

National Service Disaster Scale and Other Disaster Initiatives



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Agenda

- DSU Overview
- National Service Disaster Scale
- Resources developed at Commission Convening
- Senior Corps Updates
- Looking Ahead
- Questions

CNCS Disaster Services Strategy

Build the capacity of national service network organizations to help states prepare, respond, recover and mitigate disasters and increase community resiliency.



What and Who is the DSU?

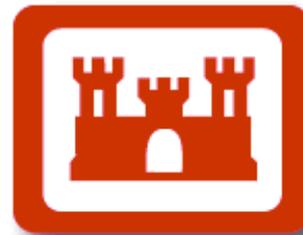
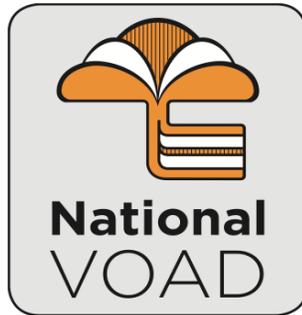
- Small but mighty
- DSU is the agency lead for Preparedness, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery



Partnerships



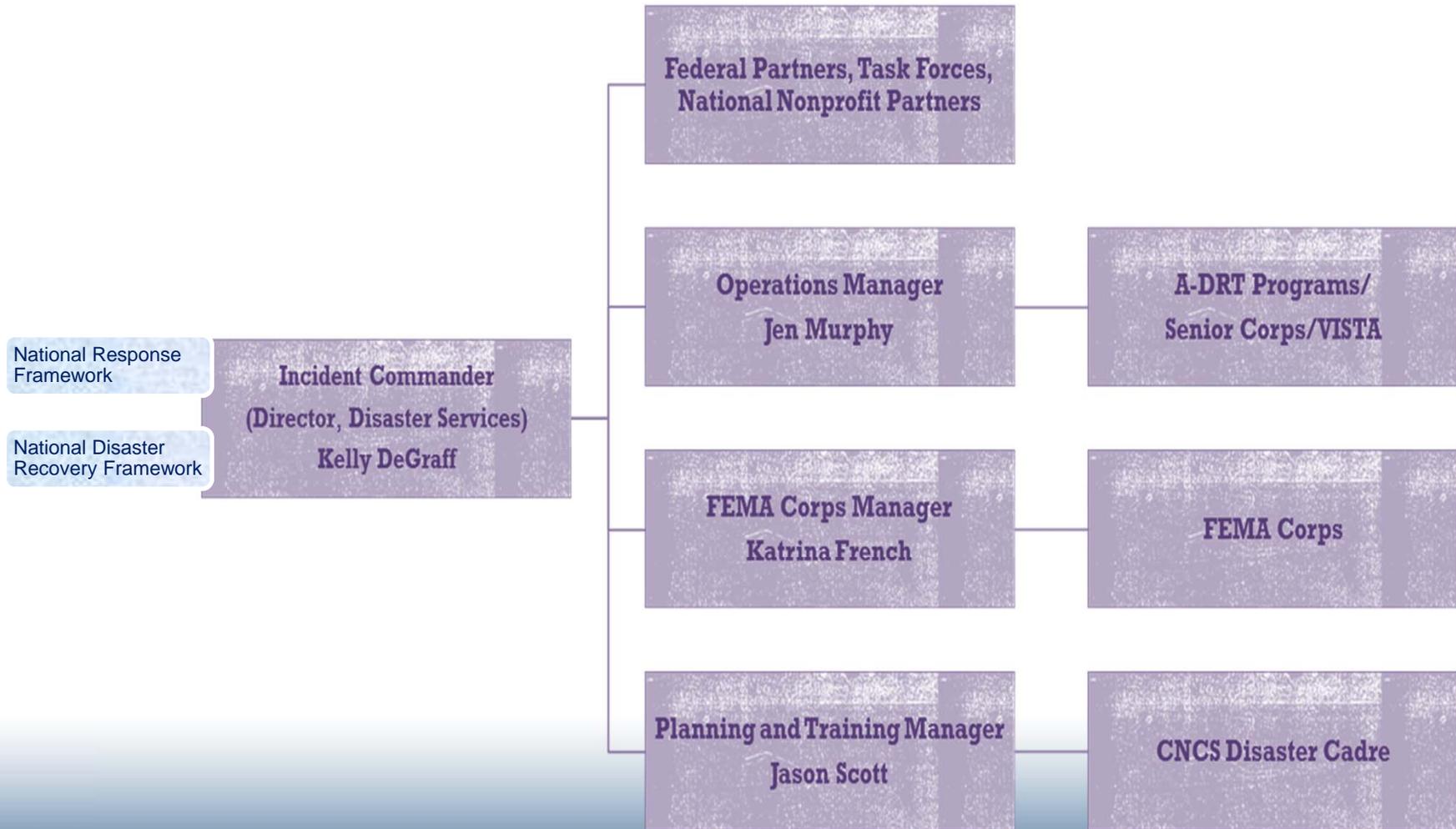
FEMA



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**



DSU Incident Command Structure



CNCS Disaster Resources

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Disaster
Response Team

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State/National

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VISTA

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NCCC

FEMA Corps

Senior Corps

State Service
Commissions

CNCS Cadre

Capabilities



Preparedness

- Preparedness education
- Accessibility improvements on homes and shelters

Mitigation

- Public information outreach
- Fuel reduction and prescribed burning to mitigate wildland fires

