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
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 (telecommunications, 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 CDEM 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????