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**“Getting Prepared” A Mass Fatality
Preparedness Workshop and
Tabletop**

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Welcome

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**Introduction and Background of a Mass Fatality
Incident (MFI)**

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What is a Mass Fatality Incident (MFI)?

A Mass Fatality Incident or MFI involves more fatalities and body parts than can be managed by available local resources; and may require assistance from neighboring counties, state and/or federal agencies.



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Why to plan for a Mass Fatality Incident?

- Several disastrous incidents have demonstrated the need to acknowledge and strengthen jurisdictional fatality management planning and response.
- In past two decades, several deadly disasters with large number of fatalities struck across the World, United States and Arizona.



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Historic Background of a Mass Fatality Incident

Few recent examples are as follows:

- **WORLDWIDE**
 - ✓ The Earthquake in Haiti in 2010 resulting in approximately 300,000+ deaths
 - ✓ The Indian Ocean Tsunami in 2004, resulting in over 250,000+ deaths
- **UNITED STATES**
 - ✓ Hurricane Katrina in 2005 producing over 1,500 fatalities
 - ✓ The September 11, 2001 tragic events in New York City resulting in 3,000 fatalities
 - ✓ The bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City in 1995 causing 168 fatalities
- **ARIZONA**
 - ✓ Yarnell Hill Fire in 2013 resulting in 19 City of Prescott firefighters deaths.



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All these catastrophic events have drawn **political and public health** attention to the necessity of preparing for events that produce overwhelming number of fatalities.

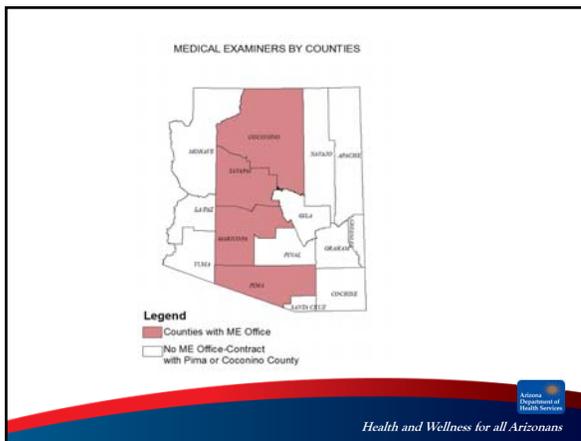
What is Fatality management (FM)?

Fatality management (FM) is:

- The ability to coordinate with other organizations (e.g., law enforcement, healthcare, emergency management, and medical examiner)
- To ensure the proper recovery, handling, identification, transportation, tracking, storage, and disposal of human remains and personal effects;
- To certify cause of death; and,
- To facilitate access to mental/behavioral health services to the family members, responders, and survivors of an incident.

Current Fatality Management Status in Arizona

- Arizona has no State Medical Examiner (ME)
- In Arizona, the ME is the person responsible for investigation, recovery and body disposition or release within their respective jurisdiction.
- There are 15 Counties in Arizona
- Only **four (4) counties** have a Medical Examiner Office:
 - ✓ Maricopa
 - ✓ Pima*
 - ✓ Coconino*, and
 - ✓ Yavapai



