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Briefing Overview

- ESF-8 Authorities

- ESF-8 Mission, Functional Areas, and Response Structure

- Hurricane Maria – ESF-8 Missions

- Hurricane Maria – ESF-8 Mission Enablers (Partners)

Federal Emergency Support Function-8 Mission

- HHS is the Lead Federal Agency for ESF-8
  - Can be activated by the Stafford Act or the Public Health Service Act

- Provides mechanism for coordinated Federal public health and medical assistance to supplement State, Tribal, and local resources

Authorities

- **Stafford Act**
  - Declared by President
- **Public Health Services Act (Sec 319) → PHE Declaration**
  - Declared by HHS Secretary
  - Health-related incidents (Opioid Crisis)
- **PREP Act**
  - Declared by HHS Secretary
  - Immunity from liability for administration/use of countermeasures (Ebola)
- **OpDiv/StaffDiv Authorities**
  - FDA: Emergency Use Authorization (via Food, Drug, Cosmetic Act)
  - ASPR: Declaration by the ASPR to release funds (Umpqua CC)

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Authorities
Stafford Act + PHE Declaration

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  - Removes certain bureaucratic barriers:
    - ✓ Medicaid, Medicare, CHIP requirements
    - ✓ Preapproval requirements
    - ✓ Federalizes state licences (Medicare and CHIP only)
    - ✓ EMTALA sanctions (pursuant to state response plan)
    - ✓ Waive certain HIPPA requirements

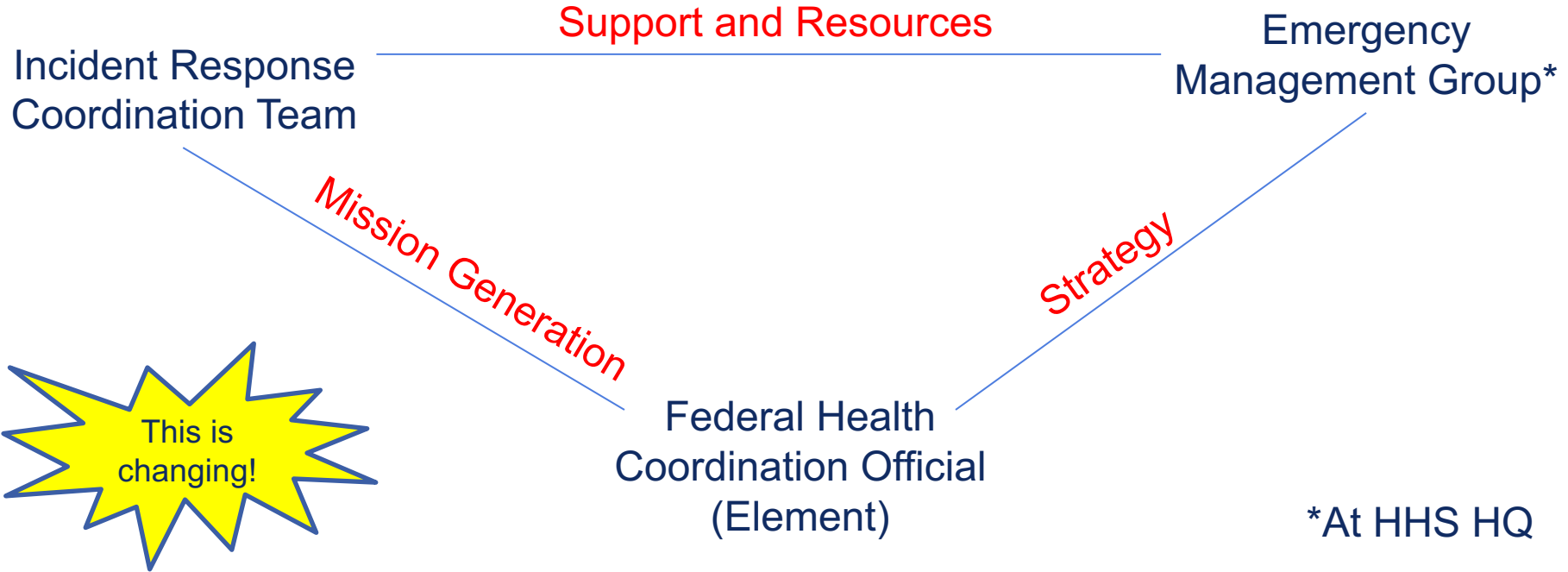**ASPR**

Core Functional Areas

- Assessment of public health/medical needs
- Health Surveillance
- Medical care personnel
- Health/medical/veterinary equipment and supplies
- Patient evacuation
- Patient care
- Safety and security of drugs, biologics, and medical devices
- Blood and blood products
- Agriculture safety and security
- All-hazard PH&M consultation, TA, and support
- Behavioral health care
- Public health and medical information
- Vector control
- Potable water/wastewater and solid waste disposal
- Mass fatality management, victim identification, and decontaminating remains
- Veterinary medical support

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Saving Lives. Protecting Americans.

