# Geospatial Tools for Search & Rescue and First Responders



January 30, 2020

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#### Geospatial Tools for Search & Rescue and First Responders

Join the FEMA Response Geospatial Office (RGO) and the National Alliance for Public Safety GIS (NAPSG) Foundation for this virtual seminar to learn about geospatial resources and best practices to aid in search and rescue (SAR) operations.

Attendees will learn about:

- · The purpose of SAR data collection and the ways it can be used
- Field data collection methods and ways to integrate them into an organization
- Developing an organizational game plan to transform data and technology into actionable information that changes the outcome for survivors
- FEMA's timeline and geospatial strategy for SAR

Date: January 30, 2020 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM EST Registration: <u>http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?o</u> eidk=a07egswxm85cb4cfca8&llr=nplxpbdab

Audience: Search and Rescue Professionals, First Responders, Technical/GIS Support Staff, other staff who support SAR operations





## **Modeling and Data Working Group (MDWG)**

#### Meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 2:00-3:30 PM ET

Adobe Connect: <u>https://fema.connectsolutions.com/mdwg-monthly-meeting/</u> Conference Bridge: 800-320-4330, Passcode: 399137#

Email: <a href="mailto:fema-mdwg@fema.dhs.gov">fema-mdwg@fema.dhs.gov</a>





# Welcome

Chris Vaughan, GIO, FEMA



#### Today's Presenters



Lance Gilmore Emergency Management Specialist

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Paul Doherty, PhD Program Manager NAPSG Foundation

Jared Doke Program Specialist NAPSG Foundation

Adam Barker, PhD Response Geospatial Office FEMA



#### **About NAPSG Foundation**

#### **Our Vision**

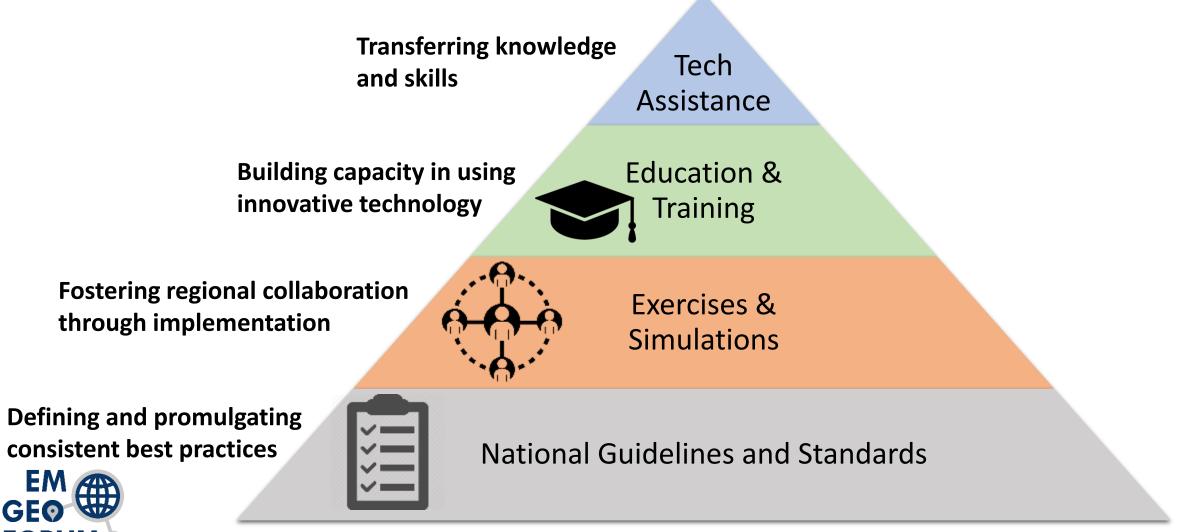
A Nation of emergency responders and leaders equipped with the knowledge and skills in applying technology and data to change the outcome for survivors.

- 501(c)(3) Non-profit organization established in 2005
- +20,000 member network: Public Safety leaders, first responders, and GIS practitioners
- Board of Directors comprised of public safety & emergency management industry leaders

