



# Newaygo County Emergency Management

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# What is Emergency Management



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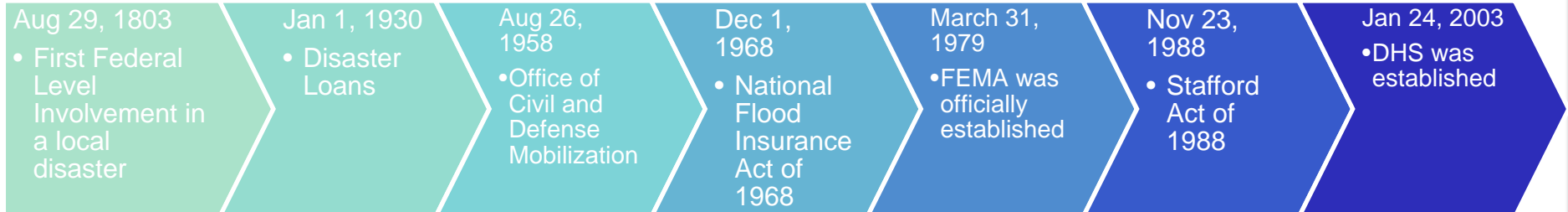
- ◆ **Emergency Management is the coordination and integration of all activities necessary to build, sustain, and improve the capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, or mitigate against threatened or actual natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other manmade disasters.**



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# History of Emergency Management

1966 – Civil Defense Director  
Victor R. Johnson



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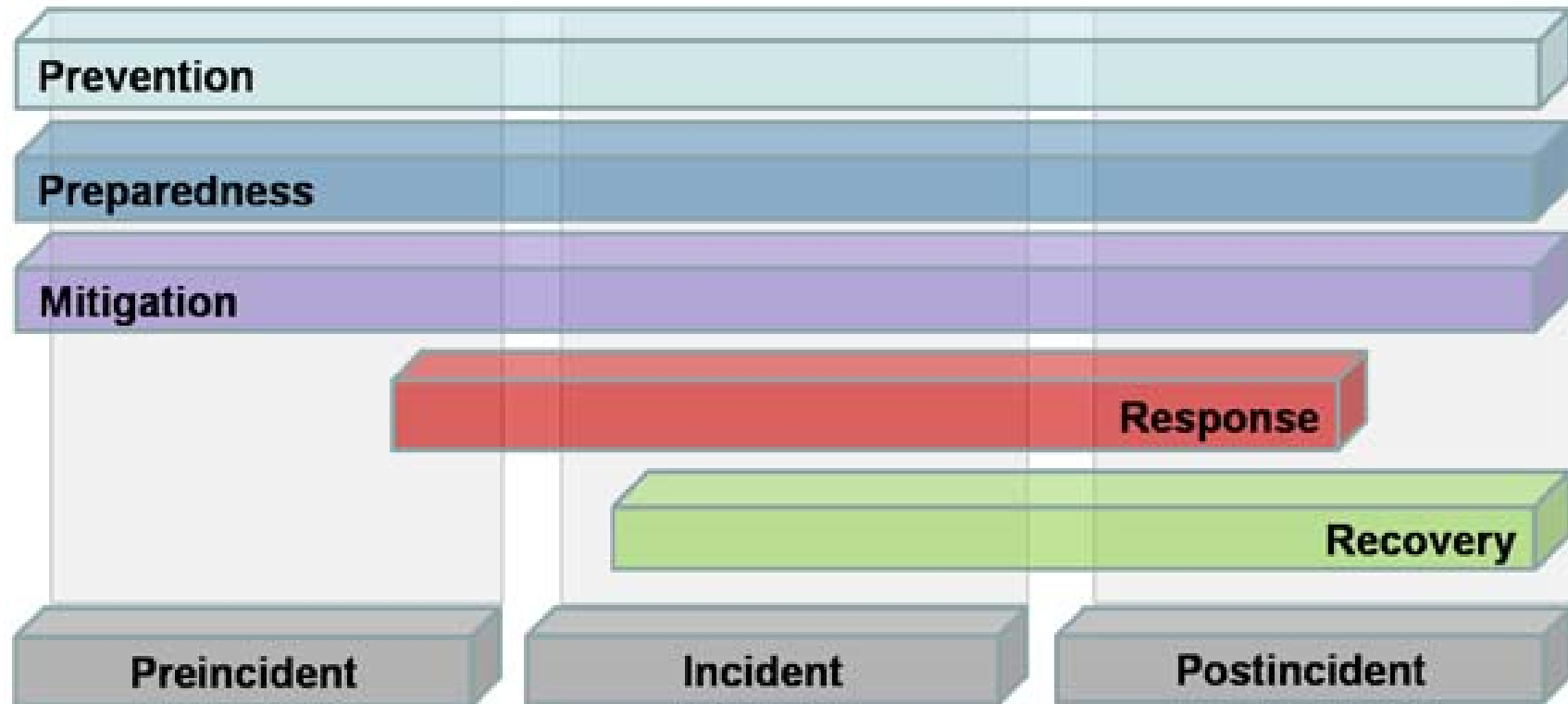


# Goal of Emergency Management

- ◆ Save lives
- ◆ Prevent property damage
- ◆ Minimize damage to the environment.