Examples of Deployable Teams & Assets*

- Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMATs)
- Health & Medical Task Forces (HMTFs)
- Trauma & Critical Care Teams (TCCTs)
- Rapid Deployment Forces (RDFs x 5)
- Mental Health Teams (MHTs x 5)
- Applied Public Health Teams (APHTs)
- Strategic National Stockpile (Managed Inventory, Push Pack, Chem Pack, etc)
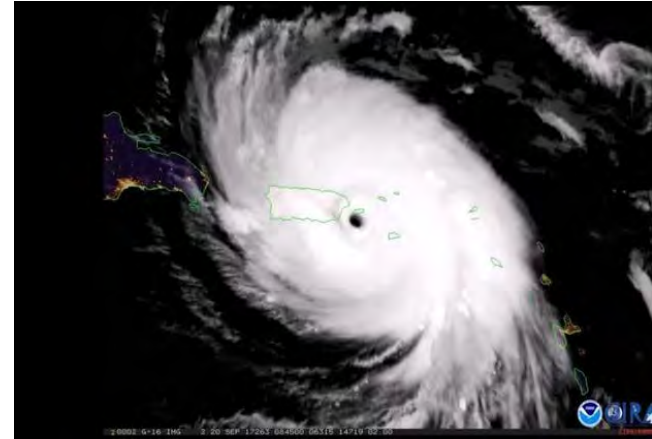
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Triad of HHS Response

Incident Response Coordination Team

Support and Resources

Emergency Management Group*

Mission Generation

Strategy

Federal Health Coordination Official (Element)
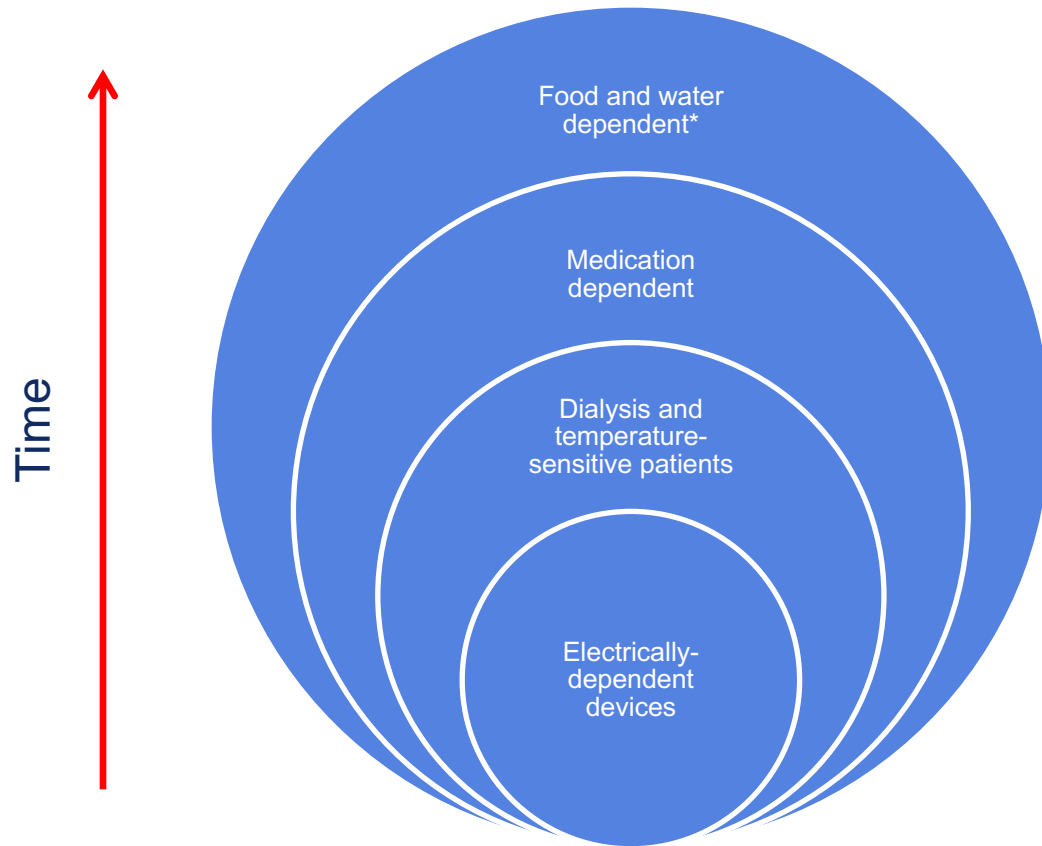
This is changing!

*At HHS HQ

2017 Major Activations
Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria

In-theatre ESF-8 Response Missions: "Stabilize and Evacuate"

- Medical care personnel (Stabilize HC system)
- Health/medical equipment and supplies (Stabilize HC system)
- Patient evacuation (Evacuate)
- Patient care (Stabilize HC system)

- Mass fatality management, victim identification, and decontaminating remains (Stabilize ME/Coroner System)

Time

Food and water dependent*

Medication dependent

Dialysis and temperature-sensitive patients

Electrically-dependent devices

*This is everyone

Atypical Mission Sets

- Mass Care in shelters
  - FMS vs Red Cross Shelters (personal assistants vs medical care)
- Seeking out individuals (ie in their homes) for movement
  - ESF-9
  - One exception – Dialysis and electrically-dependent device pts
- Personally delivering medications to individual households

ESF-8 Mission Enablers

- Puerto Rico Government (DoH, etc)
- ESF-1 Transportation
- ESF-2 Communications
- ESF-3 Public Works and Engineering (USACE)
- ESF-12 Energy
- ESF-13 Public Safety and Security
- Department of Defense
- Veteran's Administration
- FEMA
- Private sector

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Lessons Learned
2017 Hurricane Season

- There are never enough resources, ever

- Strategic direction/involvement from the SLTT is critical

- Aircraft are as critical as they are limited (ie – very)

- Logistics will define the response

- The human services tail is long, and very complicated

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QUESTIONS?