



**Module 2**  
**Individual Assistance (IA)**



## Module 2 Objectives

- Describe the five categories for identifying damage and impacts to homes
- Identify individuals that could assist in the IDA data collection process
- Describe methods for collecting information for the IDA
- Identify the forms to be utilized to gather IDA IA data



# Damage Assessment Categories for Homes

- FEMA utilizes five categories:
  - Destroyed
  - Major (homes requiring costly or extended repair to be made habitable)
  - Minor (homes that can be made habitable quickly and without great expense)
  - Affected habitable
  - Inaccessible
- See handout, *“Home, Business, PNP Damage Assessment Organizational Comparisons”* for more extensive description/definitions



# Damage Assessment Categories for Homes, cont.

- Use Assessor's records to establish community average home values (low, medium, and high) to facilitate making damage estimates
- American Red Cross may have initial estimates of residential damage, but typically does not identify business damages



# Damage Assessment Categories for Homes, cont.

- Rental units can (and usually should) be counted twice:
  - The renter is affected under the housing category
  - The landlord is affected under the business category unless all the damage is to the personal property of the renter
- Include personal property estimates (if offered), but *don't spend much time* trying to obtain this information
- Do *not* count “second” or vacation homes, nor outbuildings such as a detached garage or barn



# Consider Involving Other Parties

- American Red Cross
- Building inspectors/assessors
- Volunteer organizations, such as CERT, VIPS, and SAR
- 2-1-1



# Methods for Collecting Information for the IDA

- Telephone banks
- Online registration
- American Red Cross IDA information
- Door-to-door
- Windshield survey or similar
- By aircraft
- Other suggestions?



# Forms to Utilize

- Forms used for the IA IDA:
  - Individual Assistance (IA) Initial Damage Assessment (IDA) Field Data Collection Form (Excel spreadsheet) -
    - data from this document rolls up into the overall County IDA Summary Report Form
    - Form should be submitted to OEM
  - IDA Summary Report Form – includes information on both IA and PA



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- Benton County Emergency Management
- Douglas County Emergency Management
- Hood River County Emergency Management
- Josephine County Emergency Services
- Lincoln County Emergency Management
- Linn County Emergency Management
- Union County Emergency Management
- A 9-1-1 Center somewhere along the North Coast of Oregon
- Commonwealth of Virginia, Dept. of Emergency Management
- Other unknown sources



**WATER LEVEL**























WATER LEVEL











**Not economically feasible to rebuild**





6 inches to 2 feet in mobile home with plywood floors  
1 inch with particle board floors.

Will take more than 30 days to repair.





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**Joint PDA**



# Disaster Declaration Criteria

## Individual Assistance

Factors considered by FEMA (see 44 CFR 206.48) in making a recommendation to the President on a Governor's request for a major disaster declaration for Individual Assistance are severity, magnitude, and impact, especially:

- Concentration of damages
- Trauma
- Special populations

Offset by the extent to which losses will be covered by insurance and the extent to which voluntary agencies will be able to provide assistance to meet the needs.



# Disaster Declaration Criteria Individual Assistance (cont.)

FEMA will also consider the “*average amount of Individual Assistance by State*” per disaster, as codified at 44 CFR 206.48 (b) (6).

Oregon is considered a “medium size State” with approximately 70% of the average population of the states in this category. Comparable Individual Assistance declarations in a State with a population similar to that of Oregon would have had an approximate average of:

- 400 homes estimated to have major damage or destroyed (statewide)
- 2,000 households estimated to need disaster housing
- 1,000 estimated Individuals and Households Program (IHP) applications
- Etcetera... (dollar estimates that go with the above)



# Conducting the IA Joint PDA

- Members of the IA Joint PDA Team:
  - Local
  - State
  - FEMA
  - SBA
  - Hazard Mitigation
  - Possibly American Red Cross



# How the IA Joint PDA is conducted

- Review IDA information provided by county
- Determine which “worst impacted” areas to assess first
- Assign teams to geographic areas, if more than one team
- Walk or drive down impacted streets and note damages
- Talk to business owners
- Complete appropriate forms
- Cooperative effort and communication among team members
  - periodic consensus on damage estimates, figures

Reporting Jurisdiction:								Building Type					Damage Category
Event Name and Timeline:								PS = Primary Single Family					
Individual Assistance Initial Damage Assessment Collection Form							PM = Primary Mobile Home	RS = Rental Single Family				A = Affected - Habitable, MN = Minor, MJ = Major, D = Destroyed, I = Inaccessible	
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							PMF = Primary Multi Family Dwelling	RMF = Rental Multifamily Dwelling					
							SMH = Secondary, Mobile Home	RB = Rental Business				Insurance Policy Type	
							SMH = Secondary, Mobile Home					G = General, F = Flood, E=Earthquake or N = None	
Do not count second or vacation homes unless they are rentals and do not count outbuildings.													

No.	Date Reported	Reporting Individual - Owner Or Renter	Name	Address of Property	Zip	Phone Contact	Email Contact	Building Type	Insurance Policy Type	Est. Damage Cost \$\$	Damage Category	Basement Damage	Comments
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2										\$ -			
3										\$ -			
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