May 2014 San Diego County Wildfires

After Action Report

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San Diego County
Improvements

Oct 2003
Wildfires

Oct 2007
Wildfires

May 2014
Wildfires

2003 | **2005** | **2007** | **2009** | **2011** | **2013**

Mar 2004
MOU w/ Navy completed

Mar 2005
MOU w/ 2-1-1

June 2005
Purchased Firefighting helicopters

Oct 2006
OA EOC remodeled

July 2007
RCS Improvements

Sept 2007
Emergency Management accreditation

Sept 2007
AlertSanDiego purchased

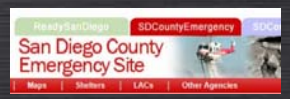
Jan 2008
MOU w/ Marines completed

June 2008
San Diego County Fire Authority created

May 2009
Call When Needed aircraft

June 2011
NICS piloted

Oct 2011
SD County Emergency Web Site



June 2012
Night flying MOU

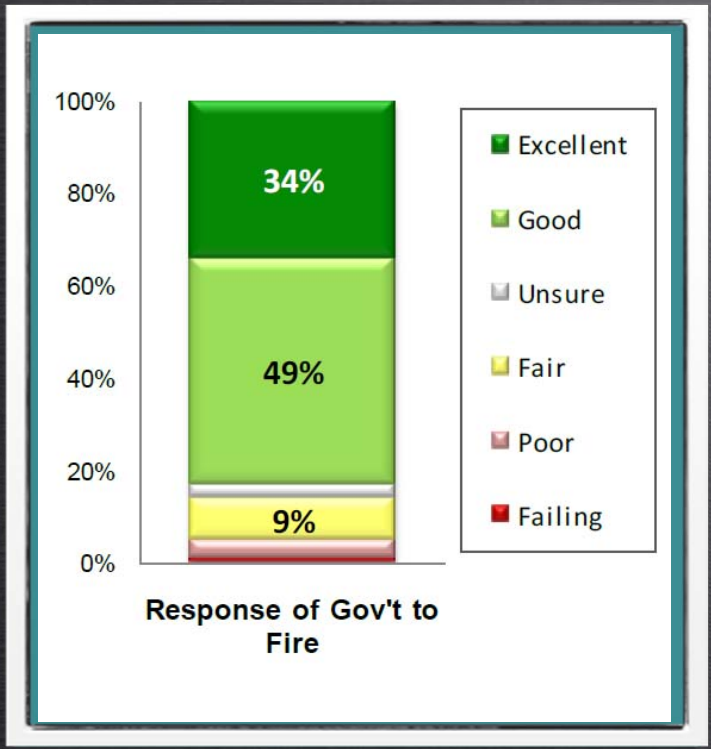
Sept 2012
SD Emergency App

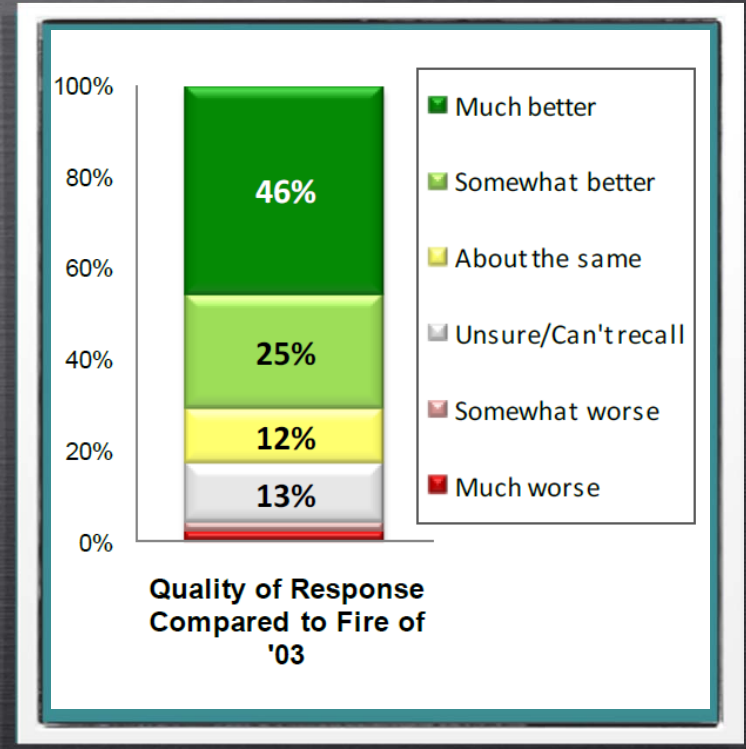
Actions After 2003

- ✓ MOU with 2-1-1 San Diego
- ✓ Purchased two firefighting helicopters
- ✓ Operational Area Emergency Operations Center (OA EOC) remodeled
- ✓ AlertSanDiego purchased
- ✓ Upgrades to the 800mhz radio system (RCS)
- ✓ Emergency Management accreditation

Residents' Response

After the 2007 Wildfires





83 percent of the public felt that government's response was either good or excellent

