



Disasters in the Desert

Lessons Learned from Deployment

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Incident Summary

Gila County Experienced Devastating Flash Flooding in the Cities of Globe, Miami, and unincorporated areas.

Impacted Population:

- Gila County Population: 54,073
Residences Damaged: 122
- City of Globe Population: 7,230
Businesses Damaged: 33
- Town of Miami Population: 1,541

Notable Impacts:

- 4 fatalities were confirmed
- Swift, no notice impacts requiring rapid evacuations and alerts
- US 60, the major highway connecting Globe to Phoenix and the route for major resources was impassible
- Over a thousand propane tanks were swept away from a distribution facility causing a serious hazmat incident



Helping Hands

Requests for help were made by the City of Globe, Gila County, and the State of Arizona for mutual aid support.

For disaster management, it's essential to bring in help that is both capable and reliable.

Help came from across the Country including:

- New York City
- New Jersey
- Virginia
- California
- New Mexico
- Texas





Response Challenges

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No- Notice Event

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Local Capacity

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Experience and
Planning Gaps

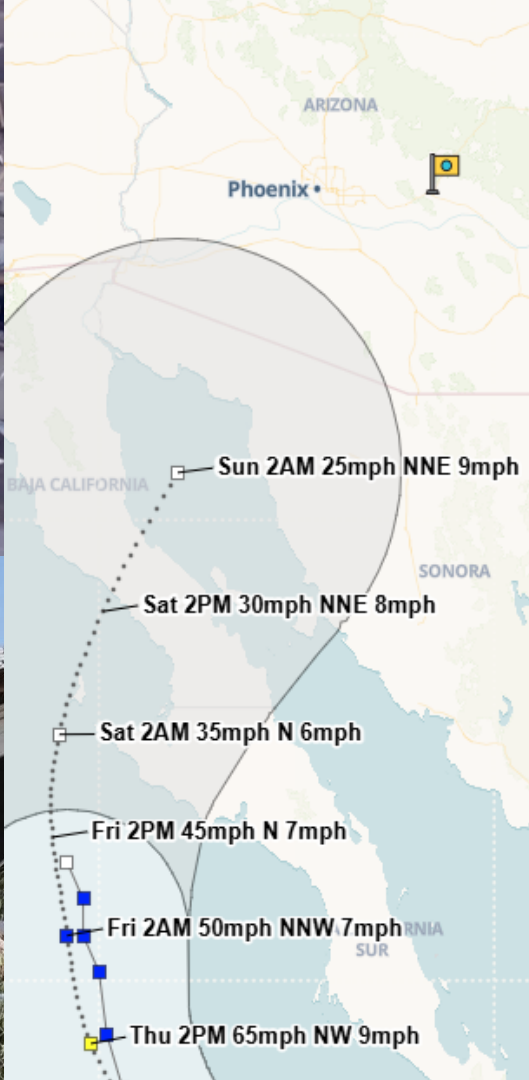
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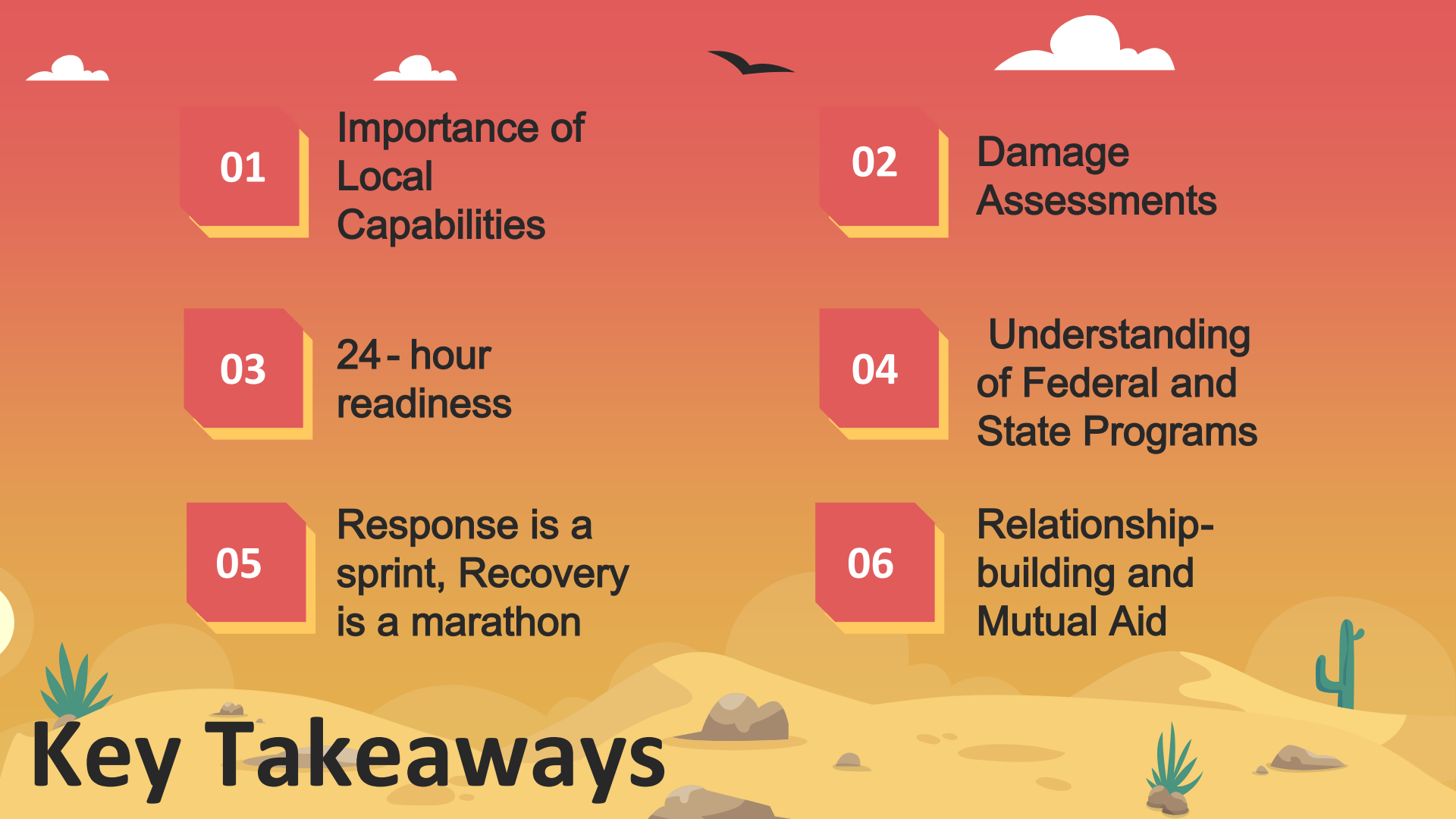
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Balancing Response with Recovery





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Importance of
Local
Capabilities

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Damage
Assessments

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24 - hour
readiness

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Understanding
of Federal and
State Programs

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Response is a
sprint, Recovery
is a marathon

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Relationship-
building and
Mutual Aid

Key Takeaways

Questions?





Thank You!