

“Are We Ready?”

The BCPWHO* Survey on Disaster Preparedness of US Healthcare Facilities

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An Insider's Perspective

Why we did the survey

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Background Documents

AMA/APHA report (http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/415/final_summit_report.pdf)

HSPD-21

(<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2007/10/20071018-10.html>)

Joint Commission 1/1/08 revised standards, EC.4.10 and EC.4.20

Regional Approaches to Hospital Preparedness

(http://www.upmc-biosecurity.org/website/resources/publications/2007_orig-articles/2007-04-09-regionalapproacheshospitalprep.html)

Trust for America's Health

(<http://healthyamericans.org/reports/bioterror07/>)

Report Findings

Recurring Issues

- ▶ Public health, EMS and medical preparedness at state and local levels are poorly integrated.
- ▶ “Under-preparedness” to deal with mass casualties, including lack of capability for coordinating resources.
- ▶ No all-hazards standards or guidelines for measuring health system preparedness.
- ▶ No shared platform for public health and healthcare organizations to build advocacy and legislative agenda to improve and sustain preparedness.

(Improving health system preparedness for terrorism and mass casualty events – Recommendations for Action (AMA & APHA, July 2007))

Priority Categories & Issues

- ▶ Collaboration, coordination and planning
- ▶ Communications and information exchange
- ▶ Disaster recovery and health systems
- ▶ Education and training
- ▶ Funding
- ▶ Health system surge capacity
- ▶ Legislation and regulation
- ▶ Research

The Survey

Participants

- ▶ Academic Medical Centers
- ▶ Trauma Centers
- ▶ Community Hospitals
- ▶ Health Clinics
- ▶ Children's Hospitals
- ▶ Psychiatric Hospitals
- ▶ Long Term Care Facilities
- ▶ Health Systems
- ▶ Others

Survey Organization

- ▶ Response Profile
- ▶ Emergency Management Infrastructure
- ▶ Disaster Preparedness
- ▶ Business Continuity Planning/Disaster Recover Planning
- ▶ Hazard & Vulnerability Assessment/Business Impact Analysis
- ▶ Communications
- ▶ General Comments

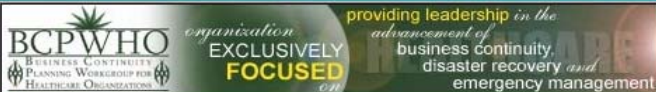
Survey Distribution

Listservs & Forum

- ▶ BCPWHO
- ▶ Yahoo groups EM
- ▶ IAEM
- ▶ Region 1 ESF8
- ▶ MA DPH Hospital
- ▶ American Nurses Association
- ▶ Emergency Nurses Association

Other

- ▶ AMA TIIDE Partners
- ▶ State Hospital Preparedness/Bioterrorism Coordinators
- ▶ Personal contacts
- ▶ Forwarded to colleagues by primary recipients



US Hospital Facility/Healthcare System Emergency Management Survey



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Sponsored by the Business Continuity Planning Workgroup for Healthcare Organizations (www.bcpwho.org)

The American Medical Association and the American Public Health Association convened a series of meetings in 2005, 2006 and 2007, by 18 national medical, dental, nursing, public health, hospital and EMS organizations to deliberate the deficiencies in the medical and public health disaster response system and the lack of necessary integration and interoperability between key components of this system. The report produced by this Leadership Summit, titled "Improving Health System Preparedness for Terrorism and Mass Casualty Events – Recommendations for Action," published in July 2007, serves as a national call for action. The Leadership Summit developed 53 recommendations to strengthen health system preparedness, response and resilience to terrorism and other catastrophic events. The AMA/APHA Leadership Summit is now working on ways to "give legs" to their recommendations. Their report defines "where we should be."

Also, The Joint Commission's new Revisions to Emergency Management Standards for Critical Access Hospitals, Hospitals, and Long Term Care (Environment of Care standards EC.4.10 and EC.4.20) will become effective January 1, 2008. The revised standards emphasize a "scalable" approach that can help manage the variety, intensity, and duration of the disasters that can affect a single organization, multiple organizations, or an entire community. The revisions also stress the importance of planning and testing response plans for emergencies during conditions when the local community cannot support the health care organization. These standards define "where we are expected to be."

This survey you are asked to complete will help establish "where we are now." While not intended to be all inclusive of the priority areas of the report or responsive to all the revised Joint Commission standards, the survey is designed as a first attempt to establish a baseline for important areas of disaster preparedness and emergency management for hospitals and other healthcare facilities and organizations.

Conferences such as the upcoming Joint Commission "Preparing for the Unknown: 'Are You Ready?' Emergency Preparedness Conference" in October 2007 will help identify "what we need to do to get there." The developers of this survey plan to present the survey results at this conference.

We ask that you complete this survey and provide the information requested in as much detail as possible. Your input, as the emergency management/disaster preparedness expert for your facility/organization is essential in helping "us", individually and collectively, to be better prepared "for the next one."

Contact Ric Skinner (ric.skinner-ais@bhs.org) or Jennifer Davey (id9913@gmail.com) with questions and/or comments.

Analysis

Analysis

SurveyMonkey - Survey Results - Windows Internet Explorer

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Response Summary

Total Started Survey: 1168
Total Completed Survey: 893 (76.5%)

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Page: Contextual Information

1. What type of healthcare entity are you responding for (select all that apply)?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Academic Medical Center	8.9%	103
Trauma Center	14.0%	161
Children's Hospital	5.0%	58
Psychiatric Hospital	3.7%	43
Community Hospital	46.1%	531
Community Health Center/Clinic	7.2%	83
Long Term Care Facility	22.6%	261
Healthcare System	13.8%	159
view Other (please specify)	17.4%	201
<i>answered question</i>		1153
<i>skipped question</i>		15

