

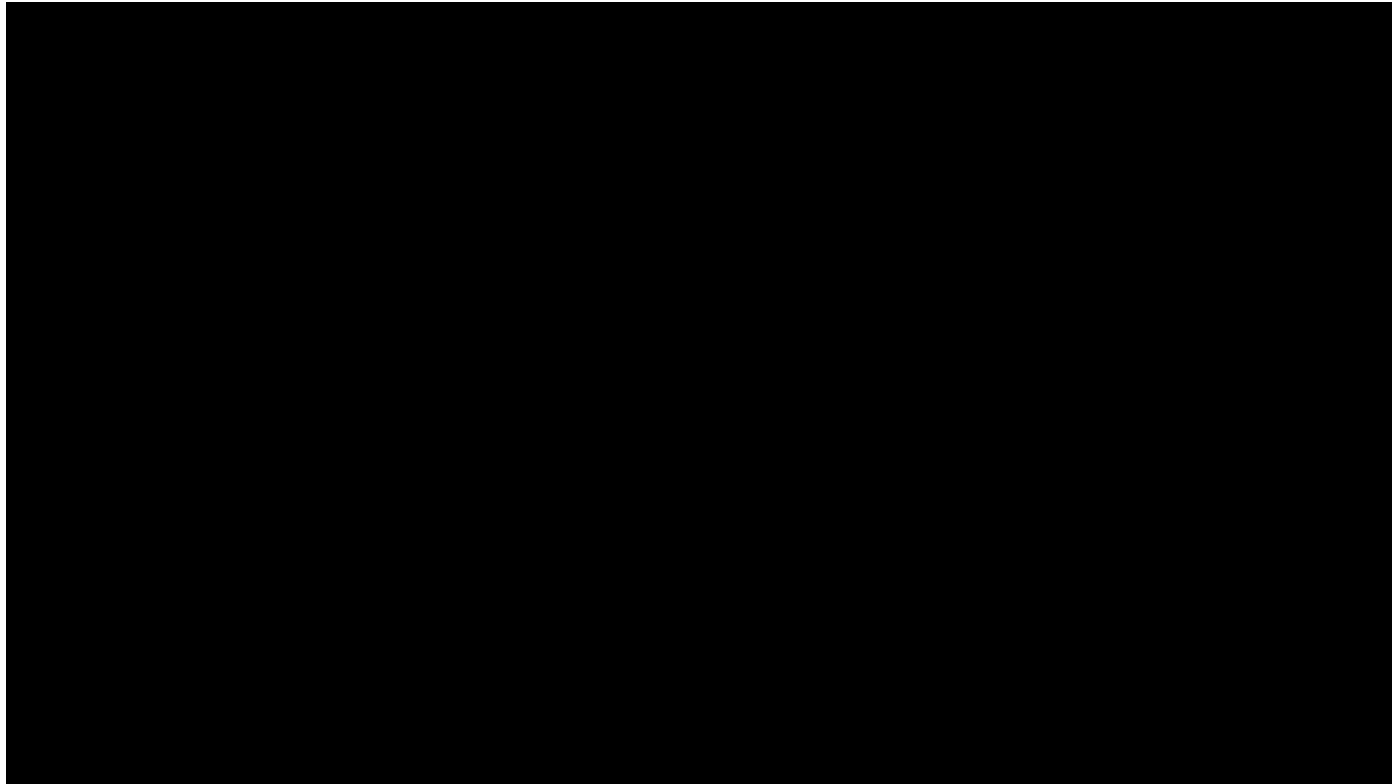
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# Mass Evacuation

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# What if???



