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## **Topics**

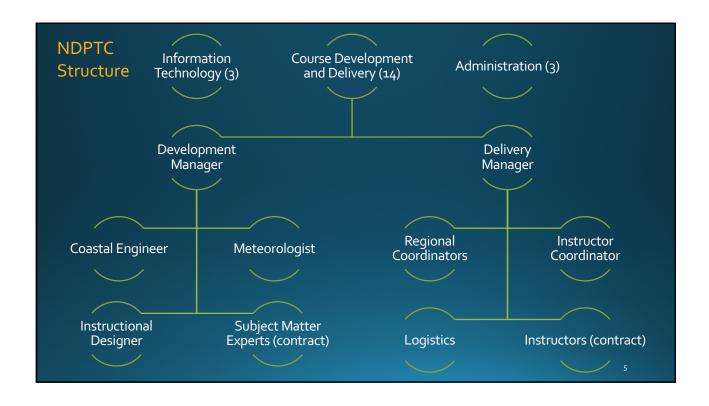
- Introduction
- Background of US government emergency management administration and training policy
- Training course development process
- Training course delivery process
- Review of sample courses
- Challenges and recommendations

### Introduction

- University of Hawaii faculty/administrator for 25 years
- Main teaching areas: tourism, education, quantitative research methods
- Current position: Associate Director, Instructional Systems Design and Training Delivery



- Established in 2008
- One of seven members of the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium
- Funded by U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Currently offer 21 certified courses across the U.S. to approx. 6000 participants.





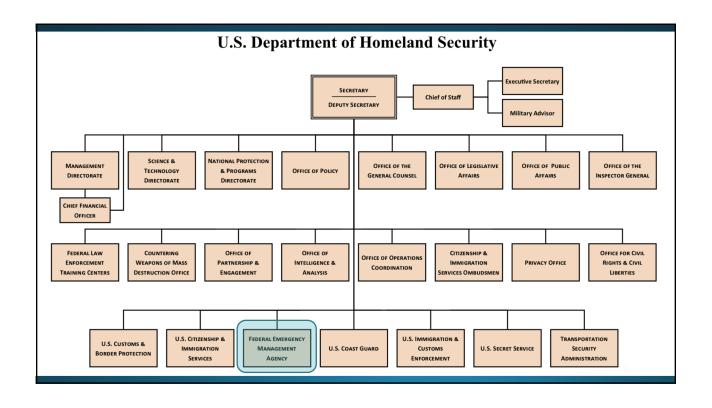
# National Structure of Training

- Institutional structure of emergency management
- Key agencies and policies
- General concepts of preparedness and resilience

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## Department of Homeland Security

- Established in 2002
- Reflected need for integrated agency to deal with all threats to US security after 9/11 attacks.
- Represented one of the most significant reorganizations of the US government.
- Includes FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), which was established in 1978.







## Presidential Policy Directive-8

- PPD-8 was signed on March 30, 2011.
- Calls for inter-agency coordination and involvement of the whole community.
- Provides the structure for achieving preparedness and resilience.

The ends we wish to achieve

• National Preparedness Goal (completed)

The means to achieve it

National Preparedness System Description (completed)

The delivery; how we use what we build

- National Planning Frameworks (delivered 6/30/2012)
- Federal Interagency Operational Plans (preparing for concurrence review)

The reporting of our progress

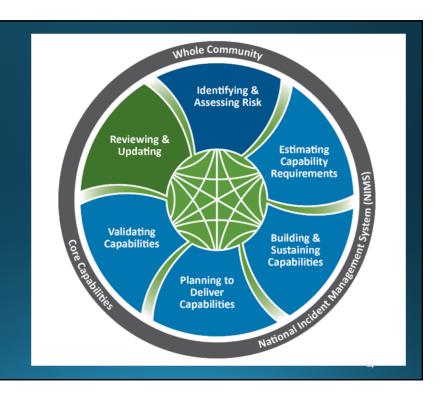
Annual National Preparedness Report (2012 report completed)

The sustained engagement

Build and sustain preparedness (ongoing)

#### National Preparedness Goal

"A secure and resilient nation with the capabilities required across the whole community to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk."



## "Whole Community"

- Individuals and families, including those with access and functional needs
- Businesses
- Faith-based and community organizations
- Nonprofit groups

- Schools and academia
- Media outlets
- All levels of government, including state, local, tribal, territorial, and federal partners

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## Whole Community Operationalized

- Involving people in the development of national preparedness documents.
- Ensuring their roles and responsibilities are reflected in the content of the materials. (Very important for training courses.)

## National Planning Frameworks

- The Frameworks describe how the whole community works together to achieve the National Preparedness Goal.
- There is one Framework for each of the five mission areas, Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery.
- The intended audience for the Frameworks: individuals, families, communities, the private and nonprofit sectors, faith-based organizations, and local, state, tribal, territorial, insular area, and federal governments.