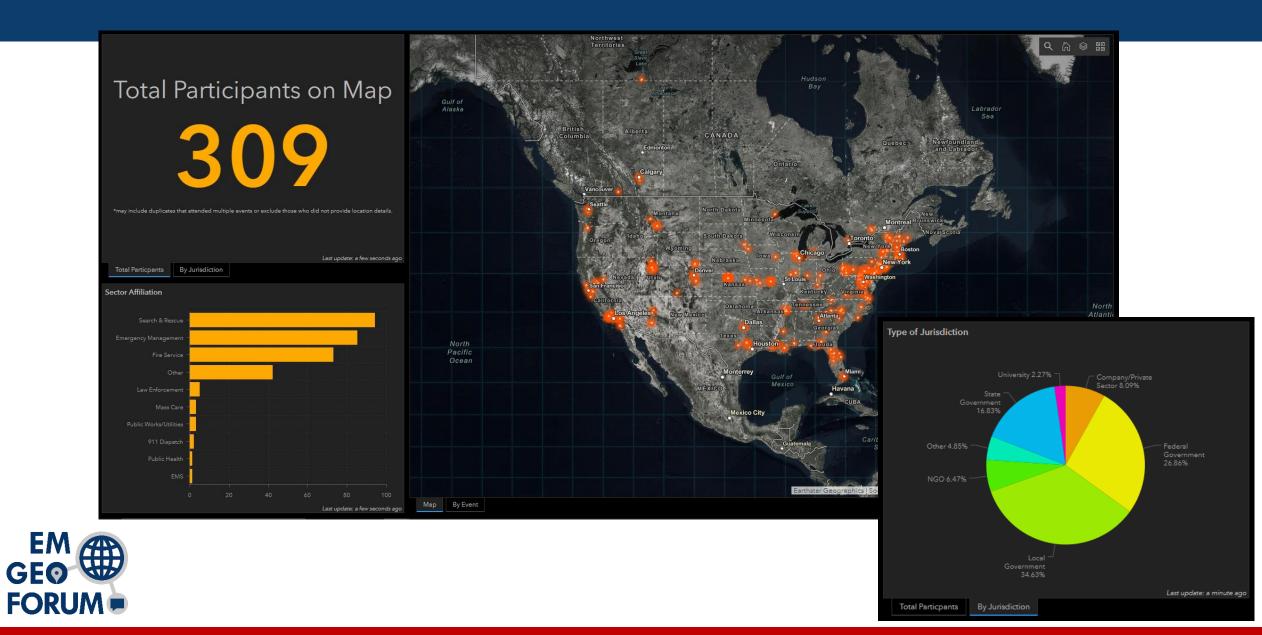


#### How Do We Do It

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#### Today's Attendees



#### Objectives

- 1. Learn about the purpose of SAR data collection and ways in which this data can be used.
- 2. Learn about field data collection methods and ways to integrate them into your organization.
- 3. Learn how to develop an organizational game plan to transform data and technology into actionable information that changes the outcome for survivors.
- 4. Gain insight into FEMA's timeline and geospatial strategy for SAR.



# Purpose of Field Data Collection



### Situational Awareness (More than dots on a map...)

- Real-time situational awareness & collaboration
  - "I can see where other search & rescue teams have already searched and what is needed in the field."
- Enhanced data collection and reporting capabilities

"I can see what has already been accomplished and make predictions on how much time and resources it will take to complete the operation."

Improved search strategy & tactics

"I can see what areas have been covered and what remains to be searched."

• Operational Intelligence

"I can identify the highest priority tasks and assign them to the appropriate teams".



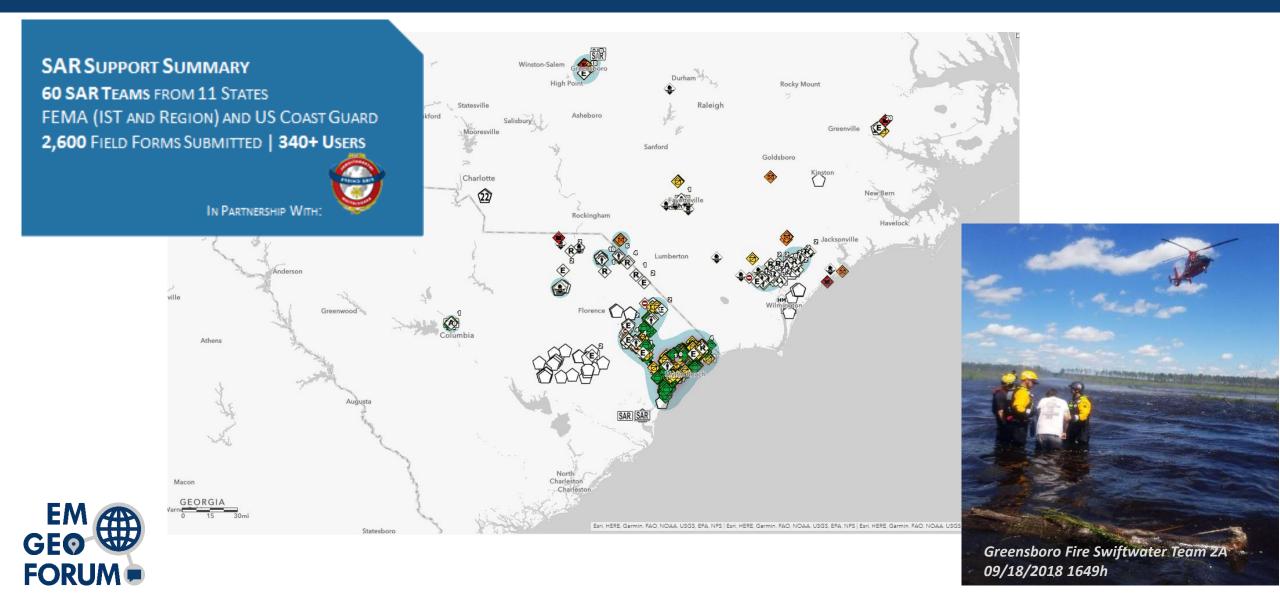
#### Game Plan – Common Language

Four themes of data collected by SAR and First Responder Survey

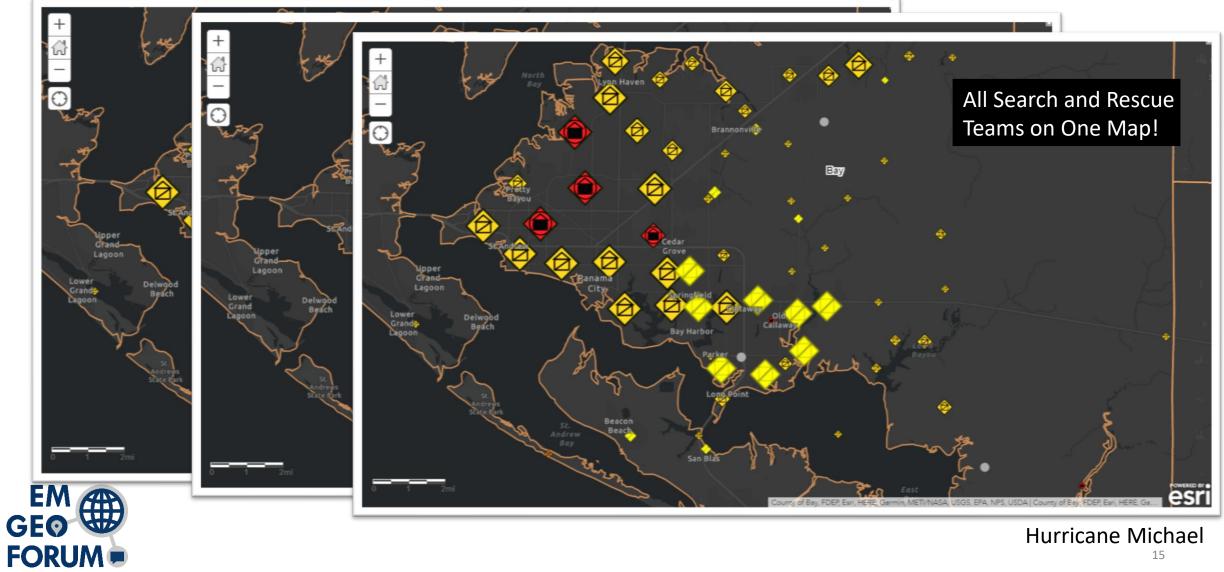
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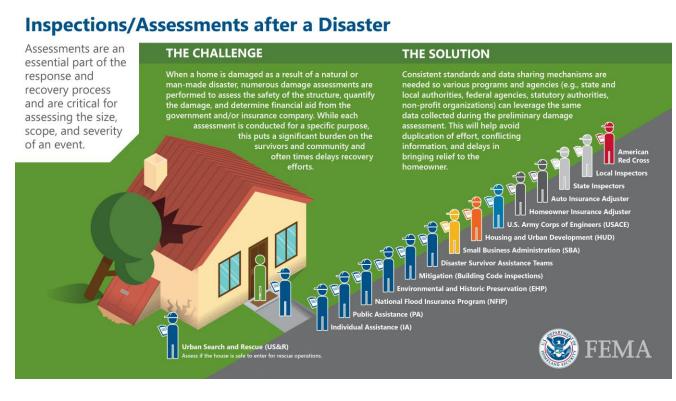