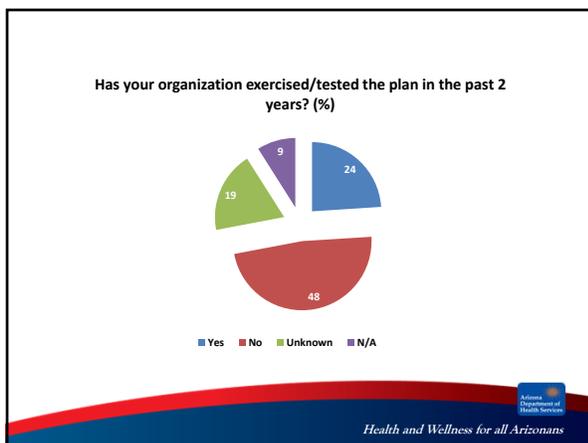
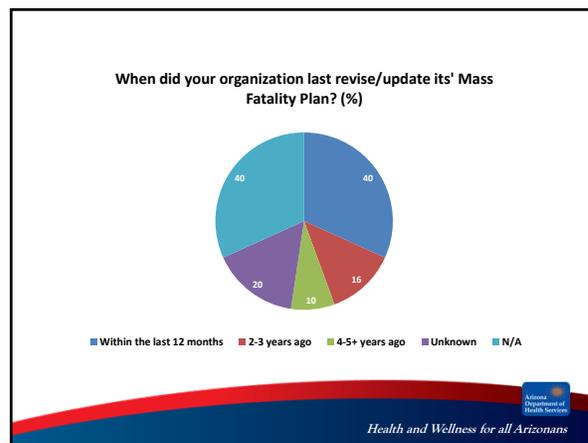
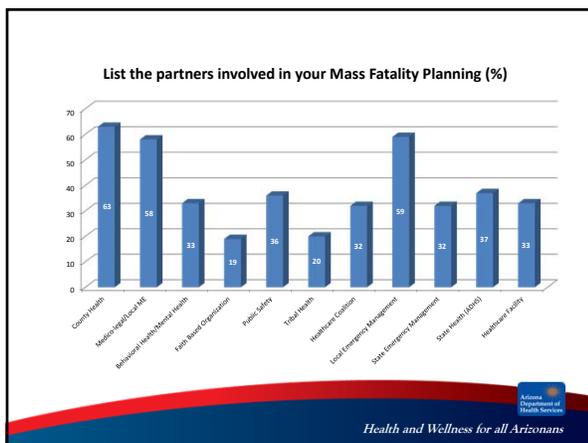
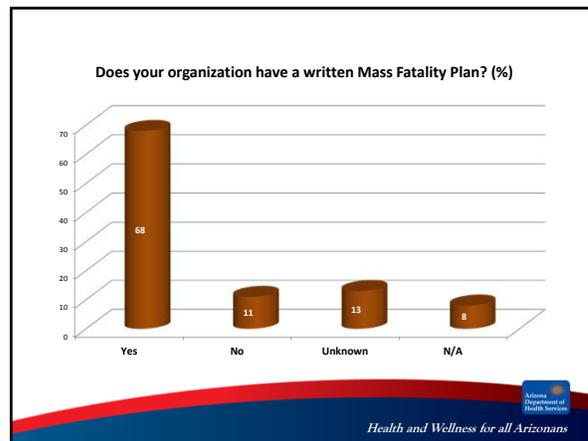
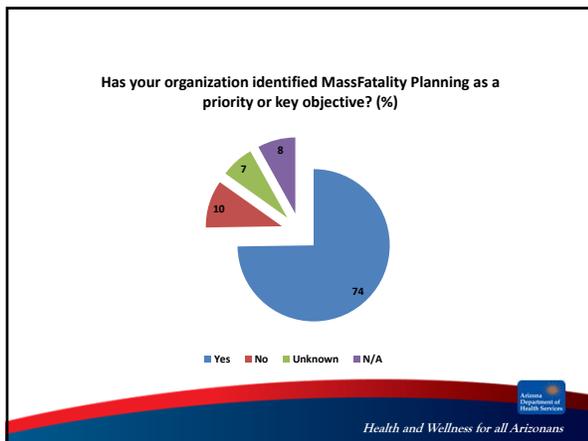
Current Fatality Management Status in Arizona-Cont.

- Pima County has Fatality Management Contracts with 10 counties:

Apache	La Paz
Cochise	Navajo
Gila	Pinal
Graham	Santa Cruz
Greenlee	Yuma
- Coconino County has a contract with *Mohave County*

Current Fatality Management Status in Arizona-Contd.

- Mass Fatality Response Workshop and Tabletop Registration Survey Results:
 - Total Registered = 109
 - Responses Available=108
 - All 15 Counties are represented in the Survey
 - All major disciplines are represented:
 - State/County and Tribal Health
 - State, County and Tribal Emergency Management
 - Local Medical Examiners
 - State and Local Epidemiologist
 - Local PHEP Coordinator
 - Hospital HPP Coordinators
 - State Homeland Security



Mutual Aid Compacts

1. Arizona Mutual Aid Compact (AZMAC)

The Arizona Mutual Aid Compact (AZMAC) is a formal agreement among Arizona jurisdictional emergency responders to lend assistance across jurisdictional boundaries. Signatories include all fifteen (15) Arizona counties and many tribes, cities, and other jurisdictions.

To read more about the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact (AZMAC):
http://www.dem.azdema.gov/logistics/docs/mutualaid/Final_AZ_Mutual_Aid_Compact.pdf

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1. Emergency Management Assistant Compact (EMAC)

Arizona is a member of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) along with all other U.S. states and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

EMAC provides for mutual aid between states in managing governor declared emergencies or disasters.

Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) Title 26, Chapter 3, Articles I – XIII provide specific guidance on General Provisions, Implementation and State Responsibilities.

Emergency Mutual Aid Compact (EMAC) will be used to coordinate out-of-state resources via ADEM. Link to AZ Mutual Aid Info/Resources.

<http://www.dem.azdema.gov/logistics/supply/mutaid.html>



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Questions?



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