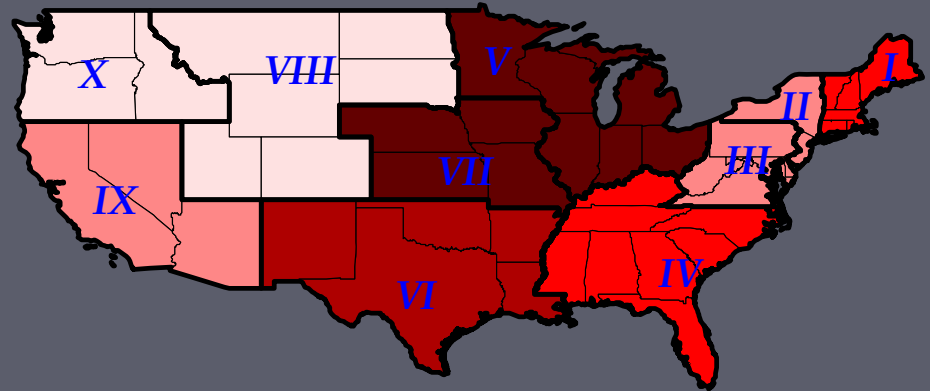
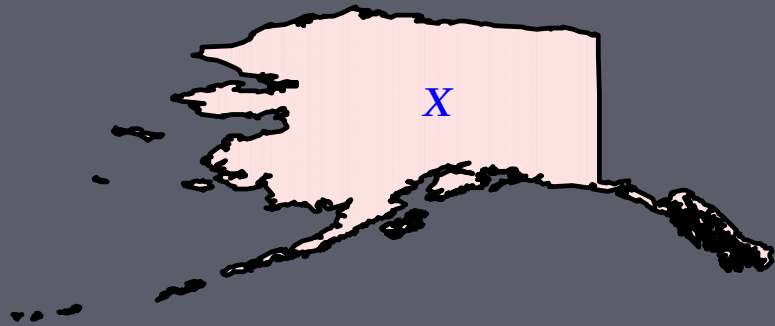
Analysis

- ▶ Challenges
- ▶ Duplicate responses
- ▶ Cleaning up the entries
- ▶ The “Others”
- ▶ Multiple facilities in single response
- ▶ Multiple states in single response
- ▶ Free text information

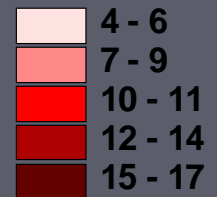
Results

- ▶ Survey Period -- August 13 to Sept. 28, 2007 (46 days)
- ▶ 1429 Total Individual Surveys
- ▶ 1055 Total Acceptable Individual Surveys

Percent Total Responses by ESF-8 Region

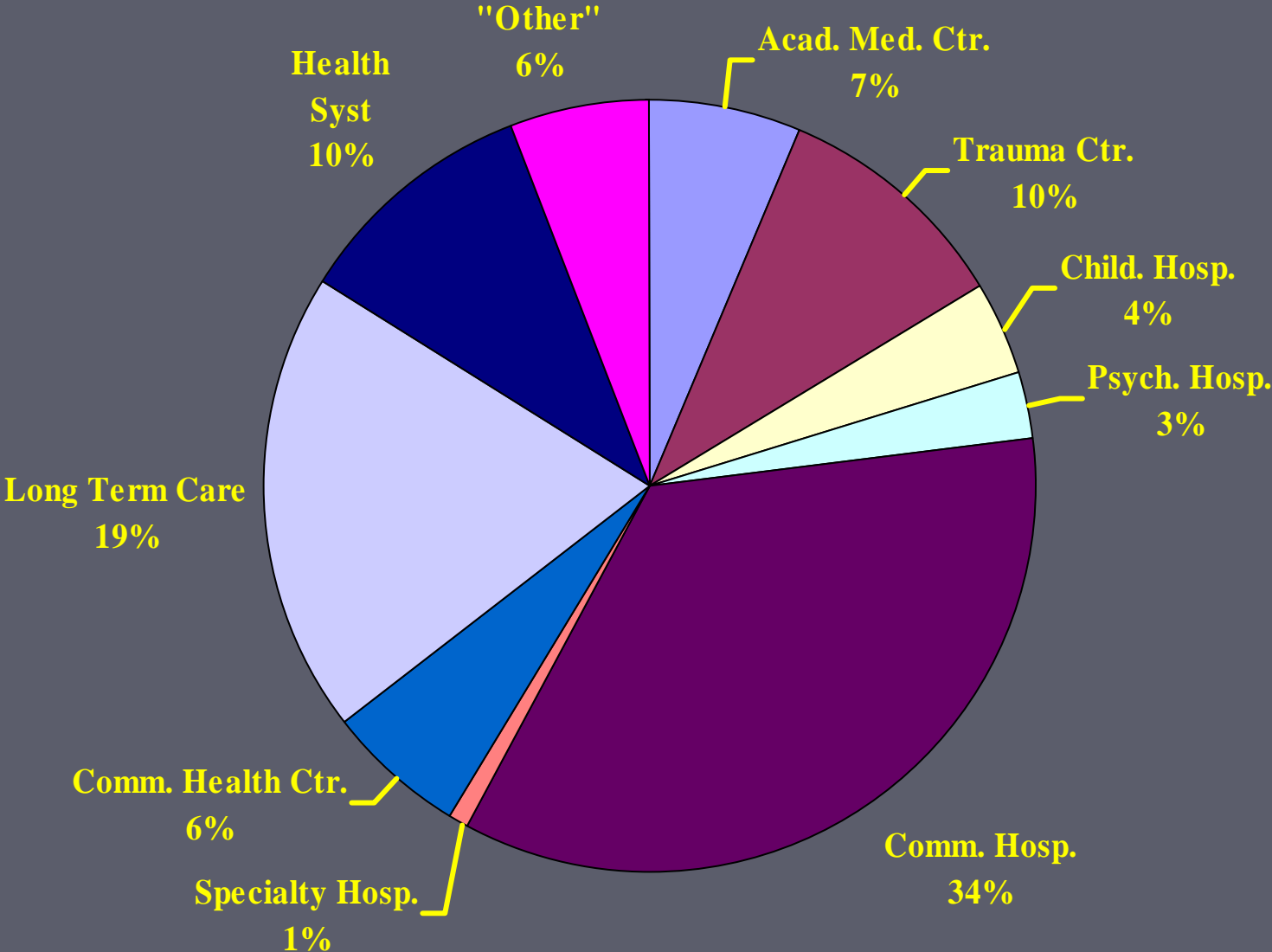


Percent



Results & Discussion

Response Profile - % of Total (n=1429)



Results and Discussion

Key observations

- ▶ A Standardized Framework for Healthcare Emergency Management Does Not Exist
- ▶ Significant Gaps and Inequity Exist Weakening the Preparedness of the *Overall* Health System
- ▶ Business Continuity Planning/Disaster Recover Planning is Not Standard Practice in Healthcare
- ▶ Emergency Management Communications in Healthcare is Fractured

Tying it all together

Key Observations

- ▶ A Standardized Framework for Healthcare Emergency Management Does Not Exist

AMA/APHA Report

- ▶ Research
- ▶ Education and training
- ▶ Funding
- ▶ Legislation and regulation

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- ▶ Significant Gaps and Inequity Exist
Weakening the Preparedness of the *Overall Health System*

