DART / Mutual Aid

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What drove this effort by the CFB?

– Previous experience with disasters
– Desire to assist other UPA’s
– Firestorms
– CCDEH efforts
• CUPA Forum Environmental Trust Fund Effort
DART?
Disaster Assessment
Recovery Teams or
Response Teams

Need a new name!
D-RATS?
HMAT?
EHMRT
What is the idea behind mutual aid?

“If I help you this time, you’ll help me when I have a need.”
DARTs provide UPA-to-UPA emergency assistance to support recovery and mitigation.
DARTS perform inspections of buildings, facilities, and residences impacted by a DISASTER.
DART concept
Assistance During Large/Significant Disasters – How is that defined?
Depending on the Disaster Needs are different??
Talking about California Situations??

EARTHQUAKES
LARGE FIRES
CIVIL UNREST
FLOODS
TSUNAMIS
Disaster Assessment Work

Major spills/releases addressed
- Need identified for DARTS
- Assessment Tools – eyes, knowledge of industry, training, experience
- Safety is a big issue
FIRES?...

- Damage Assessment Teams
- HM Assessment / Removal
- Solid Waste / Debris
- EH Issues
MUTUAL AID ISSUES

• PEOPLE
• STRUCTURE
• TRAINING
• DEPLOYMENT
• COSTS
• LOGISTICS
PEOPLE
‘are the primary resource’

• Credentials
• Depends on the need EH/HM
• Many UPAs in FD’s
• Types based on capability and PPE
• Respond as teams or as single resources
TRAINING
‘is necessary and a challenge’

- Plan outlines Training
- Assumes HM Basics
- H&S Training is Critical
- Emergency Management
- Fitness
- Certification/Qualification
- “Trainees”
DEPLOYMENT
‘regionally first’

• IC Managers must assess short and long term needs
• Work within ICS – Sustain into recovery/mitigation
• Logistics – be prepared
• Transportation
• Length of Deployment
DART...
deployment **COSTS** may be **REIMBURSED** for declared emergencies
Issues
‘this is a first draft’

- Agreements
- Process of requesting resources
- Training
- Drills/Exercises
- Bring in managers to support your operations
Issues
‘this is a first draft’

- Finalize Mutual Aid Document
- Marketing/Sales
- Advanced ICS Training
- Have to sustain the idea
- Backfilling
- Look at recent experience
DART...

Participation is **VOLUNTARY**

All UPAs are encouraged to **PARTICIPATE** to create a **ROBUST** mutual aid system
How quickly will your community recover when disaster strikes?
DARTs...are your recovery asset!

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