71 percent felt the response was better than the 2003 fires

Improvements Since 2007

- ✓ San Diego County Fire Authority established
- ✓ Military MOUs
- ✓ Nighttime flying
- ✓ Call When Needed aircraft
- ✓ Next-Generation Incident Command System (NICS)

Recommendations

Call When Needed Aircraft

Fund up to $750,000. This would allow us the flexibility to bring in more aircraft for really bad wind events, or to fund one or two aircraft for several different wind events.

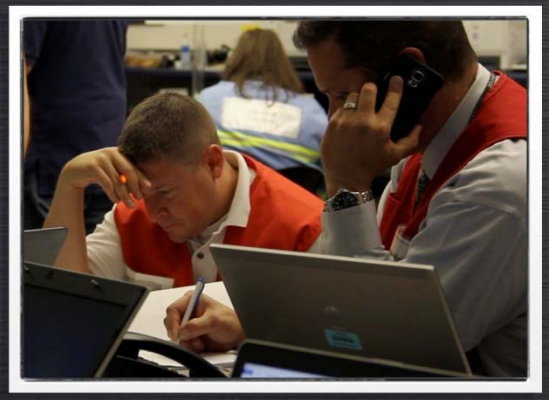
Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) Devices

Consider allocating $50,000 to purchase & pilot a small number of Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) thermal imaging devices

Fire Safety Public Awareness Campaign

Allocate $400,000 to develop and execute a comprehensive wildfire public awareness campaign

Improved Communication



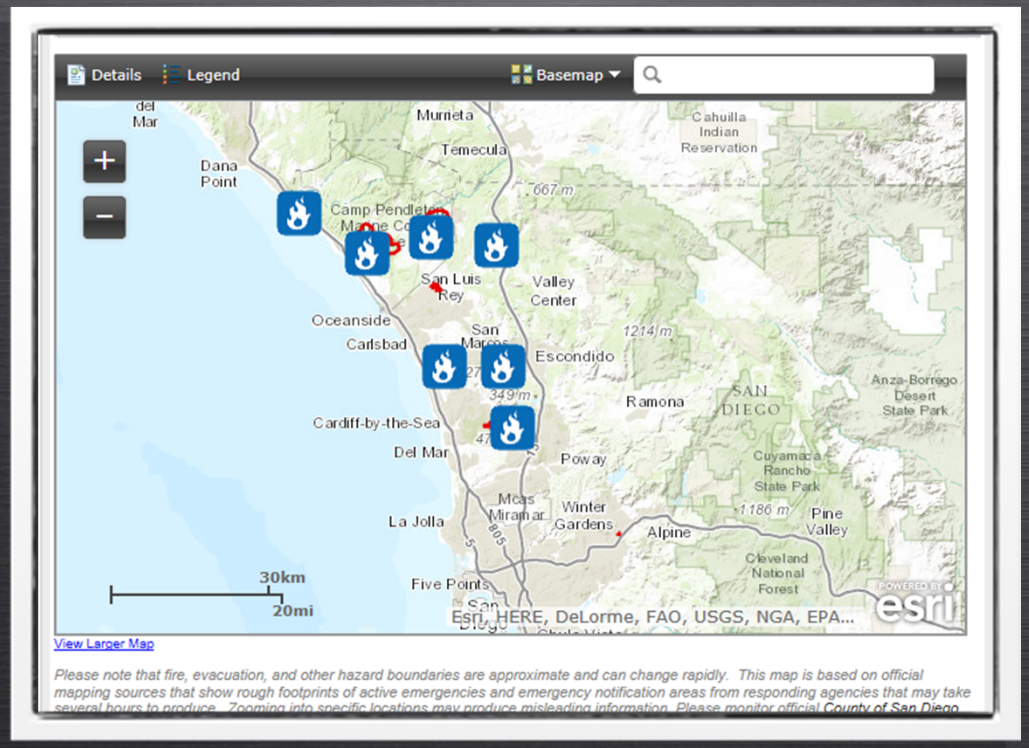
- ✓ Developing protocols and procedures for the release of information from Emergency Operations Centers (EOC)
- ✓ Introduction documents for Incident Management Teams arriving from out of the area
- ✓ Protocol for establishing contact with Public Information Officers working in other Emergency Operations Centers

