

Breakout Session: Creative Tension: Social vs. Biophysical—Role of Politics, Political Pressures & Economics in Developing & Implementing Emergency Plans

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- How do we get at moving along and making it better, rather than finger pointing? Our society wants someone to blame. Whose responsibility is it?
- Abilities/resources/network (helping to write proposals) to set plan in motion

State programs

- Ensure the safety and security of Extension staff. Fact sheets, etc., that can go to public health and training for staff security so that they can better function in the community.
- Learn more about recommended procedures. Greater local awareness- law enforcement has a better understanding of this.
- Figure out what was different about those cases where there was not finger pointing, but where communities came together in the face of a crisis.
- Model for type of all types of interactions in training sessions.
- Meeting the hierarchy of needs—in the United States, we tend to put personal needs before those of the community.

EMC does have money flowing in that Extension may be competitive for.

- Setting up volunteer development programs.
- Decisions: What are the priorities of Extension?