



# DAMAGE ASSESSMENT SAFETY

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# BRIEFING

- Current situation
- Known hazards
- Hours of operations
- Area to survey
- Emergency numbers and information
- “Call in” at appointed times to keep track of teams and progress



# WHAT YOU MIGHT NEED

- Dress for conditions
- Sturdy boots
- Full-length pants
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Hat and gloves for winter PDA's
- Portable battery charger



# SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- Power lines
- Water covering open manholes or depressions
- Insects
- Animals
- Contaminates
- Debris



# DISASTER DRIVING

- Do NOT drive through flooded roads
- Know where you are going
- Adjust speed to conditions
- Watch for debris/obstructions in roadway



# COMMUNICATIONS

Communications are required to:

- Summon emergency assistance
- Keep teams advised of severe weather
- Advise of other information critical to operations
- Advise EOC of emergency/critical information
  - Cell phone
  - Radio



# COMMUNICATIONS (CONTINUED)

- Emergency phone numbers
- Location of hospitals/emergency care
- EOC phone number(s)
- Cell phone numbers of the other team members
- Radio call signs



# BUDDY SYSTEM

- Damage assessment should be conducted in teams of at least two people
- Know the areas where other teams are working





**STAY SAFE!!**



# QUESTIONS?

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