2008 Statewide Flooding Event
DR 1766

- June 6-7 2 to more than 10 inches of rain fell on already high streamflow’s
- NWS issued 21 flash-flood warnings, 10 areal flood and 10 river flood warnings.
- Numerous evacuations and water rescues were necessary
- Flooding caused 3 fatalities
- Major transportation disruptions
- Thousands of homes and businesses damaged
- State of Emergency declared on June 7
- President declares 39 counties
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FEMA-1766-DR, Indiana
Disaster Declaration as of 08/08/2008

Legend:
- Designated Counties
- 10 Year Frequency
- 20 Year Frequency
- 50 Year Frequency
- Individual and Public Assistance
- All counties are eligible

Source: Disaster Relief Reports

Map: FEMA-1766-DR-IN
State and Federal Collaboration

• Scale of event starts to exceed state capabilities
  – FEMA representation in SEOC
    • Provide most recent programmatic guidance
    • Post declaration provided individual assistance, public assistance and hazard mitigation funding.
  – USACE Assistance with flood fighting efforts
    • Pumps, repair guidance
  – United States Marine Corp
    • Assisted with water rescues
  – Small Business Administration
    • Disaster recovery loans for individuals and business

• This event planted the seed for the creation of the IN Silver Jacket team.
State Collaboration

• Governor’s Office forms Office of Disaster Recovery
  – IDHS leads efforts to create “One Stop Shops”
    • Bring all essential State services to one table
      – Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV)
      – Family and Social Services (FSSA)
      – Department of Workforce Development (DWD)
      – Department of Agriculture (ISDA)
      – Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH)
      – Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA)
      – Indiana Department of Insurance (IDOI)
      – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disasters (VOAD)
Hoosiers Helping Hoosiers
State and Local Collaboration

• Local jurisdictions were immediately overwhelmed
  – Over 5000 homes damaged
  – Very little or no ability to commit required match for projects.
    • IDHS facilitated partnership with IHCDA to cover local match.
  – County EMA Director’s were unable to respond and prepare project documentation
    • IDHS use of contractors to assist in project development
    • Locals and state personnel assisted with mortgage issues
    • Encouragement to work with “out of the box” partners
      – Area Planning Commissions
      – Economic Development Sectors
      – Business and Private Resources
Points to Remember

• Communication is the key to successful recovery
• Include all stakeholders in recovery collaboration
• Instead of “quickest” recovery encourage resilient recovery
• Be creative!
• Begin forming partnerships pre event
  – 2008 event inspired Indiana to form its own Silver Jacket Team
    • Now this team serves as the State Mitigation Council
    • Originally focused on floods but is becoming all hazard driven
QUESTIONS???

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