Response

- Volunteer base camp setup and operation
- Volunteer Coordination
- Warehouse management

Recovery

- Home construction / repair
- Needs Assessments / Case Management
- Long-term recovery committee support

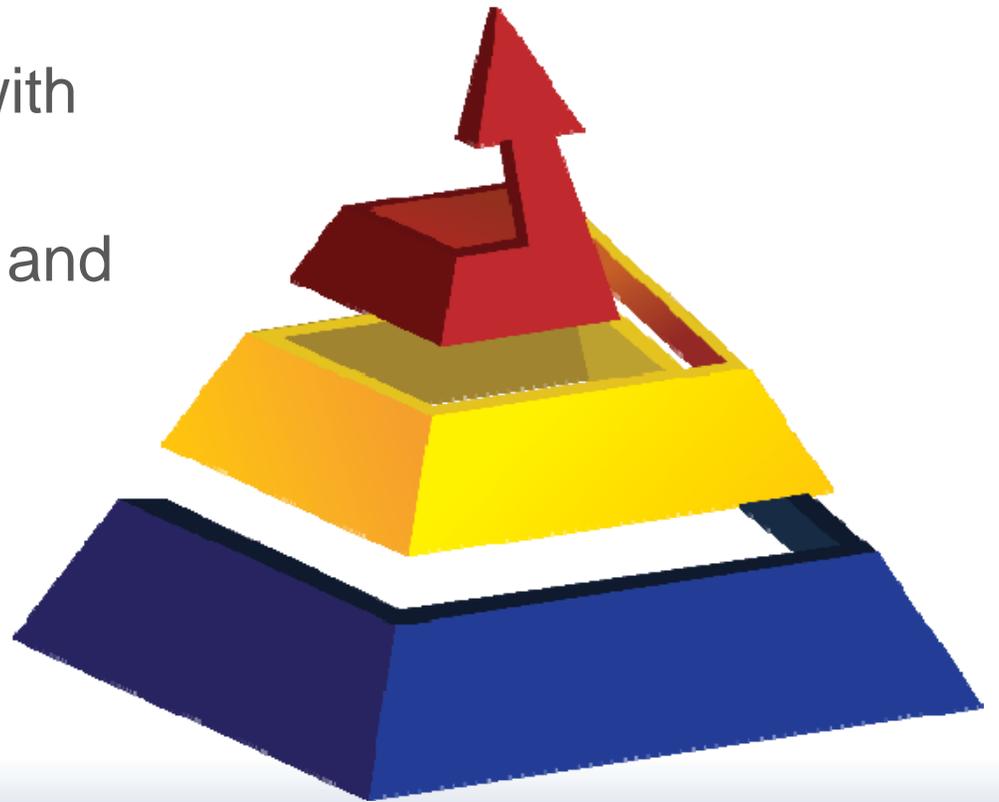
National Service Disaster Scale



- ***Connect***
- ***Train***
- ***Lead***

National Service Disaster Scale (NSDS)

- NSDS Tiered system
- Consistent framework with goals
- Provides best practices and resources



Blue Level

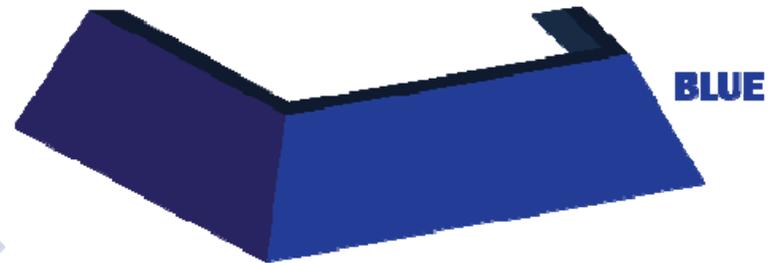


Attain

- Identify your existing level of disaster engagement
- Introductory meeting with Voluntary Agency Liaison
- Outreach meeting with VOAD
- Review DSU resources

Maintain

- Meet quarterly to discuss any disaster engagement
- Included on VOAD contact list
- Meet with the EMA twice a year to maintain relationship