AMA Report

- ▶ Collaboration, coordination and planning
- ▶ Health system surge capacity

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AMA Report

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Key Observations

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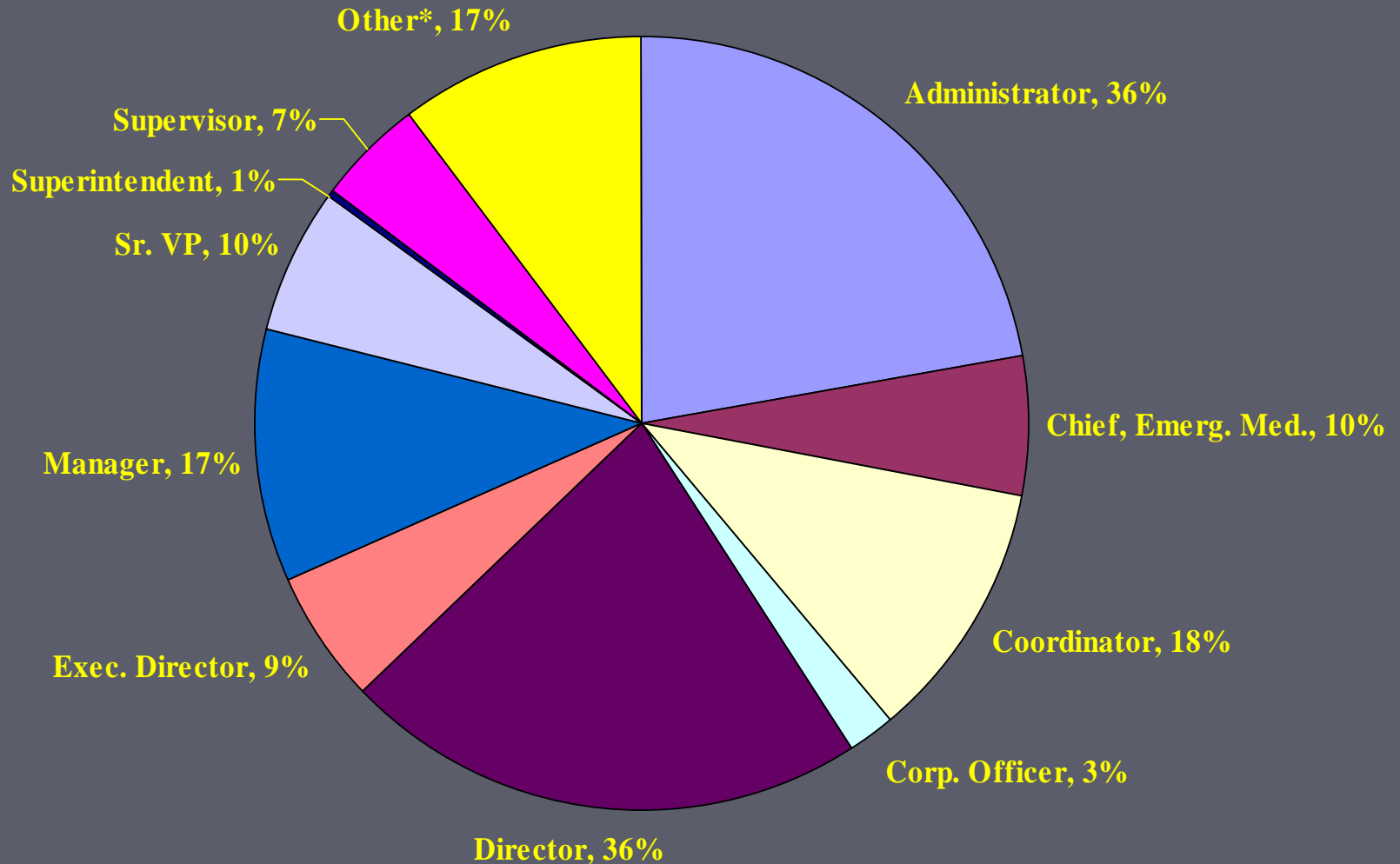
AMA Report

