

Disaster Response without a Reliable Federal Partner

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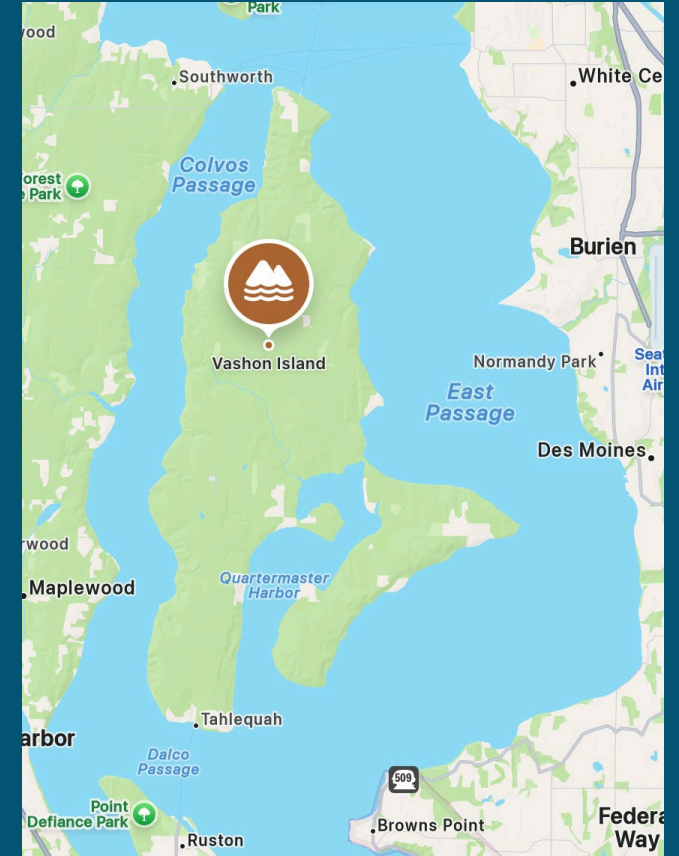
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Disaster?

- FEMA: protect, prevent, mitigate, respond, recover
- But if nobody's coming, what can we do?



Preparedness!



VashonBePrepared was founded over 25 years ago as a coalition of disaster preparedness and response teams, and incorporated in 2007 as a 501(c)3 nonprofit.

Responding to the Disaster: Money

Four of the FEMA community lifelines became our Objectives:

- Food
- Shelter
- Healthcare
- Economic recovery



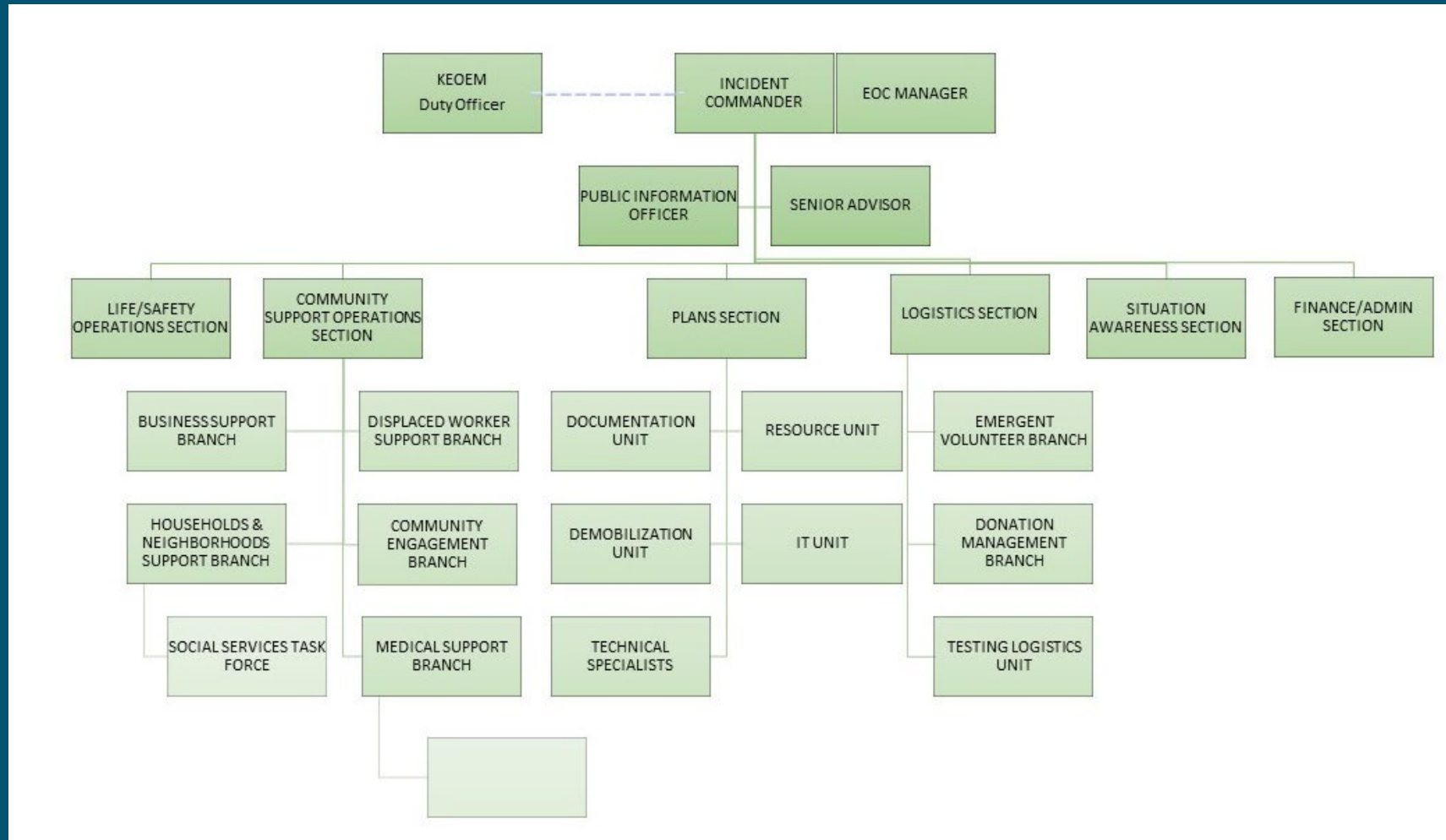
Responding to the Disaster: Volunteers

FEMA and Red Cross: You are the help until help arrives

- New volunteers showed up, eager to help
- Seasoned volunteers took leadership roles
- It was messy and chaotic at first
- Over time, we got more organized



Responding to the Disaster: Connecting



Responding to the Disaster: Communicating

Vashon Situation Report - 110

September 16, 2020

Current Virus Statistics:

Vashon Island COVID-19 Case Count as of 9/16/20:

- 1,782 Total persons tested, 21 persons tested since last Situation Report on Monday
- 19 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases, 0 new cases since last Situation Report on Monday
- Date of last positive test: September 4
- 1 person had been hospitalized. Date of last hospitalization: April 10
- 0 Vashon deaths

King County COVID-19 Case Count as of 9/16/20:

- 21,158 confirmed positive cases, 290 new since last Situation Report on Monday
- 748 deaths, 5 new since last Situation Report on Monday

Washington State COVID-19 Case Count as of 9/15/20:

- 80,812 confirmed positive cases, 674 new since last Situation Report on Monday
- 2,020 deaths, 14 new since last Situation Report on Monday

NOTE: Federal law prohibits Public Health - Seattle & King County from releasing the raw data (HIPAA Act). For consistency of day-to-day data reporting for Vashon, the EOC uses data from the Public Health - Seattle & King County (PHSKC) dashboard.

Housing Security:

- St. Vincent de Paul Society on Vashon (SVdP) offers assistance to all in need, regardless of income.

News from VashonBePrepared COVID Update Edition

- Boosters Are Coming!
- Heads Up: Masks at Large Gatherings
- School District Update
- Latest COVID Stats for Vashon

Our New Newsletter

Hello from your friends at VashonBePrepared. Lots of folks have asked us to revive the Situation Reports that the Emergency Operations Center produced for the first 1 1/2 years of the pandemic. We hear you. More information is good. So, we're launching this newsletter. At first, it will be devoted mostly to COVID information, as in this inaugural edition. When all this COVID business is over (can't come soon enough!), the newsletter will be published periodically, with tips and information to help build household, neighborhood, and community resilience on Vashon.

Announcing! Boosters Are Coming!

For those who received the Pfizer vaccine and meet the eligibility requirements, you will be able to get your booster vaccination here on island. You must have received both Pfizer doses more than six months ago to get the booster. The new Vashon Pharmacy vaccination boosters

Responding to the Disaster: Collaborating



Building Rural Resilience in Advance

What we learned:

- Create structures in advance, for people and money
- Communicate often, internally and externally
- Form functional partnerships within and beyond the community



How has your organization done more with less?