# Response

- No one surprised by the response
- Not what we want to see



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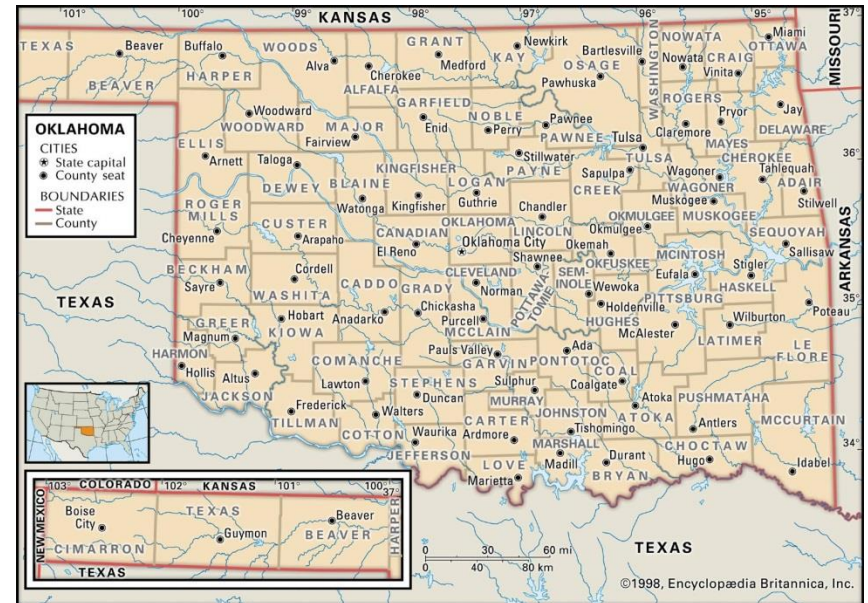
# Successful Mass Evacuation

- There is no single solution



# Size of Event

- Single occupancy
- Community
- City
- County
- Region
- State
- Multi-state



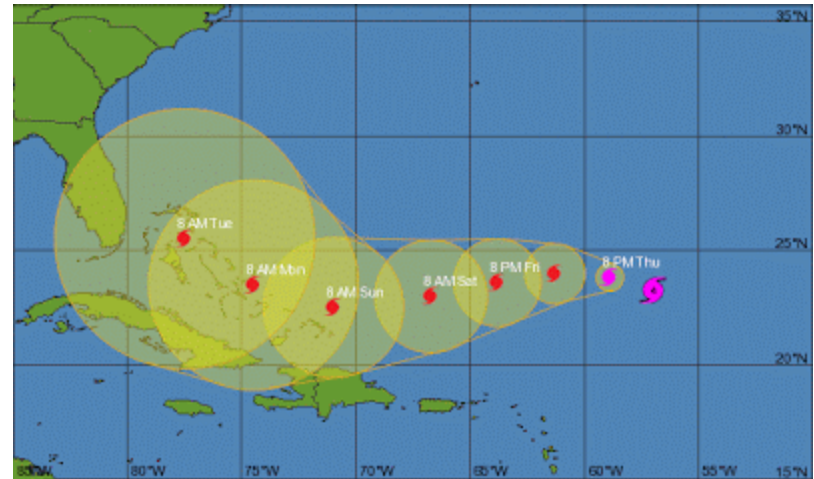
# Events

- Natural disasters
  - Hurricanes
  - Blizzards
  - Wildland fires
  - Tornados
  - Earthquakes
- Human caused disasters
  - Chemical release
  - Terrorism



# Events

- Geographic
  - Areas impacted
  - Laws
- Demographic
  - Resources
  - Abilities



# Pre-Planning

- Scenario development
  - Every community is different
    - People required to stay?
    - Defend own property?
    - Forced evacuations?
  - Community involvement
- Federal
  - State
  - Region
  - County
  - City
  - Neighborhood





# Mass Evacuation

- Communication
  - Reaching everyone
  - Updated information
- Trust in message
  - Credibility of source
  - Official status of source
  - Specificity of content
  - Number of contradicting messages
  - Length of forewarning period



# Mass Evacuation

- Calling for evacuation
  - Risks of evacuating
  - Means of communication
  - Vulnerable populations
  - Resources
  - Noncompliance
  - Time



# Post-Event

- Resources
  - Assume all people will need assistance
  - Food
  - Water
  - Shelter
  - Medication
- Recovery
- Re-entry



# Best Practices

- Communicate, communicate, communicate
- Involve the community
- Identify all scenarios
- Understand the risks of evacuating and staying

