



The Importance of Collaboration

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Planning Pre Earthquakes

Drills, Drills, and More Drills...



The Great
California
**Shake
Out**TM



DROP!



COVER!



HOLD ON!

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Active Shooter





Last Week



Partners in Crime



15 Years we have met every month.

- Police
- Fire
- Ambulance
- Military
- Cal-OES
- CERT
- Faith Based Orgs
- Search and Rescue
- HAM Operators
- Radio Broadcast
- Schools
- Citizens

Then you have actual events...



2007 Hospital Active Shooter



2013 Community Active Shooter



2019 Earthquake Sequence











Built but not
assigned building
number yet

Center Professional
Pharmacy



Decision to Evacuate July 4th

Census

- 15 Med/Surg Patients on 2nd Floor
- 2 ICU Patients on 1st Floor
- 4 Cuplets in Maternal/Child (1964 hospital building)
- 7 Patients in ER – Low Acuity
- 12 Residents in Transitional Care Unit (1964 hospital building)
- 55 Residents at SNF building adjoined to hospital – Did not evacuate

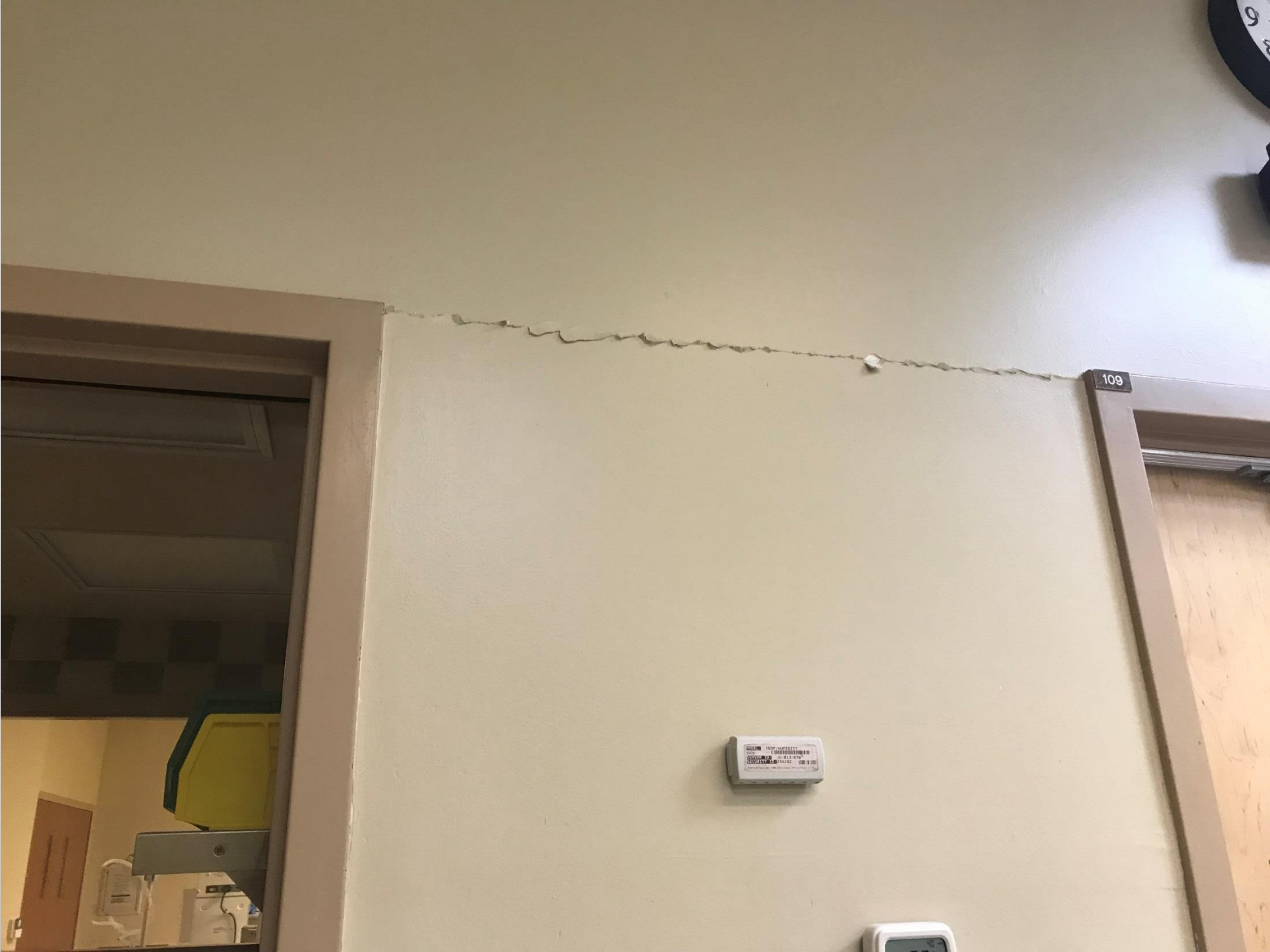
Staffing

- Bare Bones...Holiday Staffing was minimal

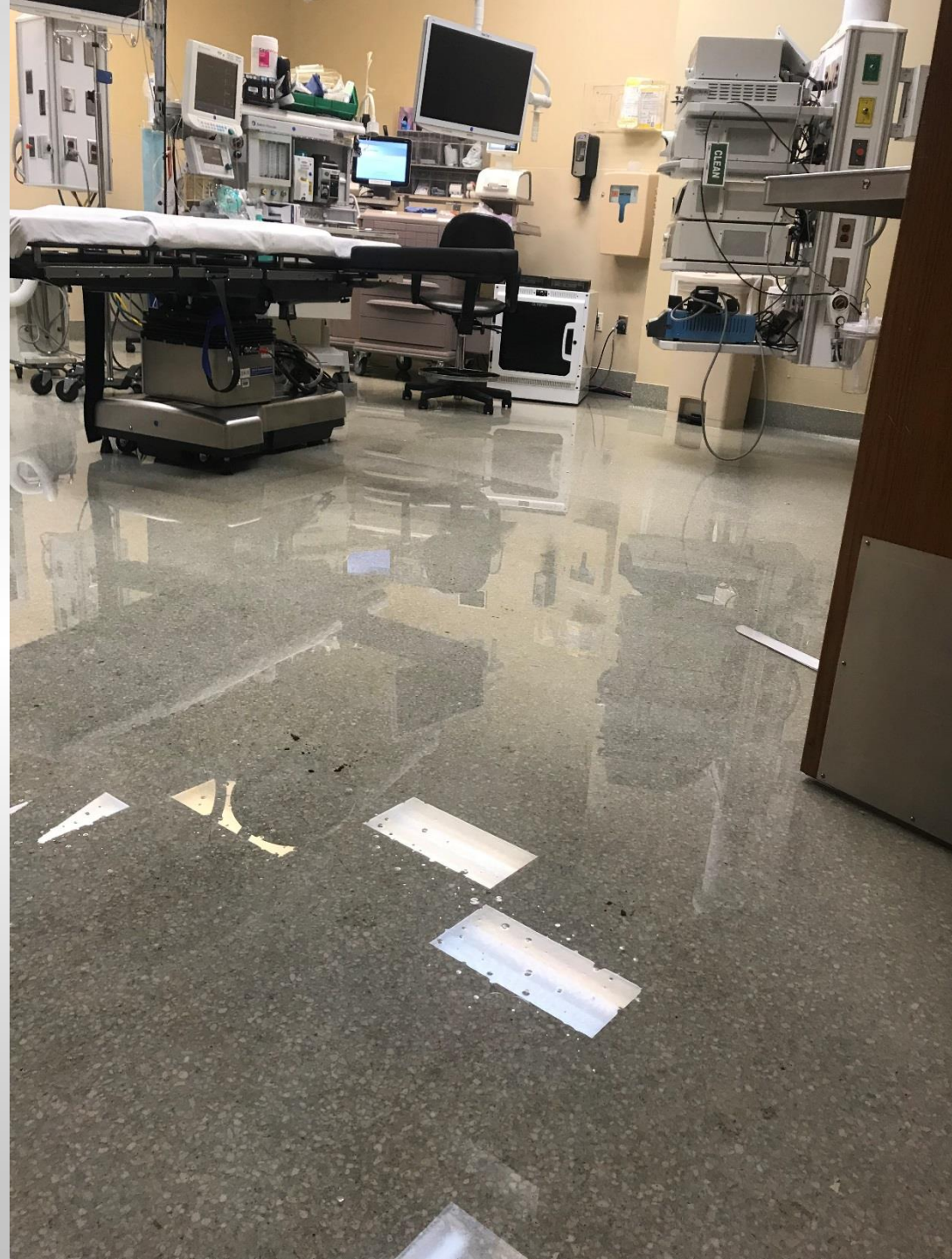
Resource Request Pathway

- We used ReddiNet – an online program designed to communicate needs to the County EMS system in the event of a disaster.