#### One Team, One Fight



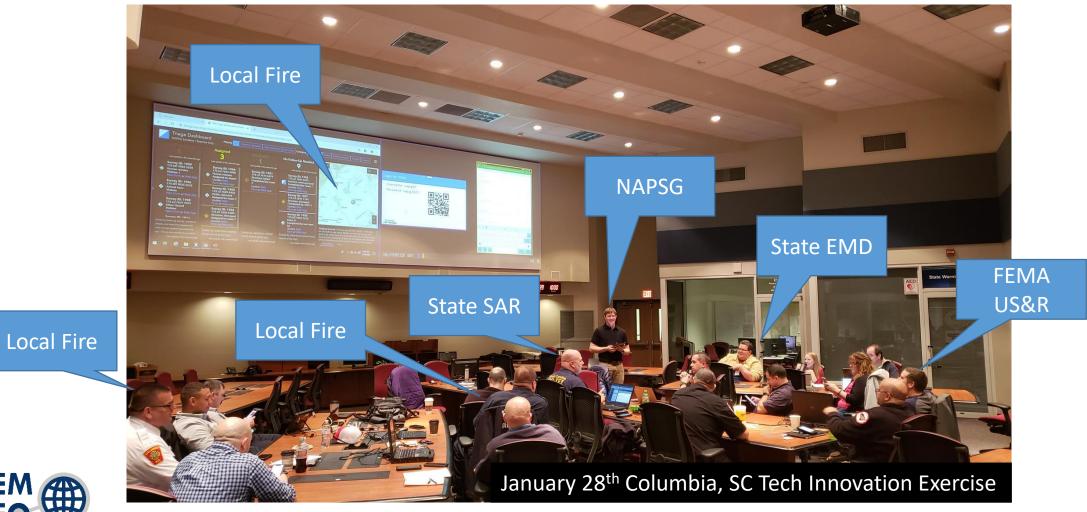
#### Interoperability

- Collaborate with SAR Teams across agencies
- Integrate with existing platforms
  - US National Grid
  - Existing data collection tools (GPS)
  - Common operating platforms at National, State, Local EOCs.. volunteers
  - Messaging and C2 platforms
- Integrate with emergency management
  - Damage Assessment
  - Community Lifelines





#### Interoperability



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#### Interoperability



A lifeline enables the continuous operation of critical government and business functions and is essential to human health and safety or economic security.

FEMA has developed a construct for objectives-based response that prioritizes the rapid stabilization of Community Lifelines after a disaster.



https://www.fema.gov/lifelines

# Modern Field Data Collection Methods



#### Garmin GPS and the Iron Sights Methodology







#### Search Definitions

- RECON Preliminary survey of the area (How Big and How Bad)
- RAPID SEARCH (Hasty Search) Fast paced and methodical search of the area.
- PRIMARY SEARCH Quick search of the structures likely to contain victims.
- SECONDARY SEARCH Systematic search of every room of every structure in the assigned area of operation.
  - LOW COVERAGE Secondary Search:
    - Systematic search of every room and void space.
  - HIGH COVERAGE Secondary Search:
    - Exhaustive search of every room and void space.
- TARGETED SEARCHES Searches of specific locations.
  - Shelter locations
  - High Occupancy locations
  - Critical Infrastructure Facilities
  - Areas of last refuge
  - Locations of Special Needs Individuals or At-Risk Persons



### Iron Sights Icons

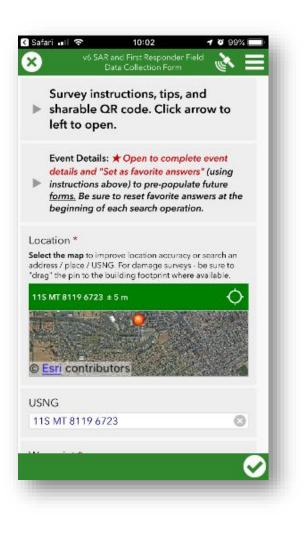
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13 - Shelter in Place	14 – Animal Issue	15 – Fire Incident	16 - Hazardous Material Incident	17 – Targeted Search	18 - Flood/Water Level
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19 - Helicopter Landing Site	20 – Route Blocked	21 - Extra 23	22 - Extra 24	23 - Extra 23	24 - Extra 24



#### Transition from GPS to Survey123







#### Survey123

- App that can be used on Android, iOS, Windows, and Desktop Computers and is part of the Esri ArcGIS platform.
- Works on smartphones, tablets, laptops, or desktops.
- Survey123 for ArcGIS is a complete, form-centric solution for creating, sharing and analyzing surveys.
- Use it to create smart forms with skip logic, defaults, and support for multiple languages.
- Collect data via web or mobile devices, even when disconnected from the Internet.
- Analyze results quickly