Yellow Level

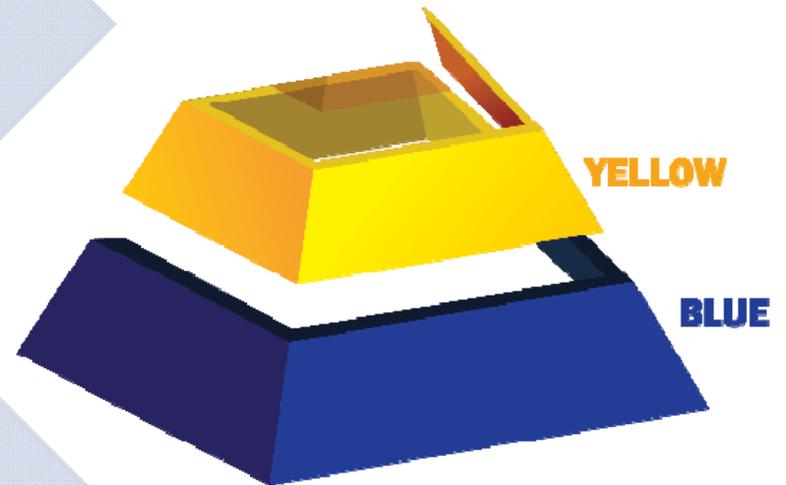


Attain

- State specific national service assets sheet
- Attend VOAD meetings
- Expand EMA network to include: mass care, donations, case management
- Staff complete disaster trainings

Maintain

- Attend VOAD meetings regularly
- Distribute state specific national service assets sheet
- Continue conversations with EMA on partnerships during “blue sky” and response
- Share training resources with programs and partners



Red Level

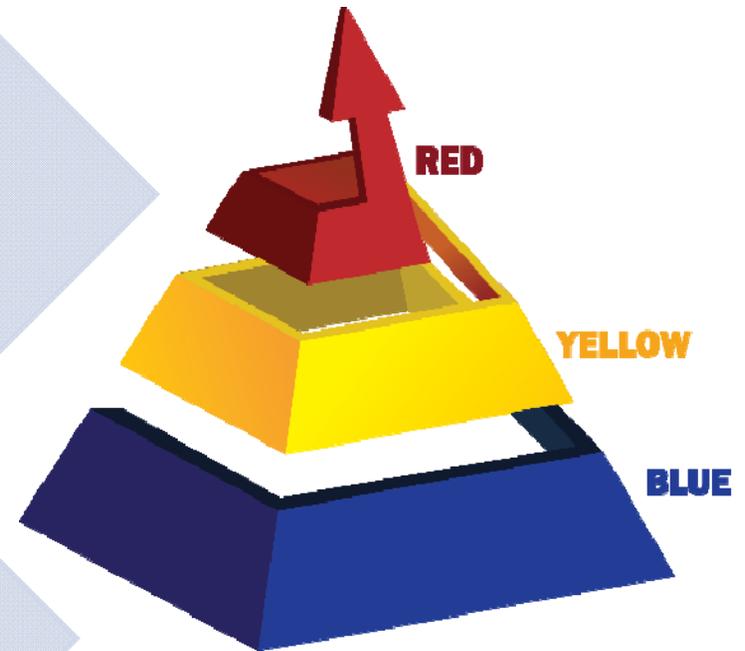


Attain

- Formal partnership with the local gov
- Designate staff member as primary disaster response contact
- Encourage all programs to have one disaster related training

Maintain

- Revisit formal agreement with local gov annually
- Deliver disaster related trainings to programs and community
- Mentor other communities to help raise their level on the NSDS



Resources in Development



**OUTCOMES FROM 2015
DISASTER SERVICES
COMMISSION CONVENING**

Convening Summary

- July 21-24, National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, WV
- 28 State Service Commissions
- Discussion and product development focused
- Templates have been in development since

Templates

- Infographics
 - EMA Partnership Models
 - In-State Deployment Models
 - Leveraging Non-Disaster Focus Area Program
- Document Template
 - Formal Partnership Agreement Templates
 - Commission Asset Handout
 - Asset Mapping Template

Templates

- Tip Sheet/Best Practices/Guidance
 - Social Media Best Practices
 - Commission Standard Operating Procedures
 - Tip Sheet for COAD/VOAD and Local Government Meetings
- Handouts/Supporting Documents
 - Disaster Training Lists
 - Commissions in Disaster
 - State Service Commissioner Talking Points

Senior Corps Initiatives



2016 INITIATIVES



Senior Corps Trainings

- 5 Regional Trainings (February – April)
 - Manchester, NH
 - Birmingham, AL
 - Springfield, IL
 - Kansas City, MO
 - Sacramento, CA
- Training Content
 - NSDS
 - Volunteer Reception Center
 - Case Management
 - Other disaster services
- Whole Community
 - RSVP Audience
 - Opportunity for Commission and grantees

Training and Technical Assistance Materials

- Toolkit for RSVP engaging disaster volunteers
 - Tip Sheets
 - Job Aids
 - Forms
- Materials in development
- Expected release end of 2015
- Public

Looking Ahead



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Looking Ahead

- NSDS
 - Resources/Templates to be reviewed, finalized, released
 - Continued direct support with States
 - State identification on NSDS
- A-DRT Training, November 2-6

Questions?

NATIONAL SERVICE DISASTER SCALE



IMPLEMENT & LEAD

TRAIN & PREPARE

IDENTIFY & CONNECT

NSDS

Elevating National Service in Disasters

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