

# CHURCH DISASTER READINESS



IN 10 'EASY' STEPS

# WHAT DO WE DO?



**PREPARE / RESPOND / RECOVER**

# 3 KEY QUESTIONS FOR OUR CHURCH SAFETY

1. WHERE ARE WE?

2. WHERE DO WE NEED TO BE?

3. HOW DO WE GET THERE?



# WHY DO WE NEED A PLAN?

## ◆ NATURAL HAZARDS

- ◆ EARTHQUAKE

- ◆ TORNADO

- ◆ FLOOD

- ◆ FIRE

- ◆ SNOW / ICE

## ◆ TECHNICAL HAZARDS

### ◆ POWER FAILURE

- ◆ Heat

- ◆ Cooling

- ◆ Lights

- ◆ Computers

### ◆ WATER FAILURE/DAMAGE

## ◆ **HUMAN THREAT**

- ◆ **ARSON**

- ◆ **SHOOTER**

- ◆ **THEFT**

- ◆ **DOMESTIC DISPUTE**

- ◆ **BOMB**

- ◆ **CYBER ATTACK**

- ◆ **MEDICAL CRISIS**

# **IMPROVING SAFETY AT YOUR WORSHIP CENTER**

**(video)**

# WHAT IS OUR GREATEST OBSTACLE ?



“Motivation”



# FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

- ◆ SUPPORTED BY LEADERSHIP
- ◆ CONSIDER ALL HAZARDS
- ◆ CONSIDER ALL SETTINGS AND TIMES
- ◆ CONSIDER ALL RESPONSES
- ◆ PROVIDE FOR FUNCTIONAL NEEDS OF ALL WORSHIPERS
- ◆ EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION PLAN

# **PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT REVIEW**

**◆ PREPARED AREAS . . .**

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**◆ AREAS NEEDING IMPROVEMENT . .**

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# STEP # 1 - TEAM



- ◆ FORM A TEAM
- ◆ DEFINE TEAM MEMBER ROLES
- ◆ REGULAR SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS
- ◆ TIME FRAME FOR PLAN DEVELOPMENT
- ◆ ENVISION EXPECTED OUTCOME

# STEP # 2 - HAZARDS

- ◆ IDENTIFY HAZARDS
- ◆ ASSESS DEGREE OF RISK
- ◆ PRIORITIZE HAZARDS



# STEP # 3 – CONCERNS

- ◆ LIABILITY OF STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS
- ◆ REPLACEMENT OF ASSETS
- ◆ LOSS OF RECORDS
- ◆ ADEQUATE INSURANCE
- ◆ BUILDING SAFETY / EVACUATION
- ◆ COMMUNICATION PROCESS
- ◆ DECISION MAKING
- ◆ ALTERNATE WORSHIP SITE



