Emergency Response & Operations

Discussion Summary

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1. Need for national communications interoperability standards – push for FCC recognition

2. Fix “first responder” problem
   – Transportation agencies should be first responders
   – Definition of first responder

3. Establish transportation agencies as direct recipients of financial resources

4. Succession planning (loss of institutional knowledge, maintaining staff experience)
5. Recovery planning for catastrophic damage
6. Contra-flow plans for “no notice” events (communications between states & locals, law enforcement & DOTs, modes, etc.)
7. Inter-agency coordination during evacuations, particularly with areas where evacuees are headed (state to state, state/local, etc)
8. Transportation role in evacuation (fuel, food, water, etc.)
9. National web-based Emergency Operations Center (but challenge for field personnel)
10. Web resource on emergency response legislation/laws in states
11. Training needs – Lessons learned/How to avoid “reinventing the wheel” among states
12. Exercises and drills – how to bring DOTs to the table with other agencies
13. Pandemic planning/response
   – Are agencies developing pandemic flu plans?
   – Shortage of flu-related supplies
   – Pandemic response teams should have DOTs in loop
14. Executive summaries of research completed