#### Part of the ArcGIS Platform





### Benefits of Survey123 over GPS for USAR

- Smart form logic based on waypoint selected
- Automatic field calculations
- Ability to easily project waypoints to desired location
- Near real time data collection in a connected environment
- Fully integrated with ArcGIS Platform
- Ability to collect more meaningful data
- Enhanced data sharing





#### Additional Waypoints

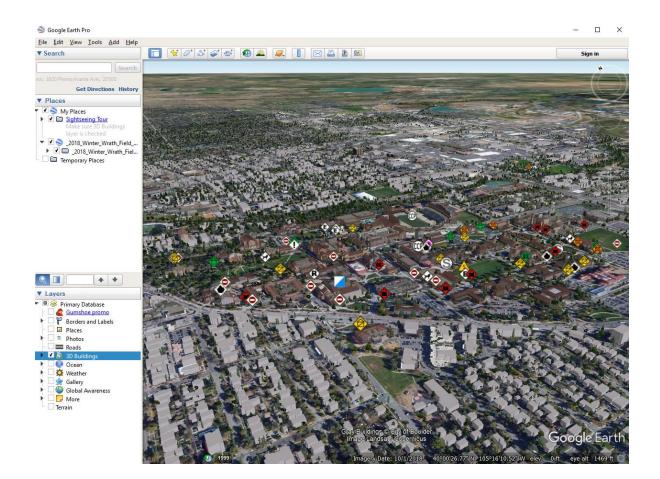
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	Human Interaction			
À	Assisted	Materials assistance provided to residents		
È	Evacuated	Survivors transported to collection point		
R	Rescued	Technical rescue that required physical intervention		
Ŷ	Victim Detected	Potential victim detected (including canine alert or intelligence)		
Ŵ	Confirmed Victim	Confirmed live survivor (visual, audible, physical confirmation)		
Ŵ	Human Remains	Confirmed victim determined to be deceased		
	Human Remains Removed	Human remains removed from specific location		
۲	Shelter in Place	Survivors have chosen to remain at location		
È	Follow-Up Form	Additional information required not adequately described by symbol set		
		Hazard		
۲	Fire Incident	General fire occurrence		
HM	Hazardous Material Incident	Nuclear, biological, or chemical incident		
٢	Flood/Water Level	Predetermined site for documentation of water line		
٢	Route Blocked	Inaccessible route by land or water		
$\langle \mathbf{I} \rangle$	Other Hazard	Other hazard not already identified		



Structures				
	Structure No Damage	Low Risk, low probability of further collapse		
	Structure Damaged	Nedium Risk, structure is moderately damaged		
	Structure Failed	High Risk, may be subject to sudden collapse		
	Structure Destroyed	Complete destruction of structure		
	Other/Support			
	Targeted Search	Specific location or condition requiring increased search effort		
H	Helicopter Landing Site	Appropriate site for landing zone		
$\Leftrightarrow$	Animal Issue	Issue including aggression, location, assistance needed, etc.		
	Incident Command Post	Incident Command Post		
(CCP)	Casualty Collection Point	Location that is used for the assembly, triage (sorting), medical stabilization and subsequent evacuation of casualties		
SAR	SAR Location Update	Can be used to update the location of a SAR team.		
S	Staging	Area where apparatus and personnel report to await assignment		
Ś	Safety Zone	A location that is confirmed to be safe from hazard or threat (e.g., above maximum flood height, clear from wildfire hazard, far from falling debris in an earthquake).		
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#### Backward Compatible with "Iron Sights"

- Import .gpx data
  - Similar schema
  - GPS  $\rightarrow$  Append to feature layer
  - Labor intensive, but possible
- Export via .csv, .xls, .shp, .gdb and KML!
  - \*Not a dynamic/live connection





#### **Opportunity for Remote Assistance**

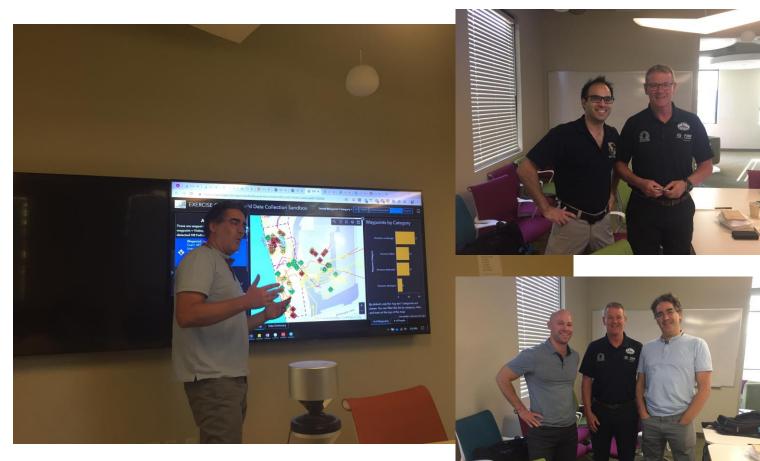


SUSAR Training in Wichita, KS

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Supervising in real time in Redlands, CA

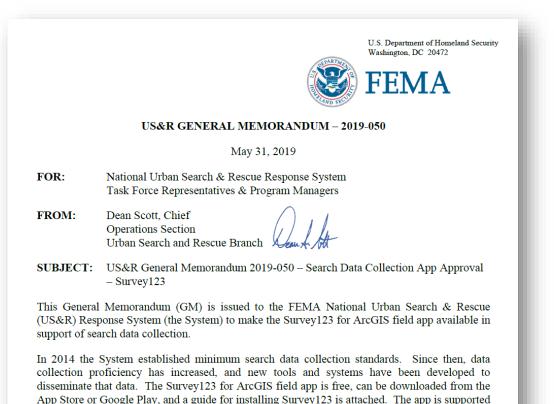


# SAR and First Responder Survey Form



#### SAR and First Responder Survey

- Developed by the NASPG SAR Working Group
- Adopted by FEMA USAR and IAFC
- Deployment Kit available to deploy in your own organization
- v6 is the current production version, but we are now testing v7



on iOS, Android, Windows, Mac OS X, and Ubuntu based devices. It works on smartphones, tablets, desktops, and the app takes advantage of the location-tracking capabilities found on mobile devices. Surveys can be collected in both connected or disconnected environments, and surveys that are completed in a disconnected environment can be cached and submitted when a network

connection is reestablished.