Advanced Recovery Initiative

Double, from 150 to 300, the number of County workers trained to help in disasters:

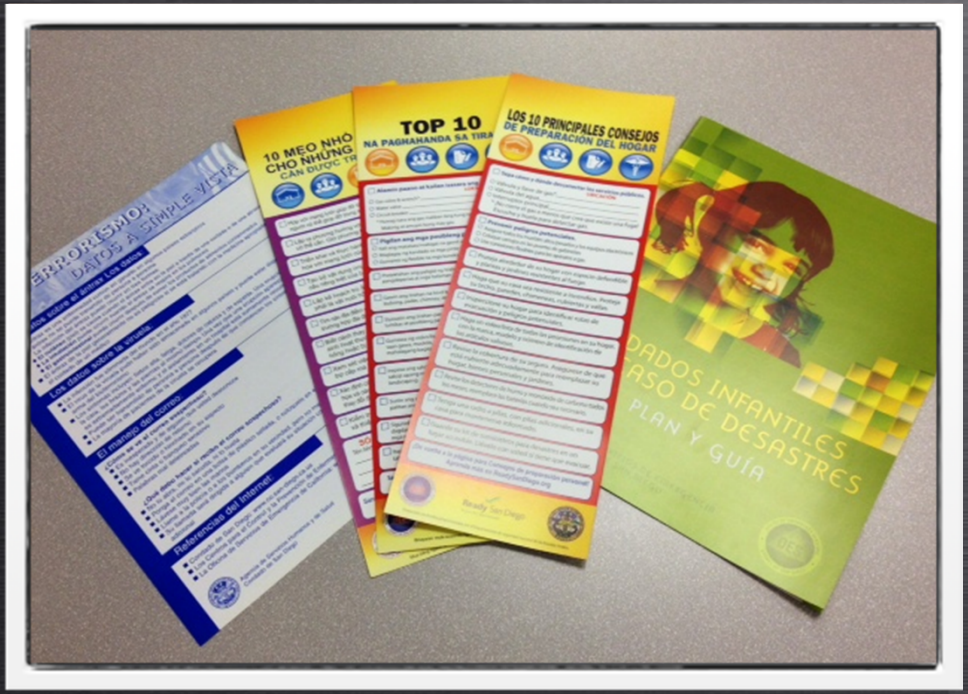
2-1-1 operators, shelter workers and managers, and local assistance center teams

Fire Perimeter Maps



Work with CAL FIRE to utilize NICS to get fire perimeter data quickly for public use

Vulnerable Populations



Continue increasing our ability to reach non-English speakers

Vulnerable Populations

Promote Accessible AlertSanDiego

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