- ▶ Communications and information exchange

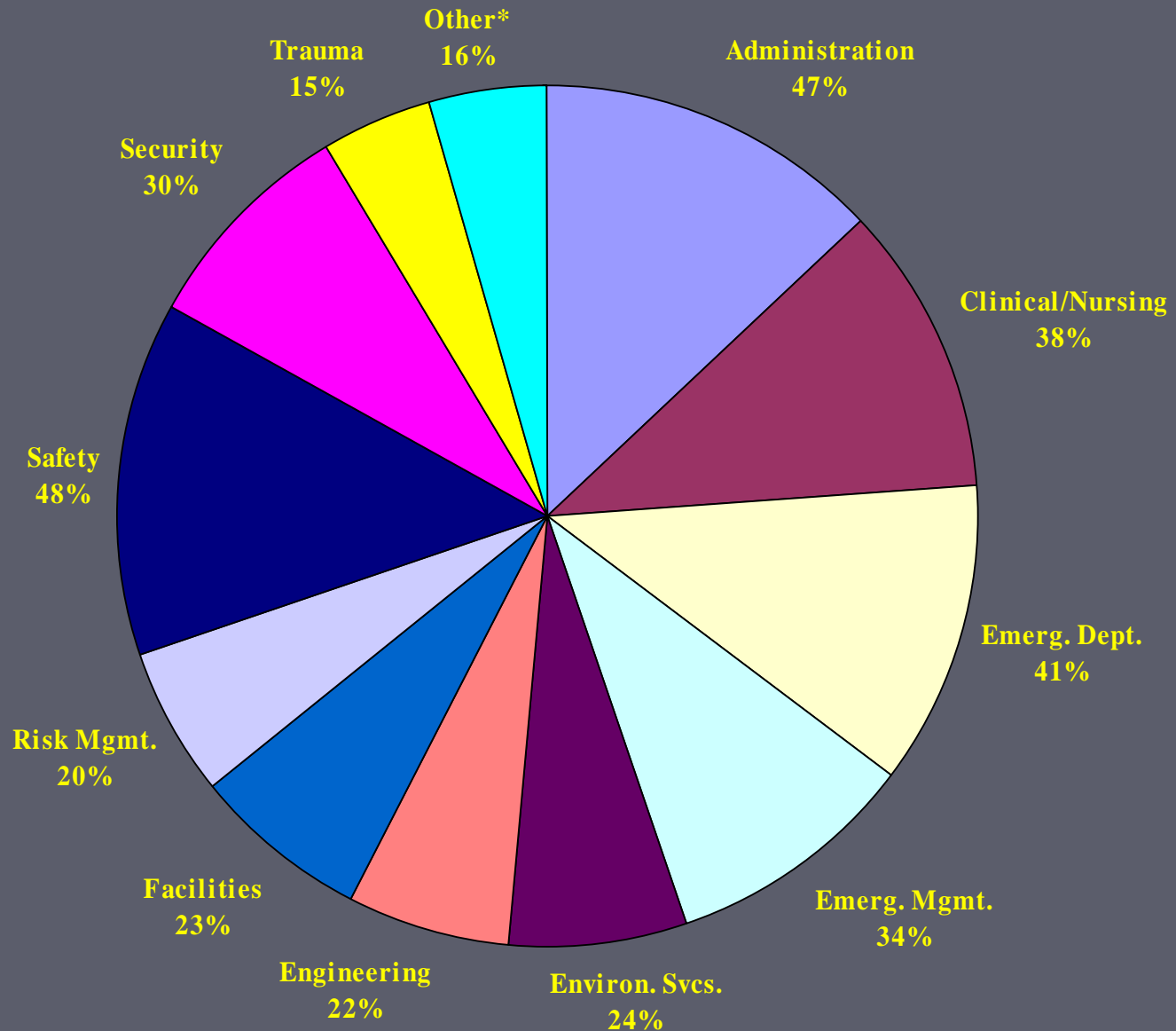
Key Observation #1

A Standardized Framework for Healthcare
Emergency Management Does Not Exist

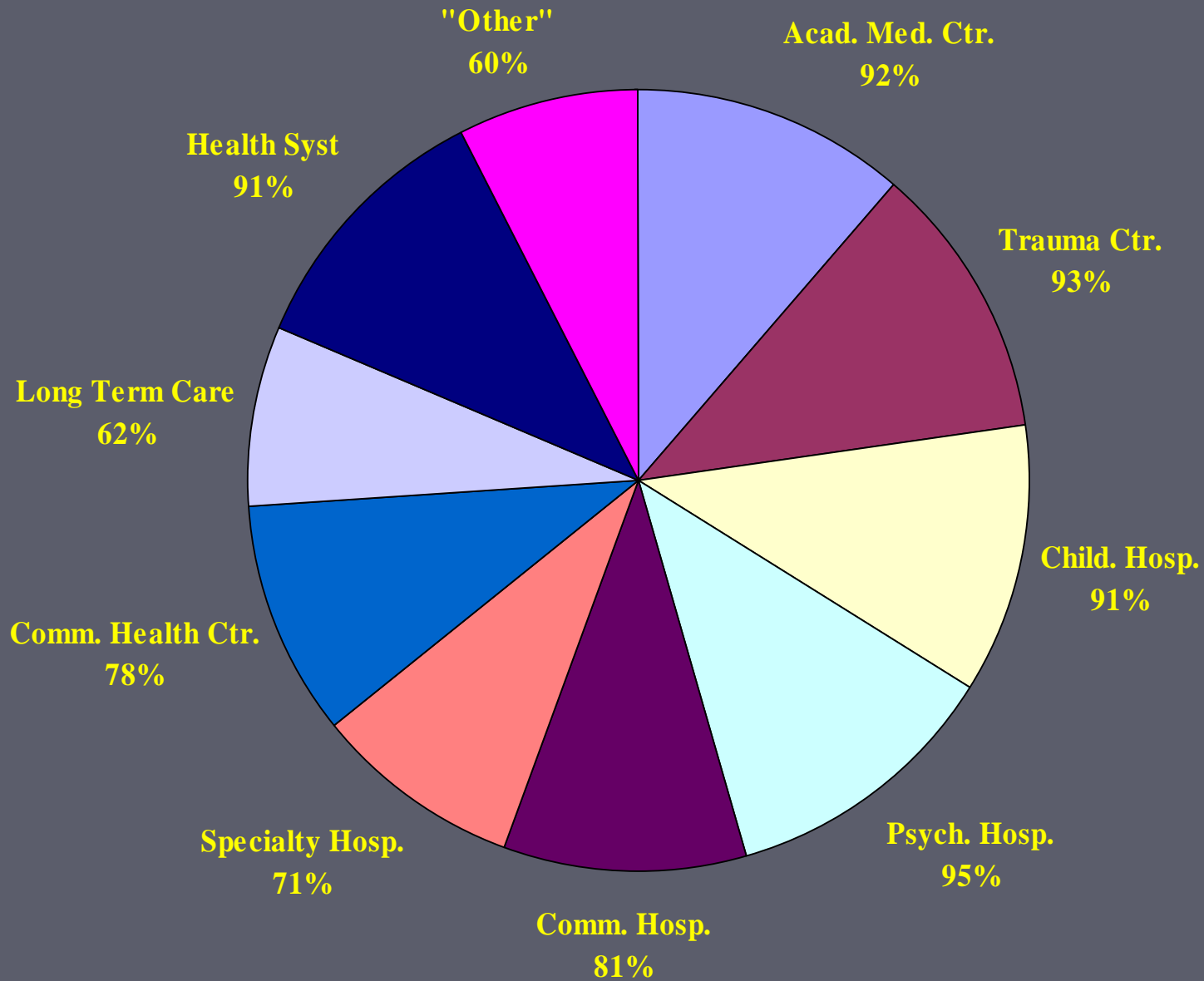
Titles Responsible for EM Functions Across Survey Respondents



Where Do EM functions live within hospitals & healthcare organizations?



