

# FLOODY WATERS

An EOC, An IMT,  
And the Evolving Relationship  
That Made It Work

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The 2013 Floods in Boulder, Colorado

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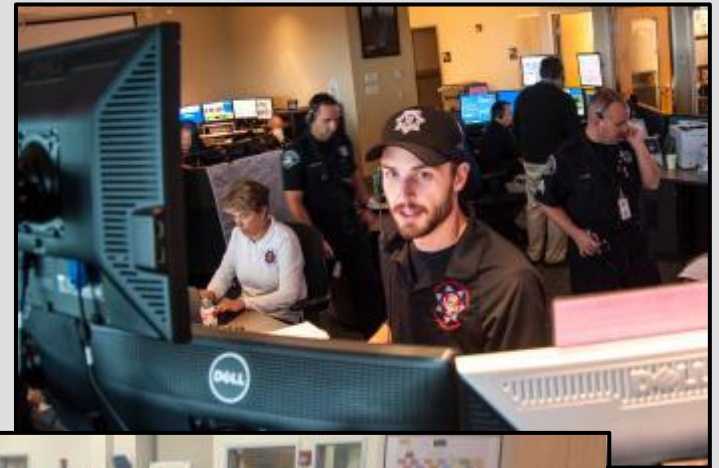


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# BOULDER EOC

- Situational Awareness
- Resource Mobilization
- Coordination & Partnerships
- Forge & Implement Dynamic Solutions
- Policy Group Management





# WHY IT MATTERED

- 1102 People Evacuated by Air
- 558 Animals Evacuated by Air
- 707 People Evacuated by Road
- Only Four Deaths



# RELATIONSHIPS, CONFLICTS & FAILURES





# IMTS & EOCS

- **Command & Control vs Coordination & Support**
- **Objectives**
- **Scope**
- **Authorities**
- **Resources**
- **Operational periods**
- **Management style**



# DELEGATION VS. DECLARATION



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- **Stafford Act**
- **Authority and financial responsibility**
- **Reimbursements or upfront costs**
- **Hiring**





# FLOOD EXPERIENCE: COMMAND VS. SUPPORT

- Jurisdictions maintained authority
- FPDs became branches or divisions
- Mission clarity



# SOLUTIONS: COMMAND VS. SUPPORT

- Delegation
- Transition



# FLOOD EXPERIENCE: AUTHORITY TO ORDER

- All-Hazards Declaration
- County and State Cost Share
- Interagency Dispatch





# SOLUTIONS: AUTHORITY TO ORDER



- Transition meeting
- Resource Mobilization Standards
- Informed IMT
- Ductile

# FLOOD EXPERIENCE: ALL-HAZARDS COMPLEXITY

- Footprint
- Hundreds of special districts
- Financial impacts



# SOLUTIONS: ALL-HAZARDS COMPLEXITY

- Scoping
- Understanding the geo-political environment
- Developed Field 213RR
- Creative collaboration





# IN THE END...



- Got the job done!
- Confidence and trust
- Learning
- Honest desire to improve

**“Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding.”**

**–Albert Einstein**

# QUESTIONS?



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*Thank  
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