

Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) 2013 Annual Winter Conference

When Disaster Strikes... from the Local perspective

Disaster Response

- All Disasters Are Local!
- Build a good relationship with Emergency Management Staff now—trust builds success
- Take disaster preparedness seriously— not if, but when!
- Invest in mitigation and preparedness now—spend \$1, save \$5.
- Embrace Social Media
- Engage in Emergency Training and Exercises
- Consider Recovery issues now, not when

Relationship with State Partners

- State operates within your jurisdiction-- police, health, highways, social services ...
- Resources that can help
- Expertise when you need it

Other Partners

- Red Cross/Salvation Army—Help with mass care and sheltering, every day not just in disasters
- Private Sector—Helpful with supplies, logistics, expertise
- Secular Community—charitable giving, organized volunteers