

Injury 2003 Conference

The Civil Defence Emergency
Management Act 2002

The Act

- Came into force on 1 December 2002
- Repeals the Civil Defence Act 1983
- Transitional arrangements apply until CDEM groups are established and the group has an operative plan

Purposes of the Act

- Improve and promote the sustainable management of hazards
- Communities to achieve acceptable levels of risk
- Provide for planning and preparation for emergencies and for response and recovery when an event occurs - the 4 R's
- Enhance integration and co-ordination

Key Philosophies Behind the New Statute....

- Co-ordinated CDEM planning via regionally based groups
- Better national linkages:
 - CDEMG to CDEMG
 - CDEMG to central government

Key Philosophies...continued

- Broadens responsibilities - civil defence not just a central and local government responsibility:
 - New role for lifeline utilities
 - New role for emergency services
 - Increased community responsibility

Key Philosophies...continued

- Builds on past arrangements
 - More focus on prevention
 - Requires a risk management approach
 - Must consider “all hazards”

Explaining the Jargon

CDEM group - political representatives of all the local authorities and the regional council in each area. For Auckland the group consists of:

- Auckland City Council
- Auckland Regional Council
- Franklin District Council
- Manakau City Council
- North Shore City Council
- Papakura District Council
- Rodney District Council
- Waitakere City Council

Explaining the Jargon...continued

Co-ordinating executive group (CEG)

The committee of officials that advises the CDEMG

Membership consists of: each local authority

- Police

- Fire service

- DHBs

- Others

Explaining the Jargon...continued

Lifeline - a utility or entity providing key services.

Some examples are:

- Airports and port companies
- Media networks (TVNZ, radio NZ, BCL)
- Network providers (telcommunications, rail, roads, petroleum, wastewater, sewerage)
- Utilities (gas, electricity, water)

Explaining the Jargon...continued

Emergency Services

- NZ Police
- NZ Fire Service
- Rural Fire
- Hospital and health services

Who Does What...

Central government

- Function as fully as possible during and after an emergency
- Perform agreed functions under any CDEMG plan
- Ministry of CDEM to develop
 - » National Strategy
 - » National Plan
 - » Directors Guidelines

Who Does What...continued

Local government

- Join and participate in the CDEM group
- Participate in the development of the CDEMG plan and the National Strategy
- Each local authority must:
 - » Function as fully as possible during and after an emergency
 - » Plan and provide for CDEM in its own district

Who Does What...continued

Emergency services

- Participate in the development of:
 - » National Strategy
 - » CDEMG plan
- Participate in the CEG

Who Does What...continued

- Lifelines
 - Function as fully as possible during and after an emergency
 - Participate in the development of:
 - » National strategy
 - » CDEMG plan
 - Provide technical advice to the director and CDEM groups

What Has Auckland Done?

- Pilot for new legislation for past 4+ years
- Formed the CDEM group and CEG
- Developed draft plan for consultation - www.auckland.cdemg.org.nz
- Public education - www.planb.govt.nz
- Professional development and training - CIMS

Questions????