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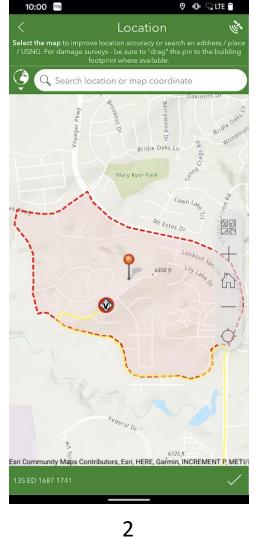


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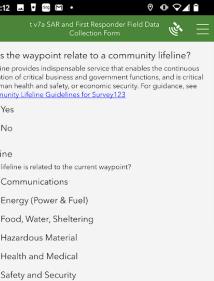
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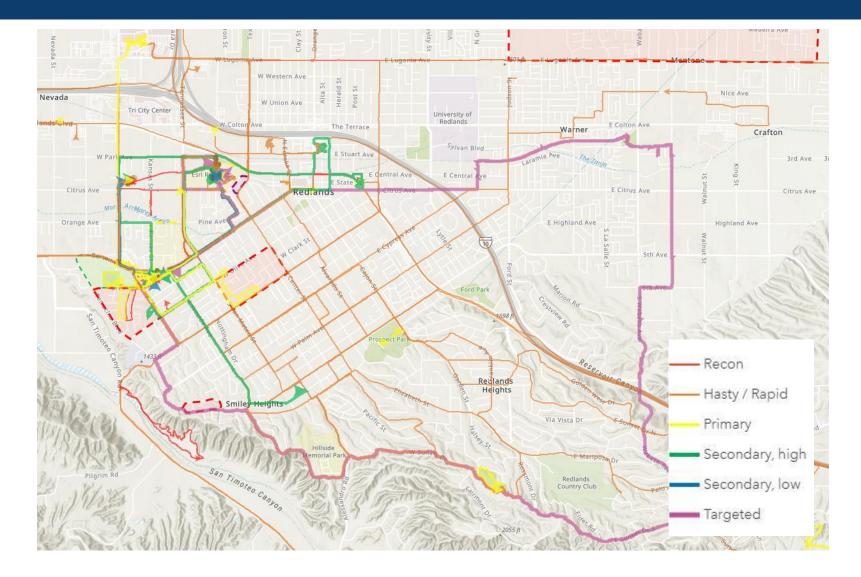
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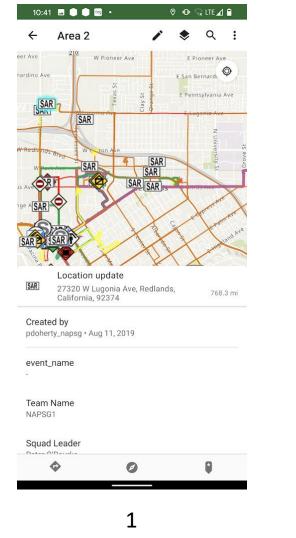
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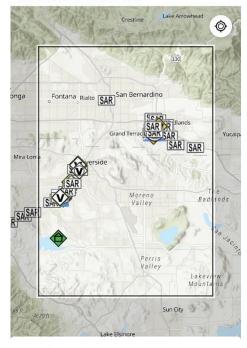
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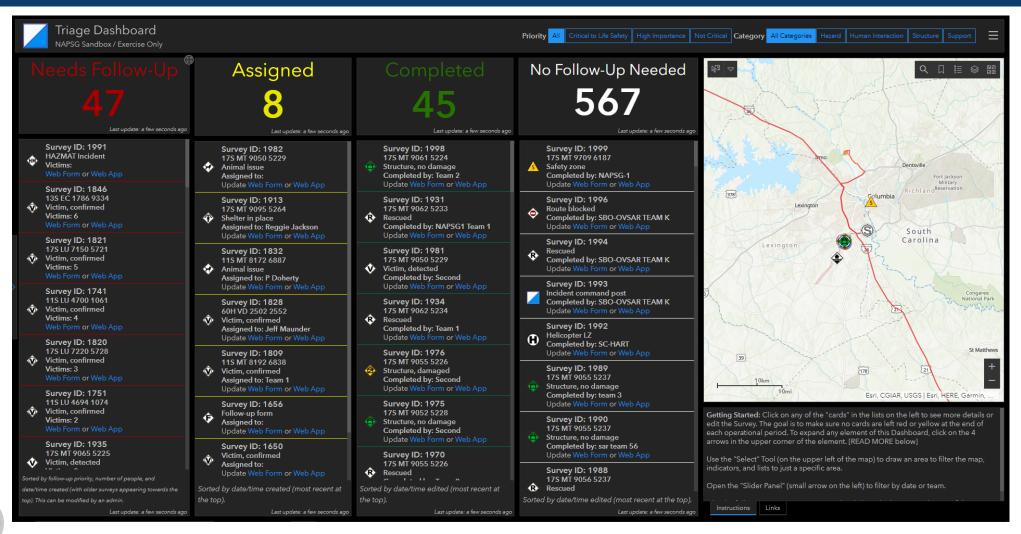


# **Supporting Applications**

Moving Beyond Dots on Maps and Reports!

