

ESS Regional Seminar



Exploring Mutual Aid
Presented by ESSA

Turn to your neighbours



- Before your own ESS Program responders are exhausted, turn to your closest neighbours for assistance
- PEP/EMBC encourages us to use mutual aid prior to calling on MST

Planning for Mutual Aid



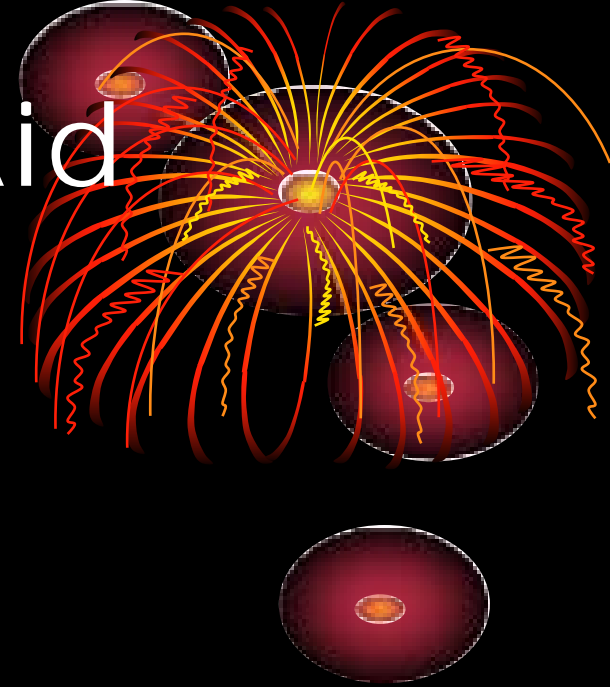
Get To Know:

- your neighbours/NGO's
- each others response plan
- how they do things
- what you can and can't do to help one another
- Your local authority 'take' on providing mutual aid

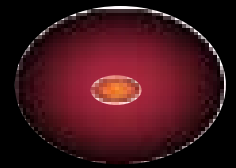
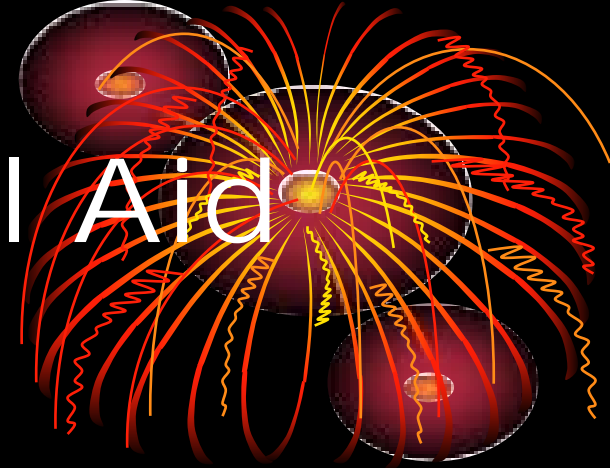
Create a Mutual Aid Agreement

Include ESS Responder requirements:

- Training level
- Criminal record check
- Length of ESS experience
- ESS identification
- What the responder can expect



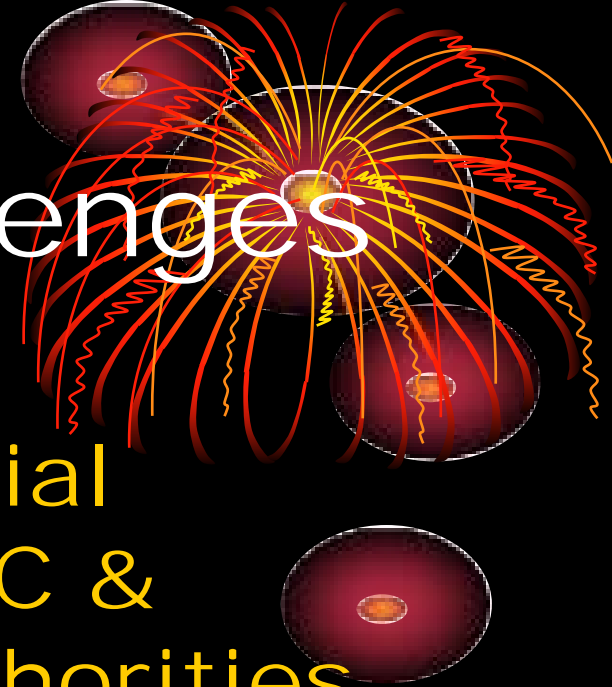
Benefits to Mutual Aid



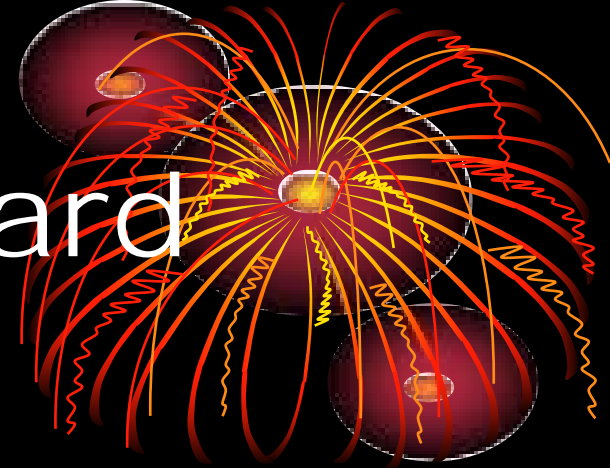
- Experienced ESS members
- They know the protocol
- They have had a criminal record check
- Opportunities for all to learn through experience and sharing

Some of the Challenges

- Figuring out any financial compensation via EMBC & participating Local Authorities
- They may do things differently
- They may have a different philosophy than your team
- They have nicer t-shirts



Debriefing Afterward



Hotwash and Operational Debrief:

- It is hard to debrief without your mutual aid partners – how can you address this challenge?
- What if there were hard feelings?

Mutual Aid Teambuilding

- Exercise together
- Hold annual get togethers
- Attend regional meetings
- Share resources



Thank you



- ESSA is pleased to have had the opportunity to assist in bringing you together today.
- What other topics would you like discussed at future regional meetings?