

Planning as a Recovery Tool

A Whole Community Approach



Importance of Partnerships

- Business Continuity Workshops for Non-profits
- Faith-Based Breakfast Series
- Creation of a Long-Term Recovery Committee



Phoenixville
Community
Health Foundation



Chester County
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



Phases of a Disaster



We must turn... Chaos, Confusion, and Crisis



**INTO... COOPERATION,
COMMUNICATION, COORDINATION,
AND COLLABORATION**

Joplin, Missouri before



Joplin, Missouri 38 minutes later



Importance of Personal Experience

Streets of Philadelphia following the August 2011 Virginia Earthquake



<http://usatoday30.usatoday.com/tech/news/story/2011-08-23/Post-quake-West-teases-East-on-social-networks/50110768/1>

Disaster Denials

1. A disaster will not happen.
2. A disaster will not happen to me.
3. A disaster will not be that bad.
4. If a disaster happens and it is that bad, “there is nothing I can do about it!”

Disasters happen in Chester County.



West Nickel Mines School Lancaster County



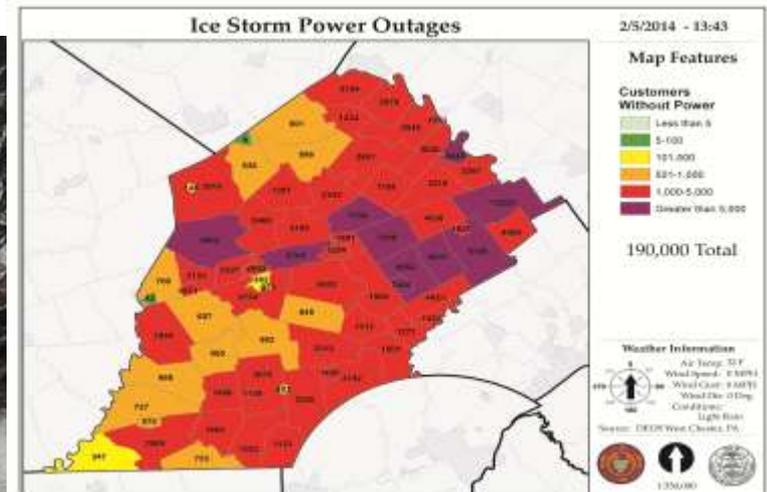
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Volunteer Management Coordinators & 2011 Weather Events



Ice Storm Niko: 2014



*Risk = Hazard * (Vulnerability – Resources)*



Photo by Rob Phillips

In Chester County, the 2 greatest hazards are fire and flooding.

Challenge: Limit Vulnerability & Increase Resources



Business Continuity Workshops

- Initially a project of the Functional Needs Subcommittee
- Utilized local business continuity experts
- Coordinated with the United Way of Chester County
- Incorporated into local grant requirements

Drexel School of Public Policy White Paper

<http://unitedforimpact.org/uploads/about/publications-and-reports/HSA-White-Paper.pdf>

SEPA VOAD Symposium: June 2014

<http://www.sepavoad.com/#!sepa-symposium-2014/c12gj>

Emergency Network of Los Angeles

<http://enla.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/Non-Profits-Continuity-and-Recovery-Plan.pdf>

Faith-Based Breakfast Series

- **October 2013: Explore How Faith-Based Organizations Can Better Weather the Storm**
- **April 2014: Community Conversation: Ice Storm 2014**
- **October 2014: Learn how you can tie Emergency Preparedness to everyday activities, and why it is important to prepare all year long.**

Development of Comfort Centers

Pennsylvania Disaster Spiritual Care Network

www.pdscn.org

Long-Term Recovery Committee (without a disaster)

- Conversation started in 2011
- Reinforced following Super Storm Sandy
- Launched November 2013 with the assistance of LDR and SEPA VOAD
- Bylaws adopted March 2014
- Membership Applications Accepted & Steering Committee Formed: May 2014

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