

TOWN OF
QUEEN CREEK
ARIZONA

Queen Creek Disaster Response System

December 5, 2012



Disaster Management Committee (DMC)

- Appointed in December 2009.
- Purpose was to develop a framework “To organize community resources, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers and material assets for response to a large scale disaster in the Town.”
- Completed in April 2011.

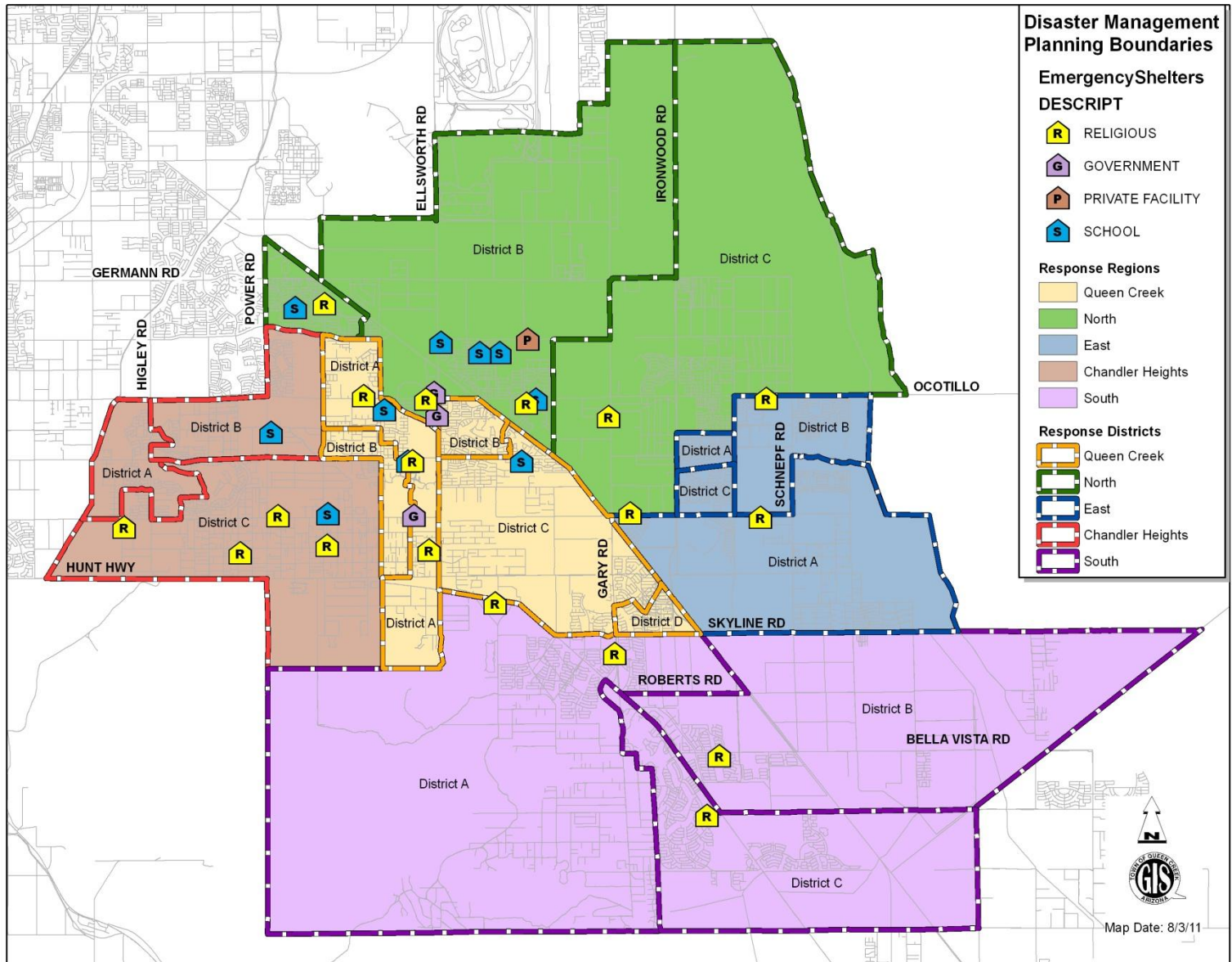


CERT Organization

- Faith-based program for the recruitment of volunteers.
- Town organized geographically into disaster response districts.
 - 5 districts: Queen Creek, North, East, Chandler Heights, and South
 - Includes pre-planned shelter facilities in each response district.
- Integrated into the Incident Command System (ICS).



Disaster Response District Map



CERT Organization

- Each response district will consist of 4 squads:
 - Recon Squad
 - Damage assessment; light search and rescue; and debris removal.
 - Medical Squad
 - Triage, treatment, and transport; basic life support; and shelter medical support.
 - Shelter Squad
 - Shelter setup, organization and management; pet care; and point of dispensing (POD).
 - Ham Radio Communications Group
 - Manage communications between field CERT units, shelter facilities, and the Town's EOC.



Training

- Training began in 2011 with the North District #2
 - Partnered with the Phoenix Fire Department to train approximately 60 volunteers in the Basic CERT program.
 - Based upon feedback, developed the squad-based system to provide more focused and hands-on training.
 - Volunteers have selected their squads.



Training Program

- Squad-based System
 - A group of nine Queen Creek Firefighters, three for each squad, will deliver training to the Recon, Medical, and Shelter Squads.
 - Disaster Response Basic Training will be the first class delivered to each squad.
 - Introduction to the incident command system (ICS) and how the Town will operate in a disaster situation.
 - Squad specific responsibilities and operations.
 - A squad specific exercise.



Training Program