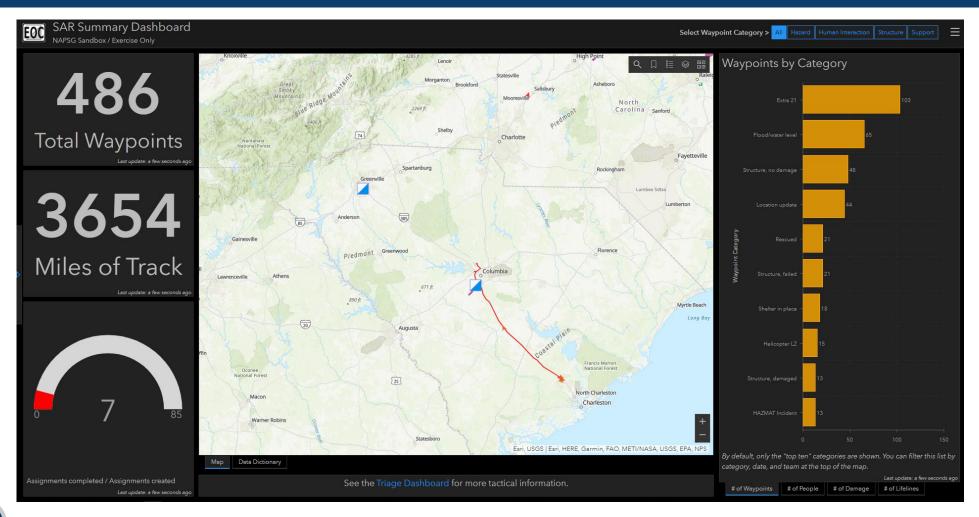


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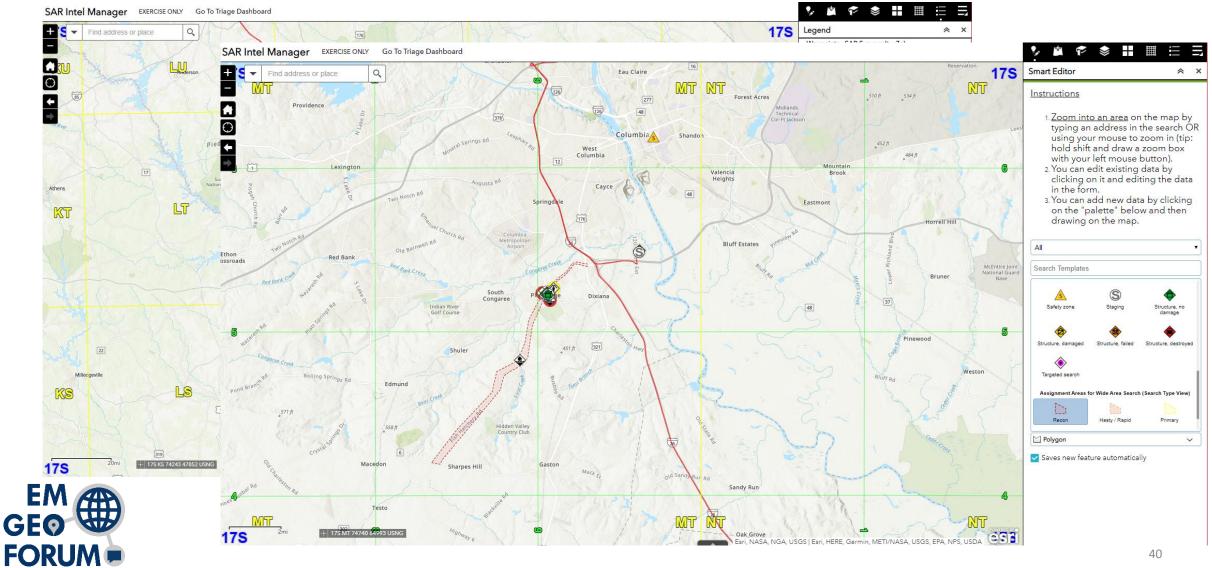


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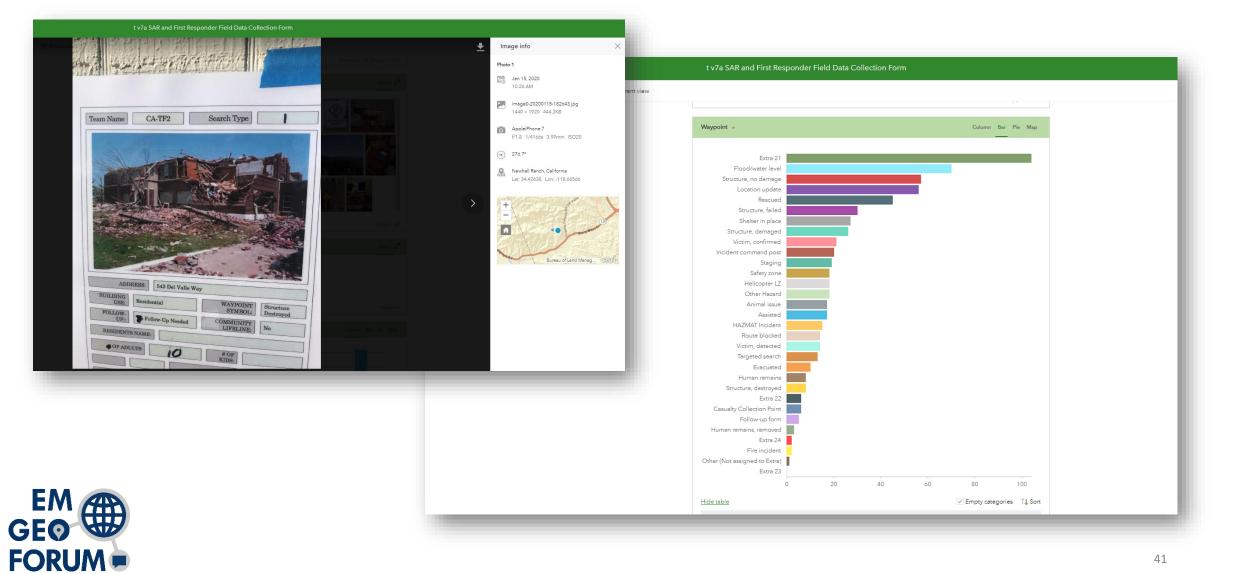




#### Intel Manager



#### Survey123 Reports



## Geospatial Game Plan



#### Game Plan

#### **NAPSG SAR Working Group**

- Start with \*identifying core information needs
- Develop a game plan for addressing those information needs. Test it. Refine it.