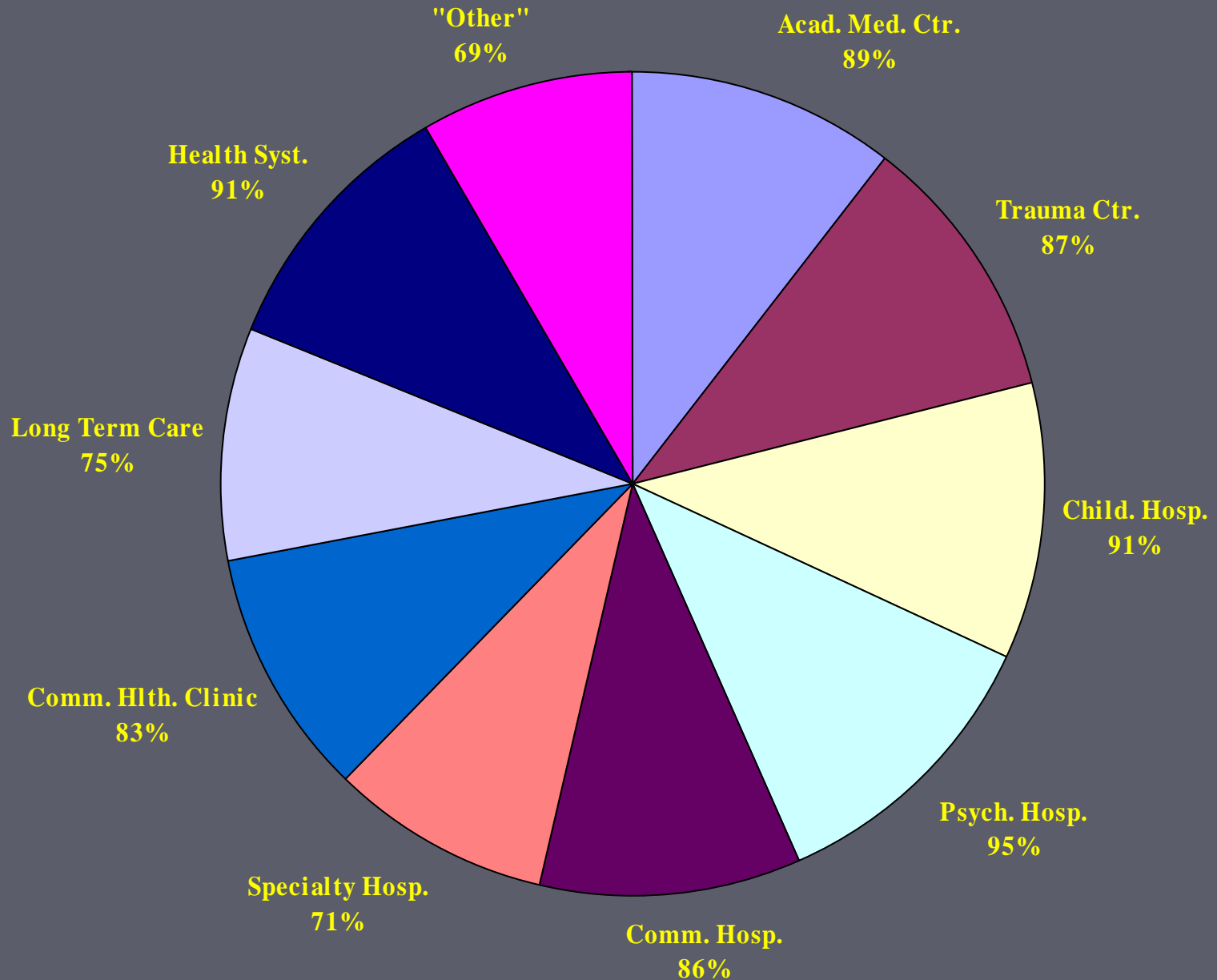
Emergency Management Committee that Meets on a Regular Basis



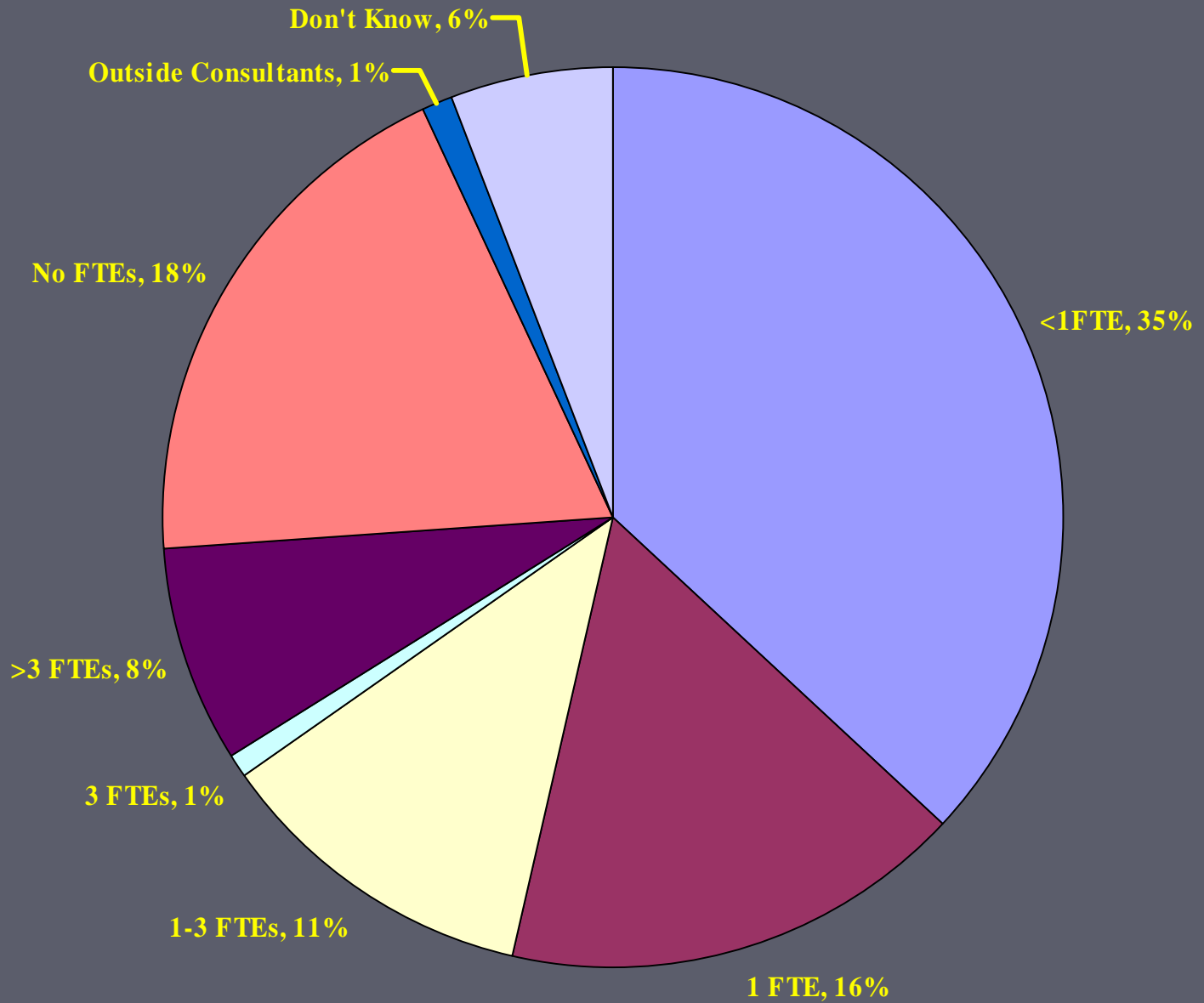
Key Observation #2

Significant Gaps and Inequity Exist
Weakening the Preparedness of the *Overall*
Health System