- Continuing Education (CE) program
 - Developed to maintain volunteer interest.
 - Squads will receive additional training one month during each quarter.
 - Training will be delivered by QCFD personnel, squad members, and other outside agencies and volunteer trainers.



2013 Training Schedule

- Recon Squad
 - 1st Qtr: Disaster Response Basic Training
 - 2nd Qtr: Disaster Response Hazards and On-Scene Safety
 - 3rd Qtr: Damage Assessment and Reporting
 - 4th Qtr: Missing Person Search and Rescue



2013 Training Schedule

- Medical Squad
 - 1st Qtr: Disaster Response Basic Training
 - 2nd Qtr: CPR/AED Certification
 - 3rd Qtr: Traumatic Injuries, Patient Stabilization and Litter Bearer Techniques
 - 4th Qtr: Common Disease Profiles and Treatment/Infectious Disease Control



2013 Training Schedule

- Shelter Squad
 - 1st Qtr: Disaster Response Basic Training
 - 2nd Qtr: Shelter Check-In, Accountability and Security
 - 3rd Qtr: Point of Dispensing (POD) Training
 - 4th Qtr: Functional Needs Services



Ham Radio Communications

- Recruited volunteers in 2011 and administered the FCC licensing test.
- The Queen Creek Emergency Communications Group (QCECG) has approximately 35 active volunteers.



Ham Radio Communications

- Installed two repeaters for Town use.
- Acquired radios, antennas and gear for designated shelters.
- Conducts weekly training “net” over the air.
- Holds monthly group meetings for training and skill development.
- Will add 15-20 new hams in Spring 2013.



Ham Radio Communications

- Provided communications support for Holiday Festival in 2011 & 2012.



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- Conducted full-scale communications drill in September of 2012.



2013 Recruitment

- Chandler Heights District #4
 - Recruitment is underway.
 - Disaster Response Basic Training in Spring.
- Other Faith-based Denominations
 - Recruitment in Spring.
 - Disaster Response Basic Training in Summer.
- Queen Creek District #1
 - Recruitment in Summer.
 - Disaster Response Basic Training in Fall.



Questions?