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	Prevention	Protection	Mitigation	Response	Recovery
	Planning				
Core Capabilities	Public Information and Warning				
	Operational Coordination				
	Intelligence and Information Sharing		Community Resilience Long-term Vulnerability Reduction	Infrastructure Systems	
	Interdiction and Disruption			Critical Transportation Environmental Response/Health and	Economic Recovery
Core Capabilities are	Screening, Search, and Detection	Health and			
organized into five	Forensics and Attribution	Access Control and Identity Verification	Risk and Disaster Resilience	Safety	Social Services Housing
mission areas.		Cybersecurity	Assessment Threats and	Fatality Management Services	Natural and Cultural
<ul> <li>Prevention</li> </ul>		Physical Protective Measures	Hazards Identification	Fire Management and Suppression	Resources
Protection		Risk Management for Protection Programs		Logistics and Supply Chain Management	
		and Activities Supply Chain		Mass Care Services	
Mitigation		Integrity and Security		Mass Search and Rescue Operations	
• Response				On-scene Security, Protection, and Law	
Recovery				Enforcement Operational	
,				Communications	
				Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services	
				Situational Assessment	18



### National Incident Management System (NIMS)

- Guides all levels of government, NGOs, and the private sector to work together to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from incidents.
- Provides stakeholders across the whole community with the shared vocabulary, systems, and processes to successfully deliver the capabilities described in the National Preparedness System.

#### National Incident Management System (NIMS)

- Defines operational systems, including the Incident Command System (ICS), Emergency Operations Center (EOC) structures, and Multiagency Coordination Groups (MAC Groups) that guide how personnel work together during incidents.
- Applies to all incidents, from traffic accidents to major disasters.

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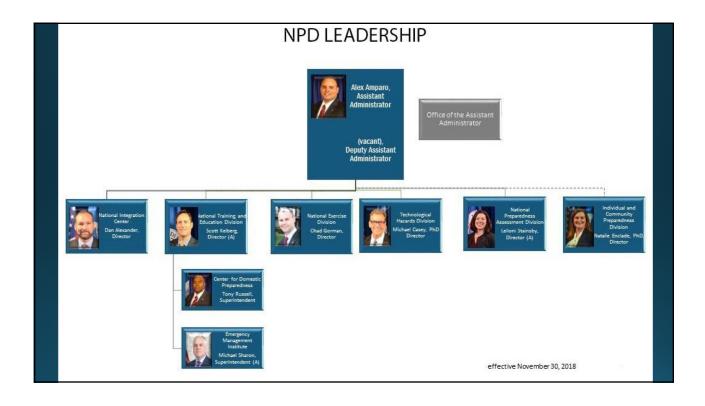
### National Response Framework (NRF)

The NRF establishes a single, comprehensive approach to domestic incident management. The NRF is used to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters, and other emergencies. It is an all-hazards plan built on the template of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The NRF provides the structure and mechanisms for national-level policy and operational direction for domestic incident management.

## National Preparedness Directorate

The National Preparedness Directorate
(NPD) provides the doctrine, programs, and resources
to prepare the Nation to prevent, protect, mitigate,
respond to and recover from disasters while
minimizing the loss of lives, infrastructure, and
property.





### National Training and Education Division (NTED)

Leads the development and delivery of training and education for first responders, emergency managers, and the public through a multi-disciplinary, datadriven learning approach and partnerships with higher education institutions.

### National Training and Education System

- Collect and analyze data on training and education requirements and use that analysis to inform decisions on funding, programming, and course design and delivery;
- Promote individual competency areas to build workforce capacity and ensure continual development of education programming;

National Training and Education System

- Use training and education to build and sustain capabilities that address a community or organization's priority threats and hazards; and
- Coordinate and collaborate across the whole community to build "Communities of Practice" that share information and resources to address training and education requirements.

## **Emergency Management Institute**

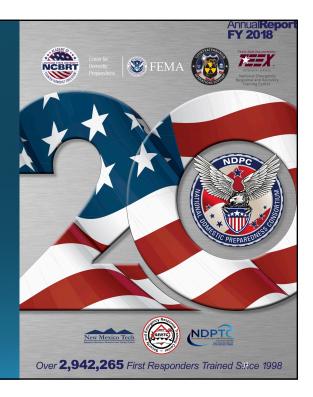
Mission: To support the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA's goals by improving the competencies of the U.S. officials in Emergency Management at all levels of government to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the potential effects of all types of disasters and emergencies on the American people.

## Center for Domestic Preparedness

The Center for Domestic Preparedness provides advanced, all-hazards training to approximately 50,000 emergency responders annually from state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, as well as the federal government, foreign governments, and private entities, as available. The scope of training includes preparedness, protection, and response.

