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Winter Storm Discussion

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Agenda

- ▶ Opening Remarks and Introductions
- ▶ PSE Presentation
- ▶ NWS Presentation
- ▶ Kitsap County Presentation
- ▶ Closing Remarks and Review of Action Items



Discussion Points

- ▶ Weather Conference Calls
- ▶ Weather triggers...Snow/wind/rain
- ▶ Roads
 - ▶ Closures
 - ▶ Snow routes
 - ▶ Road Maintenance
- ▶ Changing Gears and ACC Activations
- ▶ Shelters
- ▶ Power Lines
- ▶ Lessons Learned 2010





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Kitsap County Winter Storm Discussion

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Agenda

- ▶ **Preparations**
 - ▶ Triggers
 - ▶ Notification
 - ▶ Preparing for storms
- ▶ **Response**
 - ▶ Changing Gears and ACCs
 - ▶ EOC operation
 - ▶ Mass Care
- ▶ **Recovery**
 - ▶ Long term mass care
 - ▶ Refueling plan
 - ▶ Public assistance
 - ▶ Debris management



Preparatory Actions

- ▶ What are we doing now?
 - ▶ Verify notification lists
 - ▶ Sandbag positioning/filling sandbags

911

Fire

Law

Public Works

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Lessons from last year



Pre-Event Actions

- ▶ *Rain and high winds*
- ▶ *Snow fall and low temperatures*
- ▶ *Heavy rains and flooding*

- ▶ **Pre-Event actions consist of:**
 - ▶ Communications
 - ▶ Coordination and move to “change gears”
 - ▶ Staging equipment or opening shelters



Pre-Event Actions

- ▶ Triggers “*What moves us?*”
- ▶ Conference Call
- ▶ Changing Gears “*What does it mean to ramp up?*”
- ▶ Staging Sandbags
- ▶ Preparing the EOC and notifying personnel
- ▶ Opening warming shelters
- ▶ Contacting County leadership

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Preemptive Issues

- ▶ Changing Gears
 - ▶ Ramping up and down
- ▶ Timing of commuter traffic
- ▶ Status of schools
- ▶ Status of Gorst and high tides
- ▶ Communicating with PSE
- ▶ Forecasts, freezing temps and high winds
- ▶ Getting employees in place or home before the event begins

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Response

- ▶ How does high winds affect responders?
- ▶ Who is managing road closure information?
- ▶ How can we use Kitsap I more effectively?
- ▶ Lets discuss PSE/PW/Fire Task Force
- ▶ Emergency Road plowing
 - ▶ Consider closing roads before they get bad
 - ▶ If snow, need to keep Union Ave a priority for 911
- ▶ Kitsap Transit policy
- ▶ Communications
 - ▶ Frequency allocation
 - ▶ Printers and I-Net viewer at Fire Stations
 - ▶ Contacting PSE...call the right number
 - ▶ Improve communications with Ferries and WSDOT

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Problem areas

- ▶ Gorst
- ▶ Private Roads
- ▶ Landslides
- ▶ Manchester Mountain
- ▶ Lakes

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Recovery

- ▶ Power Outages
- ▶ Damage Assessments
- ▶ Mass care issues
 - ▶ Shelters
 - ▶ Vulnerable populations
 - ▶ Pets
 - ▶ Refueling Plan
- ▶ Public Assistance
- ▶ Debris Management

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Closing Remarks

- ▶ Open Discussion
- ▶ Lessons from the Past
 - ▶ Think ahead of the storm....don't be caught with your "p--ts" down.
 - ▶ Think outside the box
 - ▶ Don't hold information that may be important to others
 - ▶ Priorities 3,4,and 5's might not be life-safety now, but maybe 2 hours from now. Also, they may be an indication of a bigger problem.
- ▶ Action Items

Thanks for being here!