# Five Phases of Emergency Management



# Preparedness Cycle



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**UNITING COMMUNITIES  
PREPARING THE NATION**

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The mission of the Citizen Corps is to harness the power of every individual through education, training, and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds.



Visual 1.7





# History of Citizen Corps

- ◆ Following the tragic events that occurred on September 11, 2001, state and local government officials have increased opportunities for citizens to become an integral part of protecting the homeland and supporting the local first responders.
- ◆ In January 2002, the President of the United States launched Citizen Corps, to capture the spirit of service that emerged throughout our communities following the terrorist attacks.
- ◆ Citizen Corps was created to help coordinate volunteer activities that will make our communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to any emergency situation.
- ◆ It provides opportunities for people to participate in a range of measures to make their families, their homes, and their communities safer from the threats of crime, terrorism, and disasters of all kinds.

# Newaydo County Volunteer Programs



## Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

- ◆ To provide area residents and first responders with a quality resource for safety education, hazard mitigation, emergency response assistance, and other volunteer efforts.



## Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

- ◆ To serve citizens and communities, by establishing a team of medical and professional healthcare volunteers, and non-medical volunteers to strengthen the health care infrastructure and too improve emergency preparedness.

# Who are we?

- ◆ ER Doctors and Nurses
- ◆ Firefighters and Medical First Responders
- ◆ Social Workers
- ◆ Amateur Radio Operators
- ◆ Medical Administrators
- ◆ Local DPW Workers
- ◆ Volunteers from Victim Services
- ◆ Teachers
- ◆ Your Neighbors
- ◆ Co-Workers
- ◆ Family and Friends









# What are we trained to do?

## Basic Required Training (20 Hour National Course)

- ◆ Incident Command
- Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Safety
- Disaster Medical
- ◆ Light Search and Rescue
- ◆ Disaster Psychology
- ◆ Terrorism and CERT



Visual 1.12



# What are we trained to do?

## Traffic Control for special events



Visual 1.13



What are we trained to do?

All of our CERT and MRC Volunteers are  
American Heart CPR and AED Certified



Visual 1.14



What are we trained to do?

Moulage Patients for disaster drills.



Visual 1.15



# What are we trained to do?

## Decontamination of Hazardous Materials



Visual 1.16

# What are we trained to do?

## Triage and Treat patients during a Mass Casualty Incident





What are we trained to do?

Operate First Aid Stations during special events.



Visual 1.18

## Phase 3 - Response



“We can’t control when or where a terrible storm may strike,” stated President Obama, “but we can control how we respond to it.”



# Disaster Assistance



Visual 1.20



# Damage Assessment





# Door to Door Evacuation



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Visual 1.23



# Wilderness Search and Rescue



Visual 1.24

# Set up of Alternate Care Sites and Red Cross Shelters



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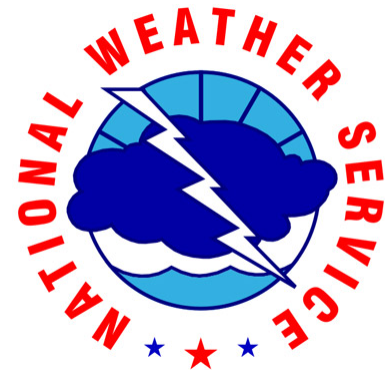
# Providing Rehab for Firefighters



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# Monitor and report Severe Weather



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# Rapidly deploy trained volunteers to support emergency response operations