#### Agency

- Host Decide where you will host the platform?
- Team Build the Team (GIS/TIS, Trainer, Champion)
- Access Do the right people have access to the right content?
- Sharing Do you have a data sharing agreement in place?

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#### Game Plan and Data Sharing

Core Info Need	Public	First Responders	Emergency Managers 🖵	Field Game Plan	Operational Game Plan	Technical Game Plan	Data Sharing	Link to App	Link to Layer
earch Coverage (Tracklog)	N/A	What areas have been explictily searched?	N/A	Field Teams will use QuickCapture and start tracking, choosing their mission type - Recon, Rapid / Hasty, Primary, Secondary High, Secondary Low, Targeted.	Incident Command Staff will review incoming tracks and determine which areas need to be searched next, searched again, etc. Emergency Management Staff can access this same information with permissions and signing the data sharing agreement.	Incident Command Staff will use a Web AppBuilder Application to create and update assignment areas. Emergency Management Staff can assist in this process based on spatial analysis and modeling of high priority areas by accessing the Web App or editing the feature layer directly.	SC First Responders and their ESF9 partners have full access (e.g., SUSAR, FEMA US&R, USCG). External agencies (e.g., FEMA) can request access, subject to approval and brief from SCERTF. The Public will have no direct access to this data.		
Search Assignment Areas	N/A	What areas have been searched? What areas have been assigned? What areas have not yet been searched?	Based on the hazard and vulnerability, what areas are most likely to have victims in need?	Field Teams will use Explorer for ArcGIS to receive assignments on their devices, printed maps as a backup.	Incident Command Staff will create assignments and update their status. Emergency Management Staff can access this same information with permissions and signing the data sharing agreement.	Incident Command Staff will use a Web AppBuilder Application to create and update assignment areas. Emergency Management Staff can assist in this process based on spatial analysis and modeling of high priority areas by accessing the Web App or editing the feature layer view directly.	SC First Responders and their ESF9 partners have full access (e.g., SUSAR, FEMA US&R, USCG). SC Emergency Managers have read- only, and integration access. External agencies (e.g. FEMA) can request access, subject to approval and brief from SCERTF. The Public will have no direct access to this data.		
Human Interactions	N/A	Where are rescues needed vs already occurred?	Where are people sheltering in place?	Field Teams will use Survey123 / QuickCapture waypoints = Assisted, Evacuation, Human remains, Human remains removed, Rescued, Shelter in Place, Victim confirmed, Victim detected, Follow-up Form. IMPORTANT: Any Victim confirmed, victim detected will automatically be flagged as "Needs Follow-up / Red".	Incident Command Staff will review incoming reports for any Follow-up = Needs Follow-up / Red and immediately assign the most appropriated resources to resolve the issue. Emergency Management Staff can access this same information with permissions and signing the data sharing agreement.	Field Teams will use v7 of the SAR and First Responder Survey, QuickCapture, and Explorer for ArcGIS accessing the Field App links and QR Code via a Battle Card or website. ICP Staff will monitor incoming surveys for Follow-up and QA/QC using an Operations Dashboard and Web AppBuilder App. Emergency managers can accesss any of the apps above, or use the hosted feature layer view in their own web maps and apps.	SC First Responders and their ESF9 partners have full access (e.g., SUSAR, FEMA US&R, USCG). SC Emergency Managers involved in ESF9 support have read-only and integration access. External agencies (e.g. FEMA) can request access, subject to approval and brief from SCERTF. The Public will have no direct access to this data.		
Hazards	What areas are impacted?	What hazards are there in the field?	What hazards need to be addressed by other ESFs?	Field Teams will use Survey123 / QuickCapture = Fire incident, Flood/water level, HAZAMAT, Route Blocked, Other Hazard, Animal Issue MPORTATI: Hazard shat require follow-up will be flagged as "Needs Follow-up / Red".	Incident Command Staff will review incoming reports for any Follow-up = Needs Follow-up / Red and immediately assign the most appropriated resources to resolve the issue. Emergency Management Staff can access this same information with permissions and signing the data sharing agreement.	Field Teams will use v7 of the SAR and First Responder Survey, QuickCapture, and Explorer for ArCGIB accessing the Field App links and QR Code via a Battle Card or website. ICP Staff will monitor incoming surveys for Follow-up and QA/QC using an Operations Dashboard and Web AppBuilder App. Emergency managers can accesss any of the apps above, or use the hosted feature layer view in their own web maps and apps.	SC First Responders and their ESF9 partners have full access (e.g., SUSAR, FEMA US&R, USCG). SC Emergency Managers have read- only and integration access. External agencies (e.g. FEMA, can request access, subject to approval and brief from SCERTF). The Public will have no direct access to this data.		
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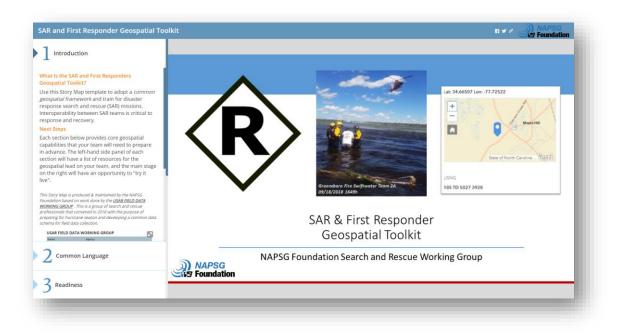


#### SARGIS Hub Page



#### SARGIS Hub

- 1. Resources by role
- 2. Links to training videos / just in time training
- 3. Points of contact
  - FEMA Urban Search and Rescue
  - International Association of Fire Chiefs
  - NSARC Geospatial Working Group\*
- 4. Sandbox for testing geospatial tools NOT FOR REAL-WORLD RESPONSE