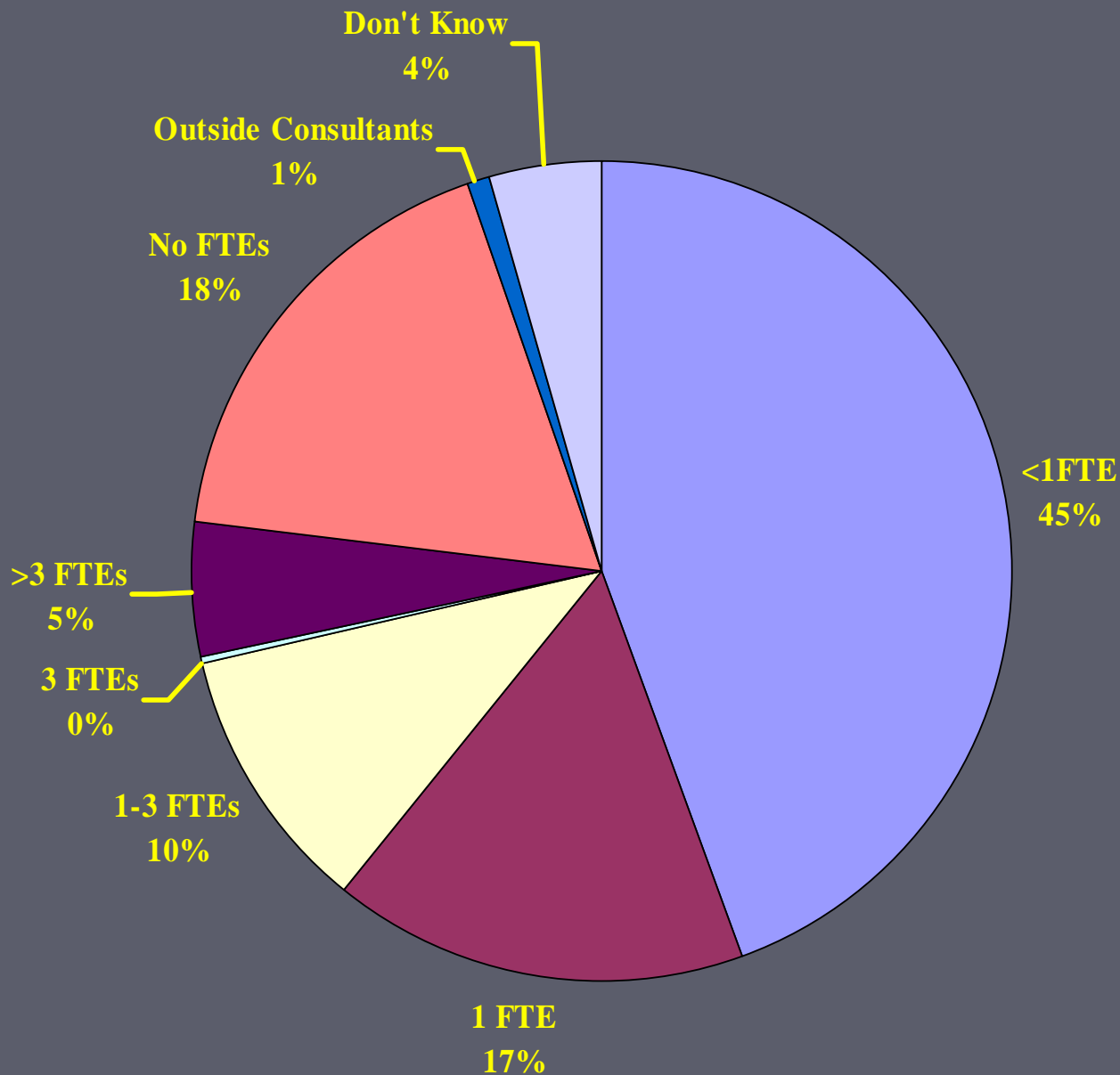
Facility has Emergency Management Program



EM staffing by Percent of Respondents



Staffing of EM Responsibility Reported by JC Accredited Facilities



NIMS

NIMS Compliance required for funding but not all respondents were candidates or recipients of funding. Also only 65% were compliant at the time of the survey.

Drills & Exercises

Drills/Exercises

Within past month	10%
Within past 6 months	35%
Within past year	20%
Within past 2 years	4%

Duration

Less than 1 hr.	13%
1 to 2 hr.	20%
2 to 4 hr.	36%
More than 4 hr.	13%

Activated EOC in Past 3 Years

Natural	43%
Technological	42%
Human-caused	25%

Key Observation #3

Business Continuity Planning/Disaster
Recover Planning is Not Standard Practice
in Healthcare

45% have a Business Continuity Plan (BCP)

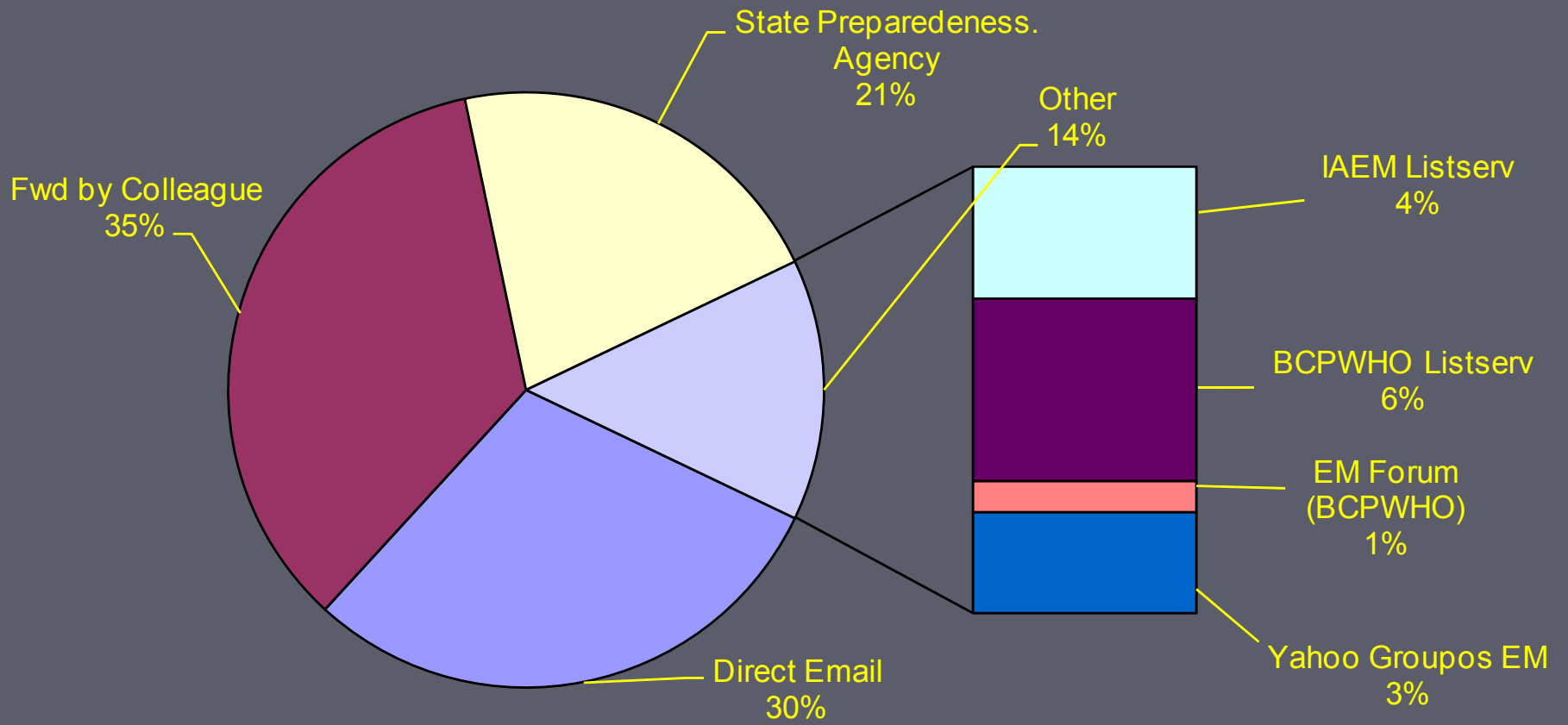
- ▶ 69% BCP and Emergency Management Program by same group**
- ▶ 62% have an IT Disaster Recovery Plan (DRP)**
- ▶ 81% BCP and DRP by same group**