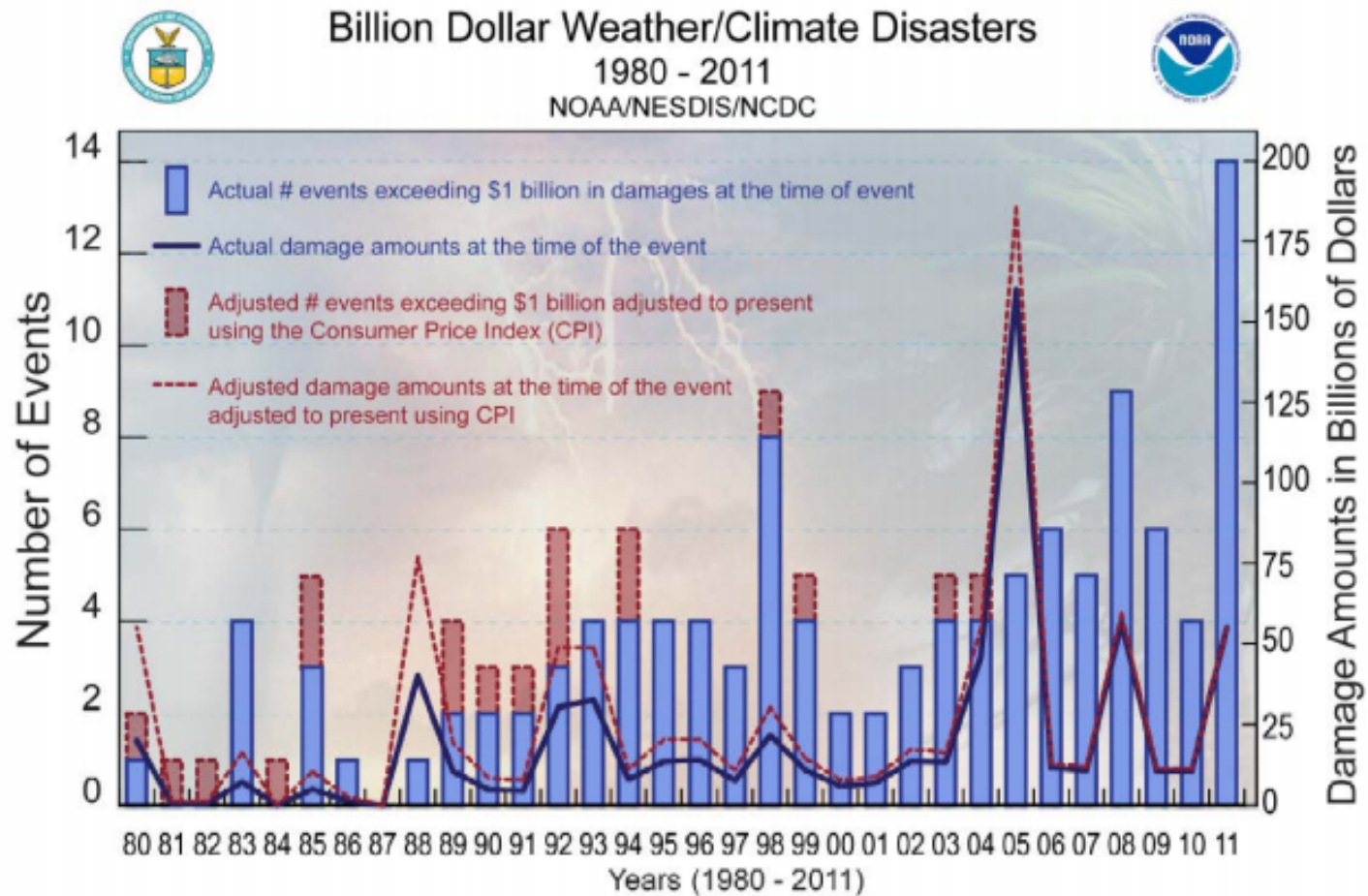
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**Why is  
Emergency  
Management  
important?**



# 2011: A Year of Extremes



**Fig. 1** US Billion-dollar Weather and Climate Disaster time series from 1980-2011 indicates the number of annual events exceeding \$1 billion in direct damages, at the time of the event and also adjusted to 2011 dollars using the Consumer Price Index (CPI)

2012

~ 349 Fatalities



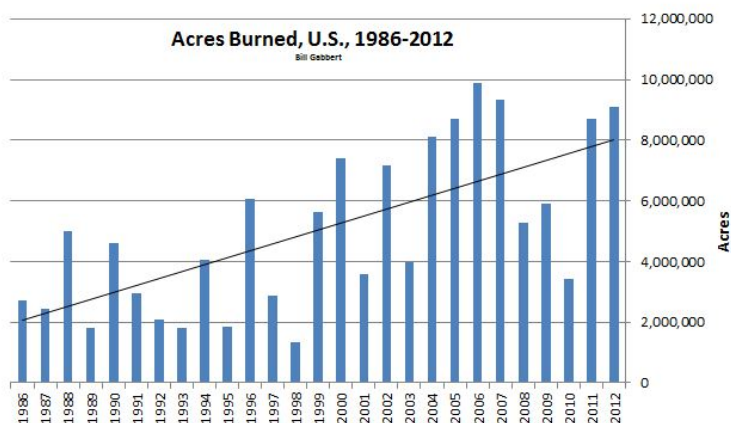
**546 Fatalities from  
1,676 Tornadoes**



**US Drought / Heatwave**



**Hurricane Sandy**



**9.09 Million Acres Burned**



**Devastating Blizzards**





We teach the community how to prepare for before, during, and after a crisis through outreach during different community wide events.





## Newaygo County CERT and MRC Teams

- Currently we have more than 30 CERT and MRC Members
- We have a meeting once a month at the Emergency Operations Center in White Cloud
- We participate in several trainings throughout the year
- We are always looking for interested volunteers

**ANY QUESTIONS?**



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