#### **Incident Battle Card**





#### **Deployment Options**

FEMA	Third Party	Host Yourself
<ul> <li>Uses the SARWG Templates</li> <li>FEMA Task Force use only</li> <li>Contact Adam Barker and Lance Gilmore</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pay a third-party to host in ArcGIS Online and maintain the platform based on the SARWG Templates</li> <li>Bring your own GIS Staff OR pay for contract support</li> <li>Requires data sharing policy</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use the SARWG Template to host the Survey and supporting apps in ArcGIS Online</li> <li>Recommended this is done at a State or Regional level to reduce duplication and simplify integration</li> <li>Bring your own GIS Staff OR pay for contract support</li> </ul>



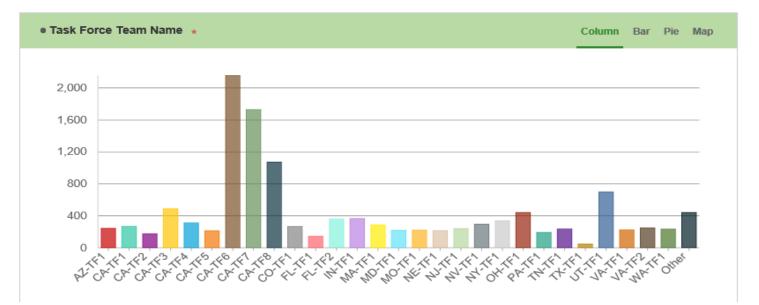


## FEMA USAR Update



#### FEMA US&R Program

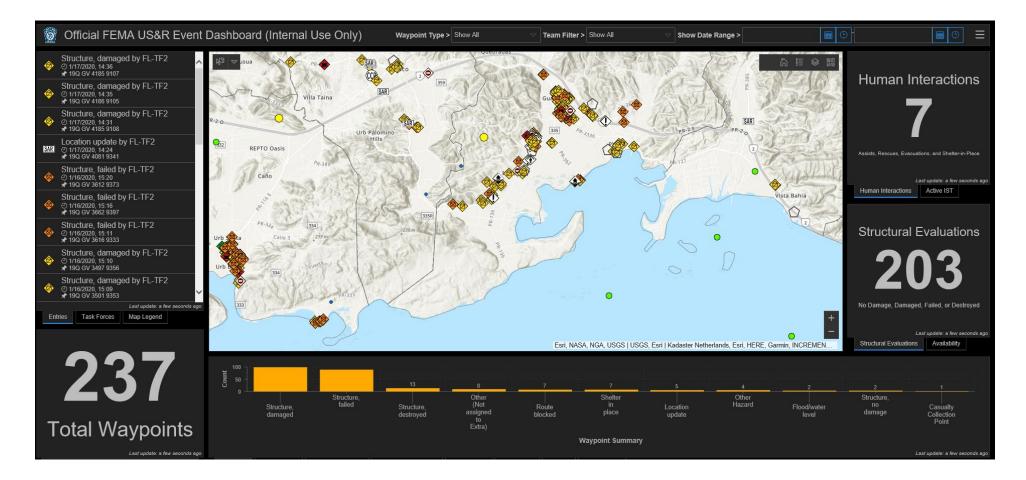
 June 2019, Issued US&R Program Directive 2019-004 – Guidance for 2017 Cooperative Agreement Funding – Search Data Collection Devices



#### FEMA US&R Program

- Since Survey123 was implemented, West Division has taken the lead evaluating additional functionality, potentially using QuickCapture for track logs and delivered the first instructor lead training at their Division meeting in December
- West Division has another workshop scheduled in March, target audience: Search Team Managers, Search Specialists, Planning Team Mangers, Technical Information Specialists, Communication Specialists and Task Force Leaders.
- Central and East Division have funding to support similar instructor lead and/or virtual training

#### FL-TF2 Training

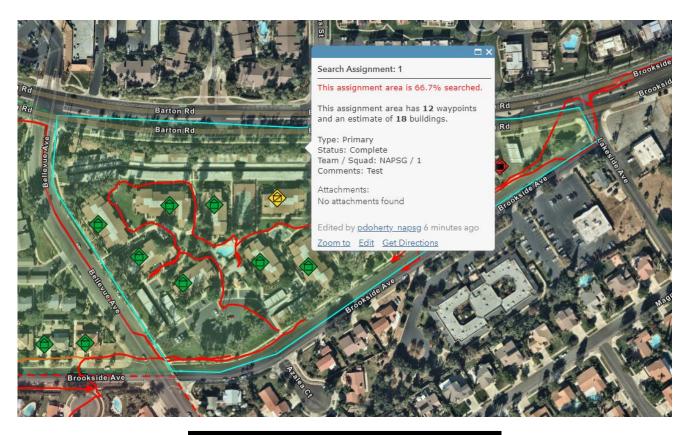


#### FEMA US&R

- FEMA US&R will adopt the new NAPSG Survey123 schema
- Until explicit notice, we will continue to use the "2019" version
- Once the new schema is out, I will wipe the practice dashboard to create a sandbox for the new survey
- HUB site under development...

#### What's Next?

- Re-Convened the SAR Working Group
- Adoption of Follow-Up Workflow
  - Red Needs Follow-up
  - Yellow Assigned
  - Green Complete
- Search Data Analytics e.g., to estimate the % of buildings searched in a search segment
- Data Dictionary between SAR Damage and Preliminary Damage Assessment
- More Training Videos!!!



January 28<sup>th</sup> SCERTF Exercise February 20<sup>th</sup> CO-TF1 Exercise



### Geospatial Coordination Calls

- Hosted by the \*SAR Geospatial Working Group
- Daily call during Hurricane deployment
  - FEMA US&R
  - NPS/DOI
  - USCG
  - SUSAR
  - Supporting NGOs (e.g., NAPSG, IAFC, Crowdsource Rescue, Humanity Road, etc.)
  - Emergency Management Agencies
- NAPSG SAR Working Group Slack Channel

\*Under consideration for affiliation with the NSARC



#### We Need You!

- 1. Follow the Initiative <a href="https://sargis.napsgfoundation.org/pages/usar">https://sargis.napsgfoundation.org/pages/usar</a>
- 2. Use the Sandbox to train and send us your feedback!
- 3. Share information with State SAR and GIS Coordinators



#### Interested in Geospatial Coordination for SAR?





# Thank you!

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