- ▶ **81% have conducted HVA and/or BIA**
- ▶ **75% have an HVA**
- ▶ **78% done with local EM**

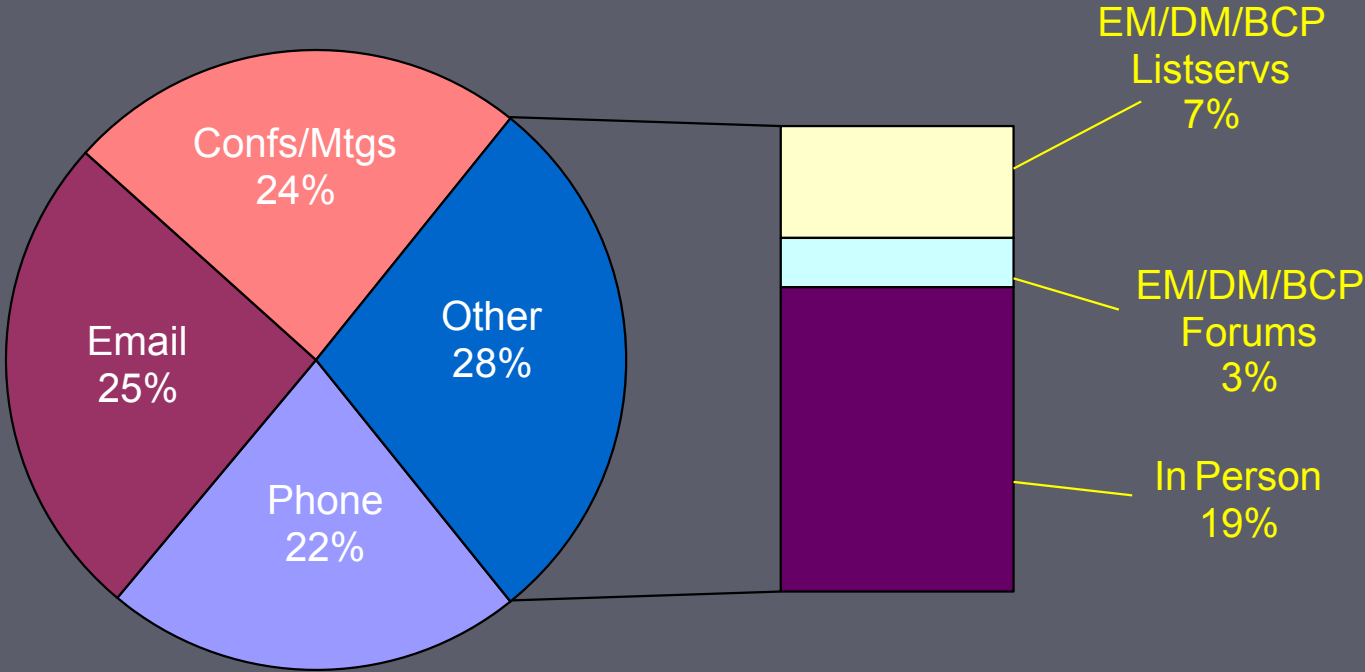
Key Observation #4

Emergency Management Communications in
Healthcare is Fractured

Results – Communications



How Emergency Managers Stay in Contact within Health facilities



Conclusions

Looking to the Future: The following are required using the AMA/APHA recommendations & a National Workgroup to carry out deliverables

- ▶ A Standardized Framework
- ▶ System Wide Planning & Funding
- ▶ BCP/DRP Integration
- ▶ Communications Framework & Forum

Observation	Conclusion	Recommendation
A Standardized Framework for Healthcare Emergency Management Does Not Exist	A Standardized Framework	<p data-bbox="1290 177 1866 325"><i>Form National Work Group on Hospital/Healthcare Preparedness -- involve key stakeholders: AMA, APHA, hospitals, healthcare facilities</i></p> <ul data-bbox="1290 382 1866 502" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1290 382 1866 454">▶ Standardize healthcare preparedness terminology <li data-bbox="1290 462 1866 502">▶ Standardize HVA tools and processes
Significant Gaps and Inequity Exist Weakening the Preparedness of the <i>Overall</i> Health System	System Wide Planning & Funding	<ul data-bbox="1290 566 1866 638" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1290 566 1866 638">▶ Advocate for improvements in funding sources and funding administration
Business Continuity Planning/Disaster Recover Planning is Not Standard Practice in Healthcare	BCP/DRP Integration	<ul data-bbox="1290 826 1812 898" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1290 826 1812 898">▶ Educate on need for integration of HVA, BCP, DRP, BIA
Communications in Healthcare is Fractured	Communications Framework & Forum	<ul data-bbox="1290 1158 1812 1349" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1290 1158 1812 1229">▶ Establish a single national communications/collaboration portal <li data-bbox="1290 1238 1812 1349">▶ Identify ways to improve interoperability within and between healthcare facilities

Healthcare Workgroup Portal

Healthcare Preparedness Collaboration Portal

- ▶ Productivity: by doing more consensus communications virtually
- ▶ Interoperability: for processes and potentially different systems
- ▶ Contact management/maintenance where needed, ie, the portal would keep the contact info fresh and feed it to different systems, ie, notification
- ▶ Continuous improvement lifecycle: (with above productivity) get the leads to review, test and then continually upgrade collaboration, i.e., plans, interoperations, etc.
- ▶ Topical Forums and Listservs linked to others
- ▶ Clearinghouse for grants, AARs, lessons learned, best practices



Medical Center Hazard and Vulnerability Analysis



Medical Center Hazard and Vulnerability Analysis

This document is a sample Hazard Vulnerability Analysis tool. It is not a substitute for a comprehensive emergency preparedness program. Individuals or organizations using this tool are responsible for ensuring compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Issues to consider for preparedness include, but are not limited to:

- Status of current plans

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Evaluate potential for event at the hazard specific scale. Assign a score (1-3) based on the possible time (e.g. during peak season).
- Please note specific score criteria.
- Issues to consider for **probability**:
 - Known risk
 - Historical data
 - Manufacturer/vendor

- Issues to consider for **response**:
 - Time to marshal and respond
 - Scope of response
 - Historical evaluation

- Issues to consider for **human resources**:
 - Potential for staff deployment
 - Potential for patient care

- Issues to consider for **property**:
 - Cost to replace
 - Cost to set up temporary operations
 - Cost to repair
 - Time to recover

- Issues to consider for **business operations**:
 - Business interruption
 - Employees unable to work
 - Customer inability to access services

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F6 0 = N/A 1 = High 2 = Moderate 3 = Low or none

NATURALLY OCCURRING EVENTS									
EVENT	PROBABILITY <i>Likelihood this will occur</i>	SEVERITY = (MAGNITUDE - MITIGATION)						RISK <i>Relative threat*</i>	
		HUMAN IMPACT <i>Possibility of death or injury</i>	PROPERTY IMPACT <i>Physical losses and damages</i>	BUSINESS IMPACT <i>Interruption of services</i>	PREPARED-NESS <i>Preplanning</i>	INTERNAL RESPONSE <i>Time, effectiveness, resources</i>	EXTERNAL RESPONSE <i>Community/ Mutual Aid staff and supplies</i>		
		0 = N/A Low 2= Moderate 3= High	0 = N/A Low 2= Moderate 3= High	0 = N/A Low 2= Moderate 3= High	0 = N/A High 2= Moderate 3= Low or none	0 = N/A High 2= Moderate 3= Low or none	0 = N/A High 2= Moderate 3= Low or none		
SCORE								0 - 100%	
Hurricane								0%	
Tornado								0%	
Severe Thunderstorm								0%	
Snow Fall								0%	
Blizzard								0%	
Ice Storm								0%	
Earthquake								0%	
Tidal Wave								0%	
Temperature Extremes								0%	
Drought								0%	
Flood, External								0%	
Wild Fire								0%	
Landslide								0%	
Dam Inundation								0%	
Volcano								0%	
Epidemic								0%	
AVERAGE SCORE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	

*Threat increases with percentage.

RISK = PROBABILITY * SEVERITY

Ready

Start

“Making the Case for an Interoperable, Multi-Scale Healthcare/Hospital Information Domain”

For want of a bed, a hospital was lost

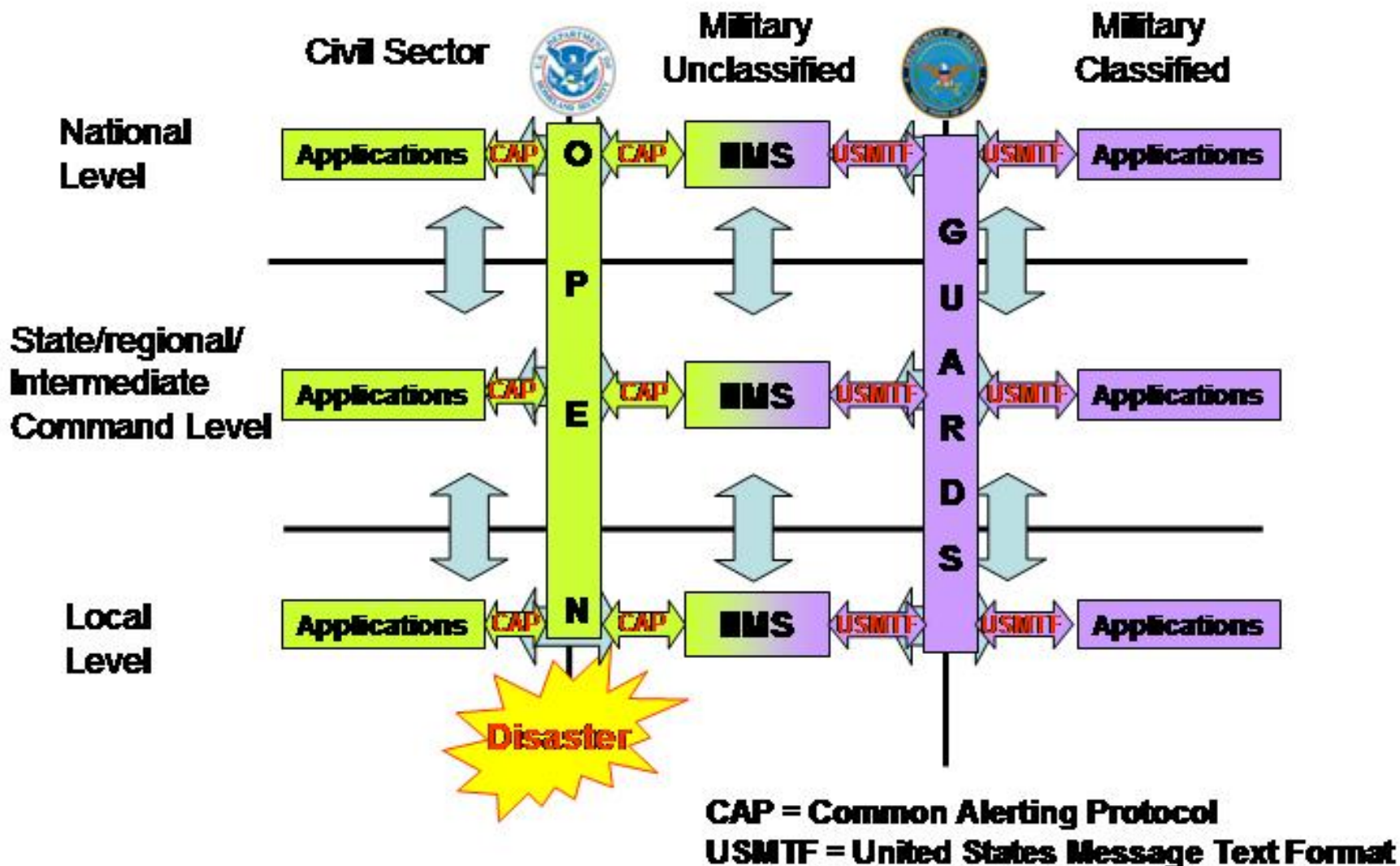
For want of a hospital a community was lost

For want of a community a region was lost

For want of a region a Nation was lost.

... And all for the want of a hospital bed.

Trial 3.27 Integrated Information Management System Operational and Systems View



The purpose of this survey is not ...

to make a statement

The purpose of this survey is ...

to make a difference!

