

# Evacuation Planning

**Is it a check the box  
action or  
can it be a realistic tool?**



# Issues affecting evacs:

- Dynamic/static nature of incident
- Multiple incidents – stressed resources
- Varying terms/practices
- Transitory population
- Special needs populations
- Over reliance on govt
- Digital divide
- Murphy's law



# Evac plans - only good if incident fits the plan, need dynamic tools

What's Needed?

## Pre-incident:

- Multi-hazard plan w/evac component, standard terminology & modeling
- Training – Ready, Set, GO! & digital divide recognition
- Business continuity plans

## Incident:

- Coordination (ICS)
- No evac w/o re-entry plan consideration
- Temporary Refuge Area (TRA) vs. Safe Refuge Area(SRA)
- Dynamic modeling tools – FIRIS , Zonehaven
- Notification – Everbridge, Reverse 911

## Post Incident:

- Re-entry plan
- Post fire recovery



Evacuation plans can be regulated,  
but it takes:

- **Commitment**
- **Practice (On-going)**
- **Action**



to *turn an evacuation plan into reality!*