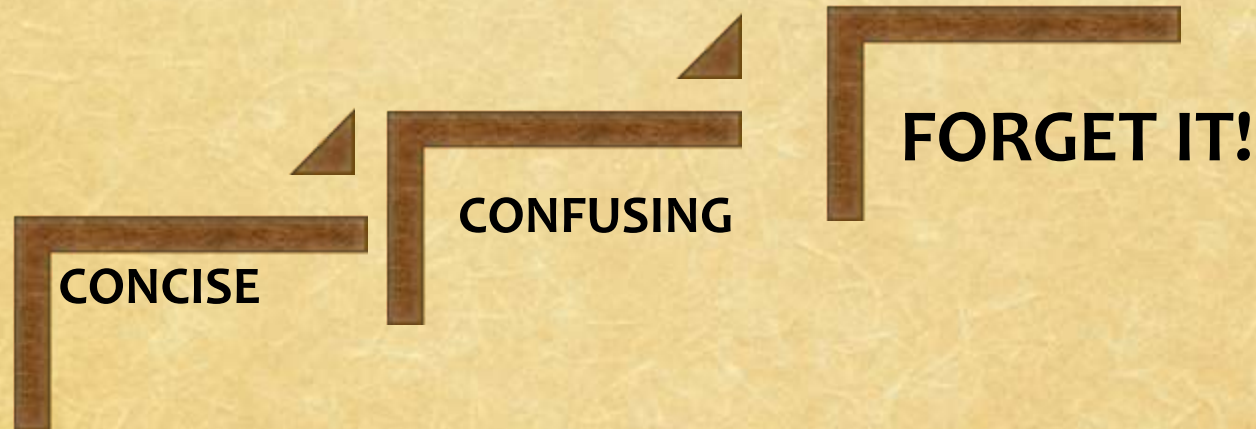
# STEP # 4 – DIRECTION

- ◆ DEVELOP OBJECTIVES TO MINIMIZE RISK
- ◆ IDENTIFY COURSES OF ACTION
- ◆ DETERMINE RESOURCE NEEDS AND COST



# STEP # 5 – DESIGN

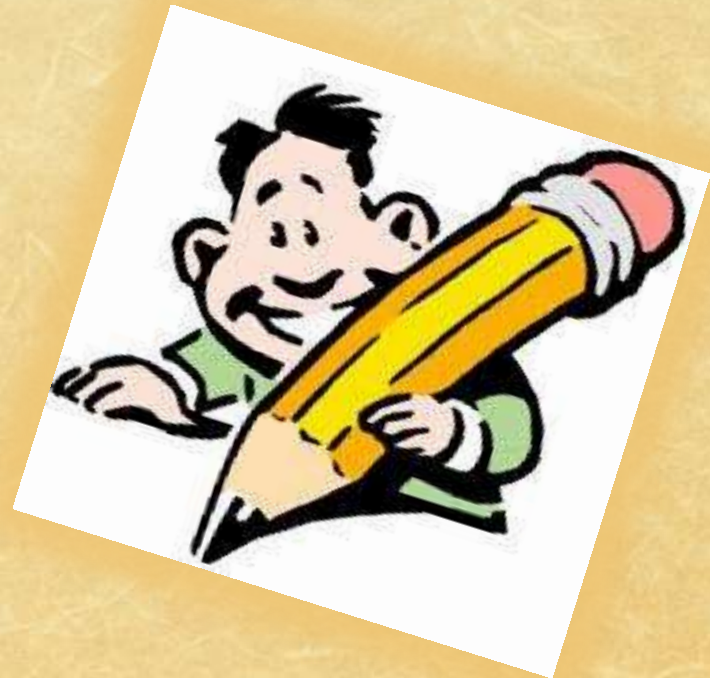
- ◆ **FORMAT FOR THE PLAN**
  - ◆ **Bullet points – minimize narrative**
  - ◆ **Thick is not better**
  - ◆ **Heaviness is directly correlated to non-usage**





# STEP # 6 – WRITE

- ♦ WRITE THE PLAN
  - ♦ Short sentences
  - ♦ Active voice
  - ♦ Simple word choice
  - ♦ Clear meaning
  - ♦ Easy reference



# **STEP # 7 - APPROVALS**

- ♦ **DETERMINE THE FOLLOWING**
  - ♦ **Who has signature authority to approve the plan**
  - ♦ **Who has responsibility for plan implementation**
  - ♦ **Who will maintain**
  - ♦ **Who will train**
  - ♦ **Schedule for plan review and evaluation**

# STEP # 8 - INFORM

- ◆ TRAIN THE STAKEHOLDERS
  - ◆ Meeting
  - ◆ Visit site
  - ◆ Post information
  - ◆ Provide skills
  - ◆ Inform the congregation
  - ◆ Use Social Media



# STEP # 9 - RESPOND



- ◆ EXERCISE THE PLAN
  - ◆ Table top exercise
    - ◆ Drill
  - ◆ Real situation

# STEP # 10 – AFTER PLAN

- ◆ REVIEW
- ◆ REVISE
- ◆ MAINTAIN
  - ◆ Develop training schedule
  - ◆ Date for plan review
  - ◆ Who is responsible for plan maintenance



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**SEE . . . YOU'RE DONE !!**

**(AND ARE MUCH BETTER PREPARED)**



# RESOURCES

- [http://www.brethren.org/bdm/files/checklist\\_for\\_a\\_church\\_emergency\\_management\\_plan.pdf](http://www.brethren.org/bdm/files/checklist_for_a_church_emergency_management_plan.pdf)
- <http://www.ucc.org/oghs/national/LocChSamplePlan.pdf>
- <http://www.namb.net/uploadedFiles/2012%20Church%20Preparedness%20Manual%20March%202012.pdf>
- [www.hcrn.info/Disaster\\_Planning\\_for\\_Churches.pdf](http://www.hcrn.info/Disaster_Planning_for_Churches.pdf)



# RESOURCES

- <http://www.youtube.com/churchmutual>
- [Church Mutual DVDs – Safety, Fire, Crime](#)
- [Red Cross - Ready in 123: www.readyrating.org](http://www.readyrating.org)
- [Big Book of Checklists: www.brotherhoodmutual.com](http://www.brotherhoodmutual.com)
- [http://calnevada.s3.amazonaws.com/  
F7BCF89A92084CBDB67FC4533F702108\\_GenericDisasterPlan\\_2012.pdf](http://calnevada.s3.amazonaws.com/F7BCF89A92084CBDB67FC4533F702108_GenericDisasterPlan_2012.pdf)
- [http://www.hcrn.info/Disaster\\_Planning\\_for\\_Churches.pdf](http://www.hcrn.info/Disaster_Planning_for_Churches.pdf)