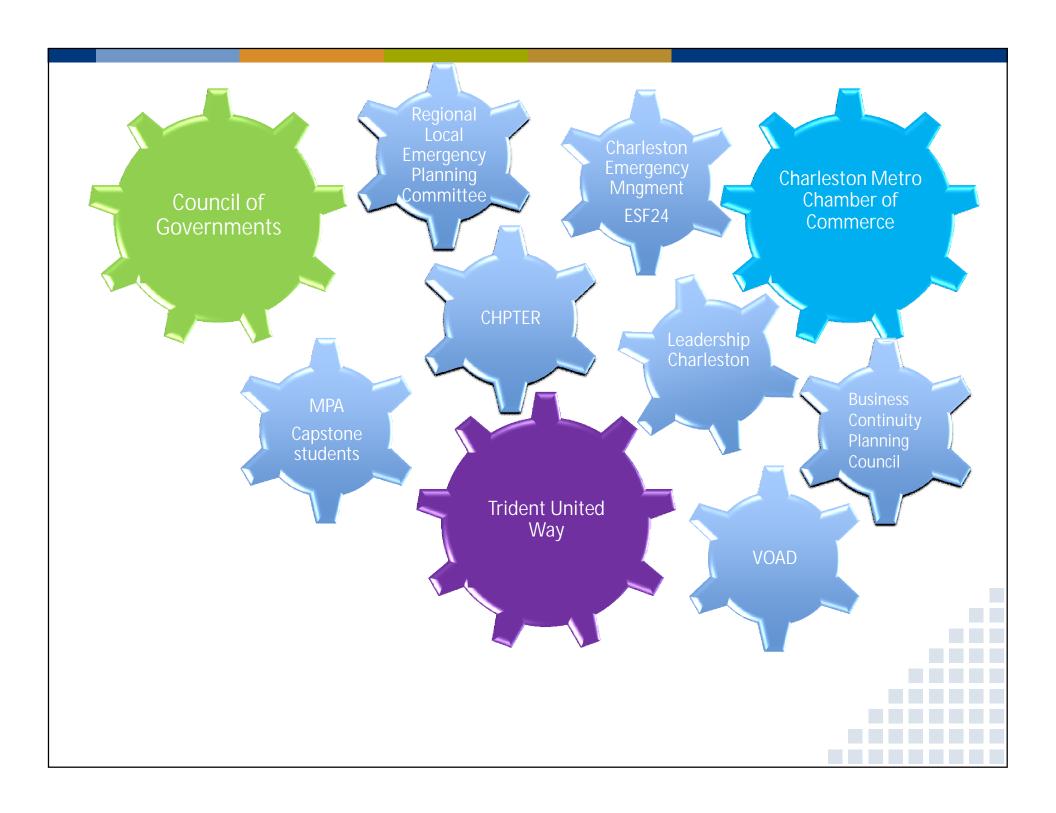
Building Resilience through a "Network of Networks"

Government Networks

BCDCOG

Business/Industry Networks

Charleston Metro Chamber Trident United Way Non-profit Networks



Leveraging resources thru service learning

3 examples from Charleston

- Leadership Charleston team
 - Contributed to the communication network connecting to the business community
- College of Charleston Masters of Public Administration capstone class
 - Contributed to the communication network connecting to youth and at-risk populations
- AmeriCorps team
 - Developed Trident Disaster Guide to help non-profits prepare, respond and recover from disaster
 - Worked with non-profits on their disaster readiness
 - Contributed to CHPTER

A Growing Resilience Network in the Tricounty

ESF 24 (Business and Industry)

Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce developing and supporting resilience projects and initiatives:

- -- Business Continuity Council helps businesses develop and practice continuity of operations plans
- -- Leadership Charleston team is helping to improve disaster communications in the business community

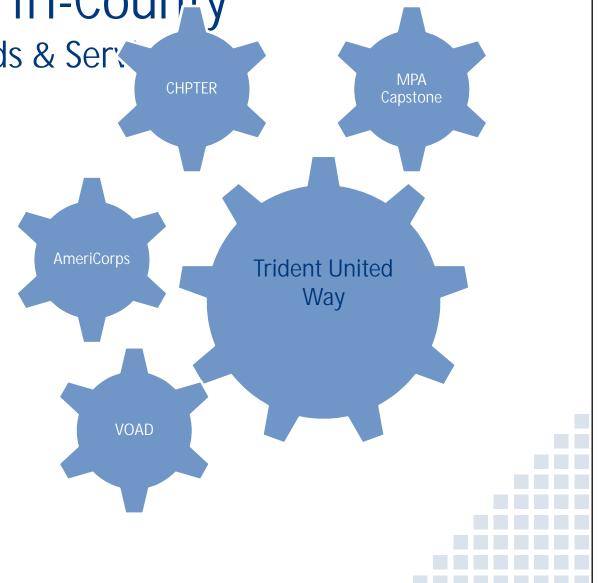


A Growing Resilience Network in the Tri-County

ESF 18 (Donated Goods & Serv

Trident United Way developing and supporting resilience projects and initiatives:

- -- Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)
- -- AmeriCorps
- -- Center for Health Care Professionals Trained in Emergency Response (CHPTER)
- -- College of Charleston Master of Public Adm "Capstone" students



Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester County EMDs









National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

Promoting Cooperation, Communication, Coordination and Collaboration in Disaster Response

Summerville Presbyterian Church







PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, INC.

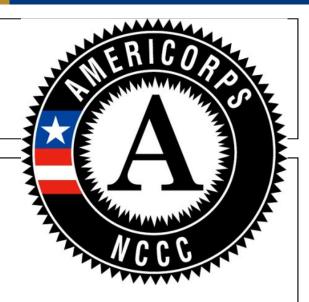




AmeriCorps

Five service areas

- Disaster Relief
- Infrastructure Improvement
- Environmental Stewardship
- Energy Conservation
- Urban and Rural Development



Service by region



Sponsor a Team

- Who can apply
 - Non-profits—secular and faith based
 - Local municipalities
 - State governments
 - Federal government
 - National or state parks
 - Indian tribes
 - Schools
- Responsibilities of a sponsorship
- Visit <u>www.americorps.gov</u> to fill out the application

Three teams in Charleston:

- -Agency Team
- -Leadership Team
- -CHPTER Team

The Task of Leadership

To create a Trident Disaster Guide to help non-profits prepare, respond and recover from disaster



Trident Disaster Guide

Preparedness, Response and Recovery for Non-profits



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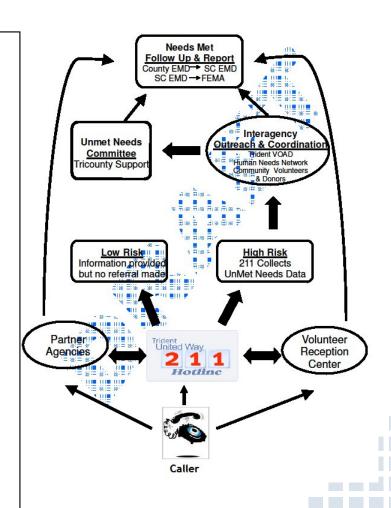
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Interagency Coordination

- •TUW role in disasters
- Coordination of information and
- volunteers
- Agency responsibilities
- •Flow chart of the process
- •Client information release form





CHPTER

Center for Health Professional Training and Emergency Response



Regionalism & collaborations contribute to resilience

THE CENTER FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (CHPTER)



CHPTER

ommunity project, serving as South Carolina's first collaborative emergency preparedness training center for healthcare workers. CHPTER will fill a critical healthcare worker training gap and enhance surge capability in our region by giving health professionals hands on lessons that will protect and save patient lives.

CHPTER's Coalition

- MUSC and MUHA
- South Carolina Medical Association
- South Carolina Hospital Association
- South Carolina DHEC, Region 7
- Roper Hospital Trident Health System

- Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital East Cooper Hospital Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center Naval Health Facility of Charleston South Carolina AHEC

- Trident Technical College
- MUSC, National Crime Victims Center
- SPAWAR (Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command) South Carolina State Ports Authority
- Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce
- EMS, FIRE and Law Enforcement Agencies







"Working together has made us stronger."

-Jason Patno, Charleston County Emergency Manager

BERKELEY-CHARLESTON-DORCHESTER

Local Emergency Planning Committee takes regional approach:

- Consider matters of regional interest/value
- \$50,000 Hazardous Materials
 Emergency Planning grant
- Lowcountry Hazards Center at the College of Charleston is conducting hazmat mapping and documentation

Lowcountry Wireless Data Project

- Collaboration of 10 coastal communities
- \$790,000 demonstration grant
- Clemson and Google Earth
- Handheld PDAs for emergency responders
- Useful to planners
- Statewide potential

LESSONS WORTH REPEATING

- Think regionally
- Think collaboratively
- Find a champion
- Involve the full fabric of the community
- Incorporate resilience into everyday thinking and planning
- Engage sustainable, renewable resources like AmeriCorp, Leadership Charleston, MPA students

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