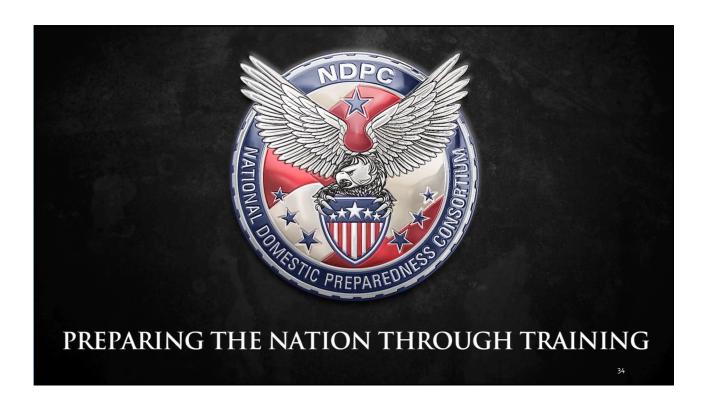
#### National Domestic Preparedness Consortium

- Established by Congressional Mandate Sept 1998 to address urgent counterterrorism preparedness need
- Reconfirmed in Public Law in 2001
- Shifted to catastrophic allhazards events
- Re-authorized in Homeland Security Legislation Jan 2007 and expanded membership to seven









## **Training Development**

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## Disciplines Served by NTED

- Emergency Management Agency (EMA)
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Fire Service (FS)
- Governmental Administrative (GA)

- Hazardous Materials Personnel (HZ)
- Healthcare (HC)
- Law Enforcement (LE)
- Public Health (PH)
- Public Safety Communications (PSC)
- Public Works (PW)

### NTED Course Levels

NTED offers courses at different levels to accommodate different job functions of the first responder community:

- Awareness
- Performance
- Management & Planning

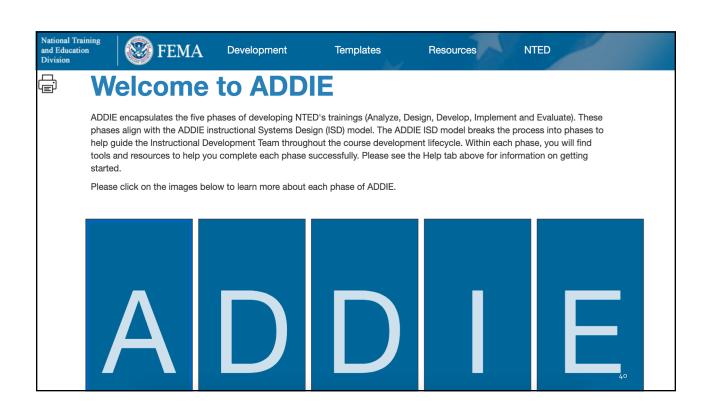
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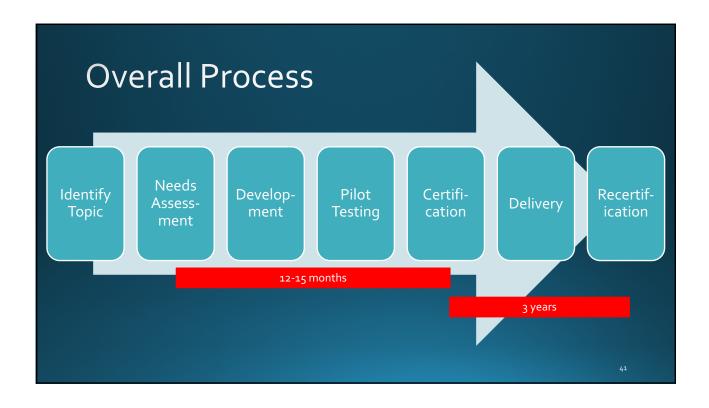
## NTED Delivery Modes

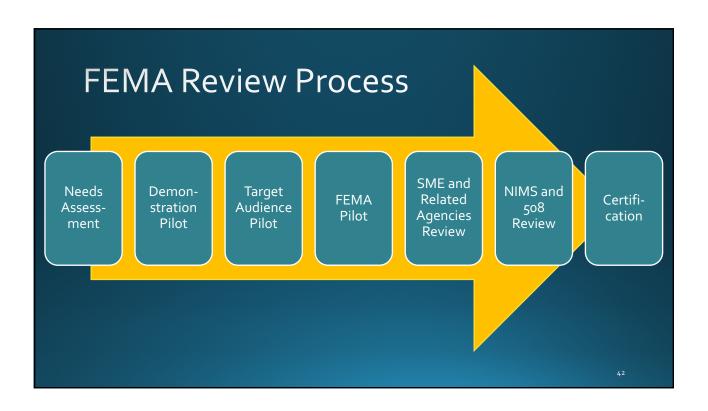
- Resident: At the training provider's own facility.
- Mobile: At or near the location of the agency that requests the training.
- Online: This self-paced training is delivered in an asynchronous format via computer and Internet connection.

