

CAPE DISASTER DEBRIEF 2004

Resolutions

1. Criteria for Disaster Management staffing levels should be investigated at national level and included in regulations written under the Disaster Management Act. These regulations should be clear on minimum Disaster Management staffing levels per x amount of inhabitants of a jurisdiction. The minimum staffing levels could also consider the risk exposure of the jurisdiction in some sort of calculation that will then give clear guidelines for the amount of Disaster Management personnel the jurisdiction should employ.
2. A clear national guideline on international disaster relief and assistance rendered by South Africa is required. There are many professionals throughout South Africa who are willing to participate and who will benefit from such experiences, but they need a formal framework in which to operate.
3. At the discussion on mass events, the following points were made:
 - A one-stop shop approach is very important for the organising of mass events and its related safety planning.
 - Application process and emergency planning two separate processes - must be linked
 - Disaster Management needs muscle to enforce emergency planning requirements
 - National standards needed
 - Good relationship (trust) must be fostered between security planning and general emergency planning, certain "secret" aspects must be made known on a need to know basis to ensure more effective emergency planning.
 - Emergency Planning Process: Mass Events
 - Formal application by organiser to authorities to stage mass event
 - Authorities convene an emergency planning meeting of all role players, eg. SAPS, EMS, etc.
 - At first meeting organiser briefs Emergency Plan Committee (EPC) of proposed mass event
 - At subsequent EPM's, risks/ hazards of staging mass event are considered

- Organiser amends mass event to minimize risk identified by Functional Service Specialists
- Resource requirements and funding arrangements of emergency services require to oversee mass event clarified
- Compilation of Event Plan:
 - ✓ Schedule of planned activities
 - ✓ Risk specific contingency plans
 - ✓ Departmental service plans
 - ✓ Categorize risk profile of event, i.e. high, medium or low
 - ✓ Provision of JOC/ VOC to oversee event if categorized as high/ medium risk