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Things will never go as planned in your drills



Agencies Respond



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Fairly Short-Lived Event

Thursday Evening July 4th

- Leaders onsite meet with CEO/IC and review action plans for following day with clean-up, building repairs, closing of service lines.
- ED remains open to walk-in patients.
- Clinics remain closed, staff to contact all clients.
- All elective non-emergent labs and imaging cancelled.

Friday July 5th

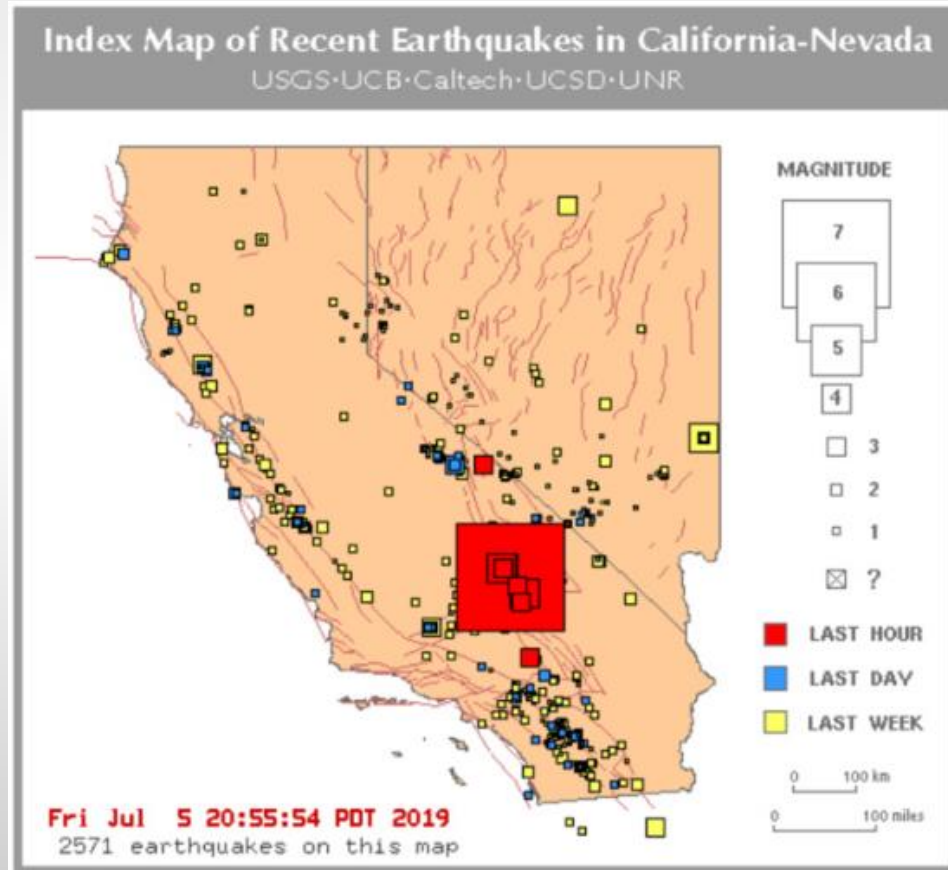
- Early morning meeting with CEO/IC to review daily activities, new developments and intel coming in from USGS, Naval Base, and City Command.
- Visitors arriving such as UC Irvin, Cal-EOS, OSHPD, Environmental Health Dept, etc. Expect all regulators to arrive unannounced.

Recovery Phase – All Hands

Friday – Time to tape, mud, and paint...and, of course, eat pizza.



2019 Earthquake Sequence



M7.1
18km W of Searles Valley, CA
2019-07-06 03:19:53 (UTC)

42,000 +
responses via
Did You Feel It?











Emergency Department Evacuated

Emergency Department remains open to walk-in patients.

Road closures cause uncertainty of patient surge.

Most walk-in patients were from existing health issues & medication needs.













China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station

Majority of severe
damage due to
proximity to the fault
rupture.

Based closed, unable
to assist if needed.



Amazing Response Near & Far



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Lessons Learned in Collaboration

Train more people to be a part of the City Command Center



Lessons Learned in Collaboration

Spend more time with your responding volunteers.



Lessons Learned in Collaboration

Expand your scope with neighboring hospitals and coalitions. Where do your patients go during normal operations?



Lessons Learned in Collaboration

Invite your Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC) and other Emergency Services Representatives to your facility.