## Importance of Instructional Design

- Instructional design is the primary mechanism that FEMA/NTED uses to ensure consistency and quality among its courses.
- All training providers are required to have an instructional design professional on staff.
- Instructional design also ensures that courses comply with legal requirements, especially related to disability access.



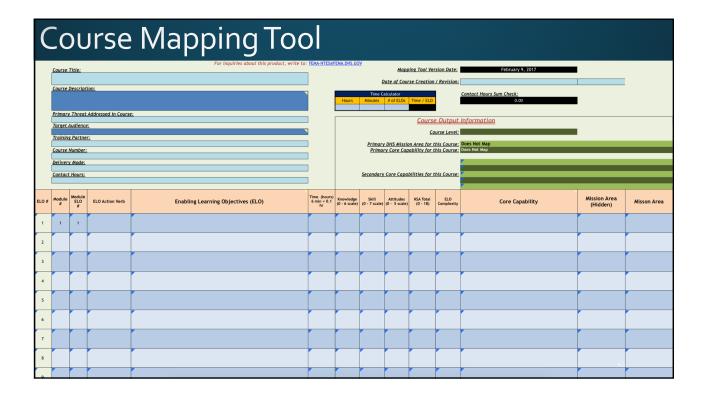


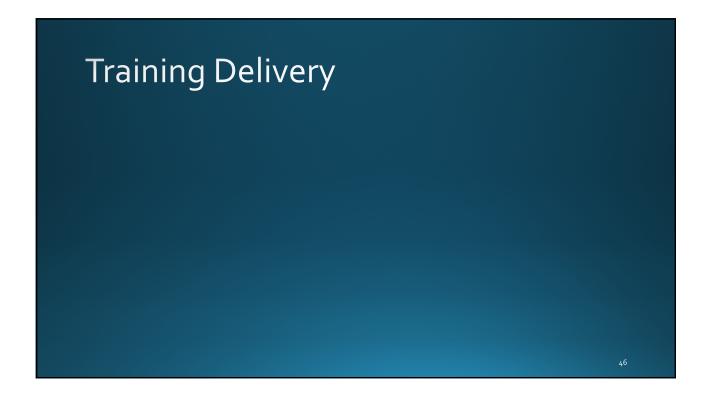


## Needs Assessment

- Is the course aligned with core capabilities, etc.?
- Who are the stakeholders and what is their perspective on the course?
- How does the course address current training gaps?
- How are those gaps currently being met?
- Does the course support FEMA's mission?

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## **Training Costs**

NTED training partners deliver training no cost to the individual or the individual's jurisdiction or agency. In some circumstances, funds may be used for overtime and backfill costs for those individuals attending NTED courses.

(Sometimes, this poses complications in setting up deliveries.)

#### Instructors

- The best instructors have both practical experience and expertise in the content.
- This is difficult to find, so we often pair two instructors who have different strengths.

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### **Adult Education**

- FEMA emphasizes instructional technique for adult education (not academic).
- Recently, there has been a strong focus on instructor development.
- Instructors for pilot deliveries are carefully evaluated (in addition to the content).

## Key Role of SAAs

- Because training is free, FEMA State Administrative Agencies (SAAs) have important responsibilities.
- They also provide feedback on what courses are being requested.

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### Academic Initiative

- One of our objectives is to integrate training into academic programs.
- We have developed several "POD" (points of delivery) agreements with universities.

# Issues and Challenges

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# Course Development Challenges

- Managing expertise
  - On-staff versus contract-based subject matter experts
  - "Ownership" of the course
- Updating contents
  - Rapidly changing technology (i.e, social media, disaster communications)
  - Rap d y chang ng regu atory env ronment ( .e., UAV)
- Meeting FEMA review and design guidelines
  - Section 508 (disability) compliance

## Course Delivery Challenges

- Insufficient budget to meet demand
- Logistical demands of nationwide delivery
  - How to maintain consistency of classroom facity?
- Maintaining instructional consistency
- Maintaining instructor excellence
- Meeting diverse participant expectations
- Maintaining no-fee access

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## General Challenges

- What is the best organizational structure to balance efficiency and creativity in course development?
  - Cannot afford a SMEs on staff, so need general sts in a specific area
- How can we integrate training into academic programs?
- The political context of disasters and training
  - Prioritization of human-caused (vs natural) disasters

## Mahalo!

- I hope this information will be helpful to you.
- Please contact me if you have any questions or if I can assist you in any way.
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