- SEMA Area Coordinator for MO
- Nonurban Missouri Healthcare Coalition Coordinators



**NONURBAN MISSOURI
HEALTHCARE COALITION**



Partners in Crime Post EQ



Post Earthquake Additions

- Trona CERT
- Behavioral Health
- American Red Cross
- Fairgrounds Rep
- DaVita Dialysis
- Visitors Center
- More Citizens
- BLM
- More Private Companies

Be Ready For:

- Emergency agencies you are unfamiliar with that will respond
- Mass media presence
- Some very excited geologists 😊
- Arrival of dignitaries
- Ability to stage and house responders (Community)
- Looters, and none of them local
- Tourism – people who just want to “feel” an earthquake
- PTSD – This is much larger an issue than we ever expected



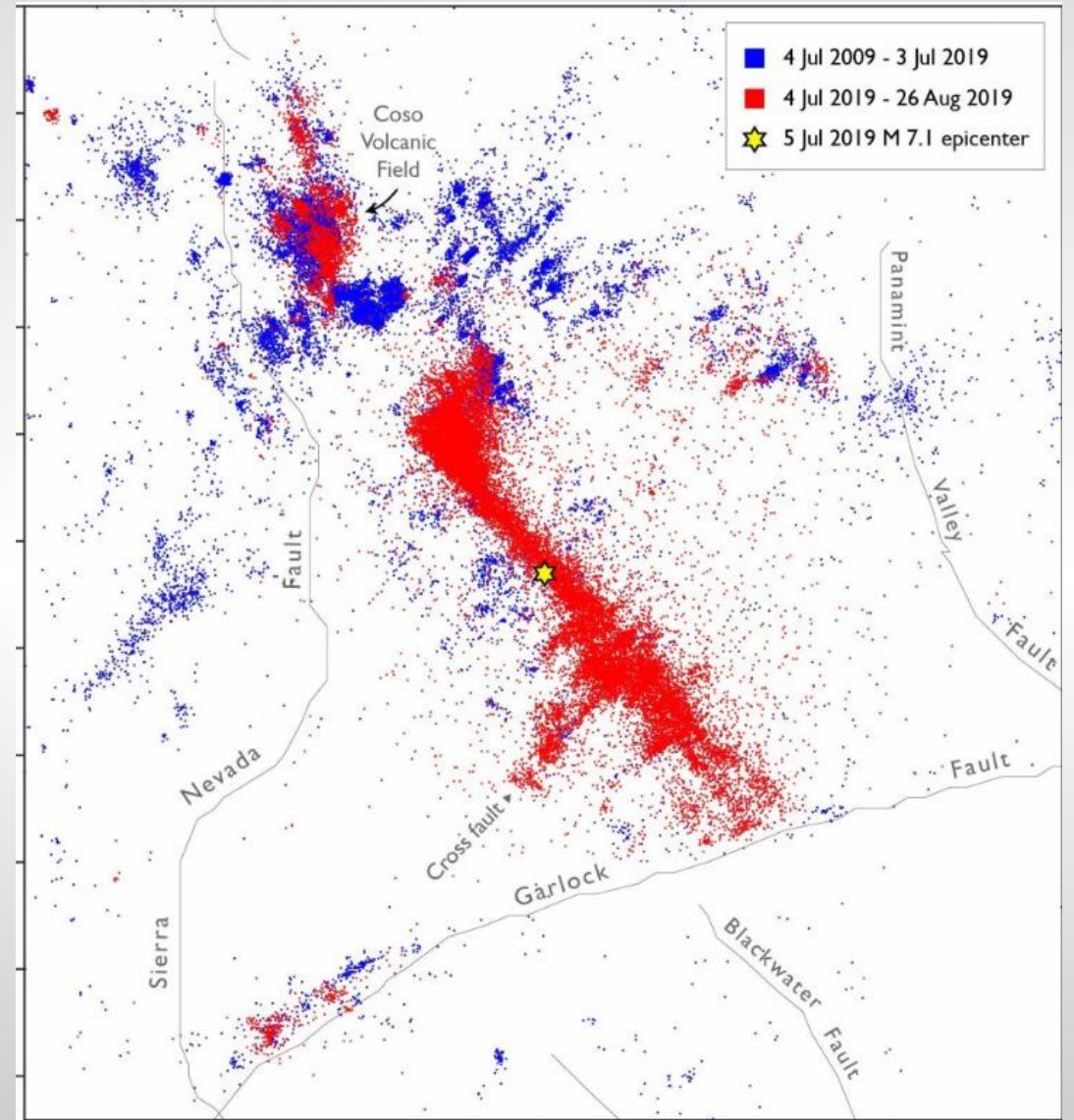


Be Ready For...Aftershocks

Since July 4th:

Over 43,000 aftershocks

1,000	3.0-3.9 Magnitude
105	4.0-4.9 Magnitude
6	5.0-5.9 Magnitude



THANK
YOU