

Whole Community Self Reliance Planning and Response

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FEMA's Mission

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we *work together* to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards.



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Whole Community Approach

FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate has directed us to take a “Whole Community” approach with everything that we do –from preparedness and mitigation to response and recovery.

We know that states in Region 6 already have similar practices – but it bears repeating -- the “Whole Community” concept is truly a long-term commitment to engaging all members of society when it comes to emergency management.



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Whole Community Concepts

Ensure our response and recovery actions are driven by the actual needs of the entire affected community.

Ensure we leverage and rely upon the resources of the entire community to the greatest extent possible in meeting those needs.



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Whole Community Team includes:

Federal Partners – ESF NRF members

State Partners – in TX, AR, LA, NM, & OK

Tribal Nation Partners

Local Partners

Partners in the Private Sector

Faith-based and community
Organizations

The general public – including
individuals & families



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Whole Community Makes Sense

Past experiences have shown us that we must include individuals, families and **all** community groups in disaster plans.

As a team, we need to implement solutions that serve the entire community, while also utilizing the resources that communities make available during times of disaster.

It takes every member of the team – from families and individuals, to local and state governments, to the federal government – working together to make preparedness planning efforts a success.



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The Concept in Summary

- Communicate
- Coordinate
- Collaborate

Communities must develop collective, local capabilities to withstand, respond to, and recover from disasters



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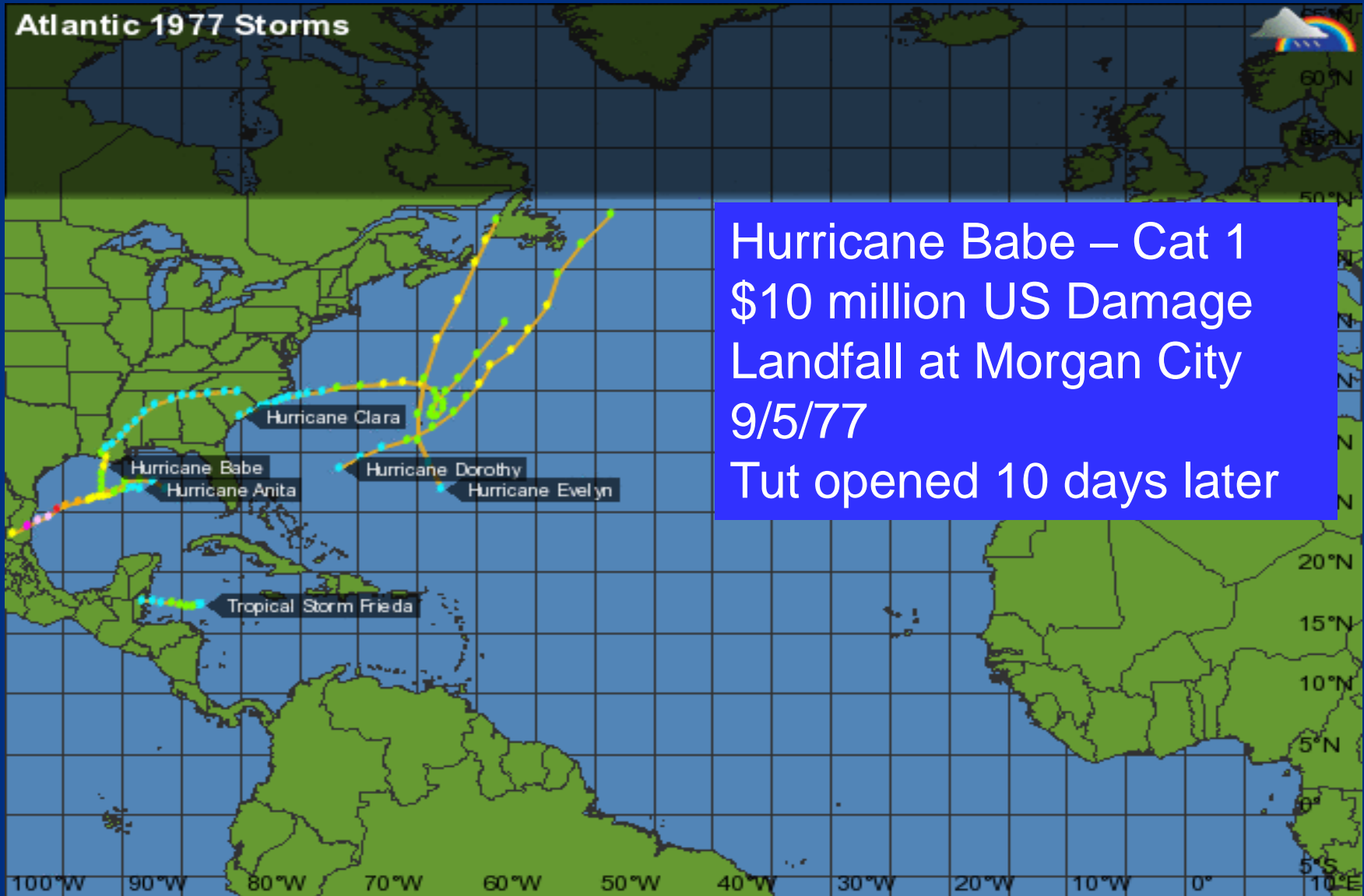
Memories...

- Treasures of Tutankhamun
- New Orleans Museum of Fine Art – September 15, 1977 through January 15, 1978



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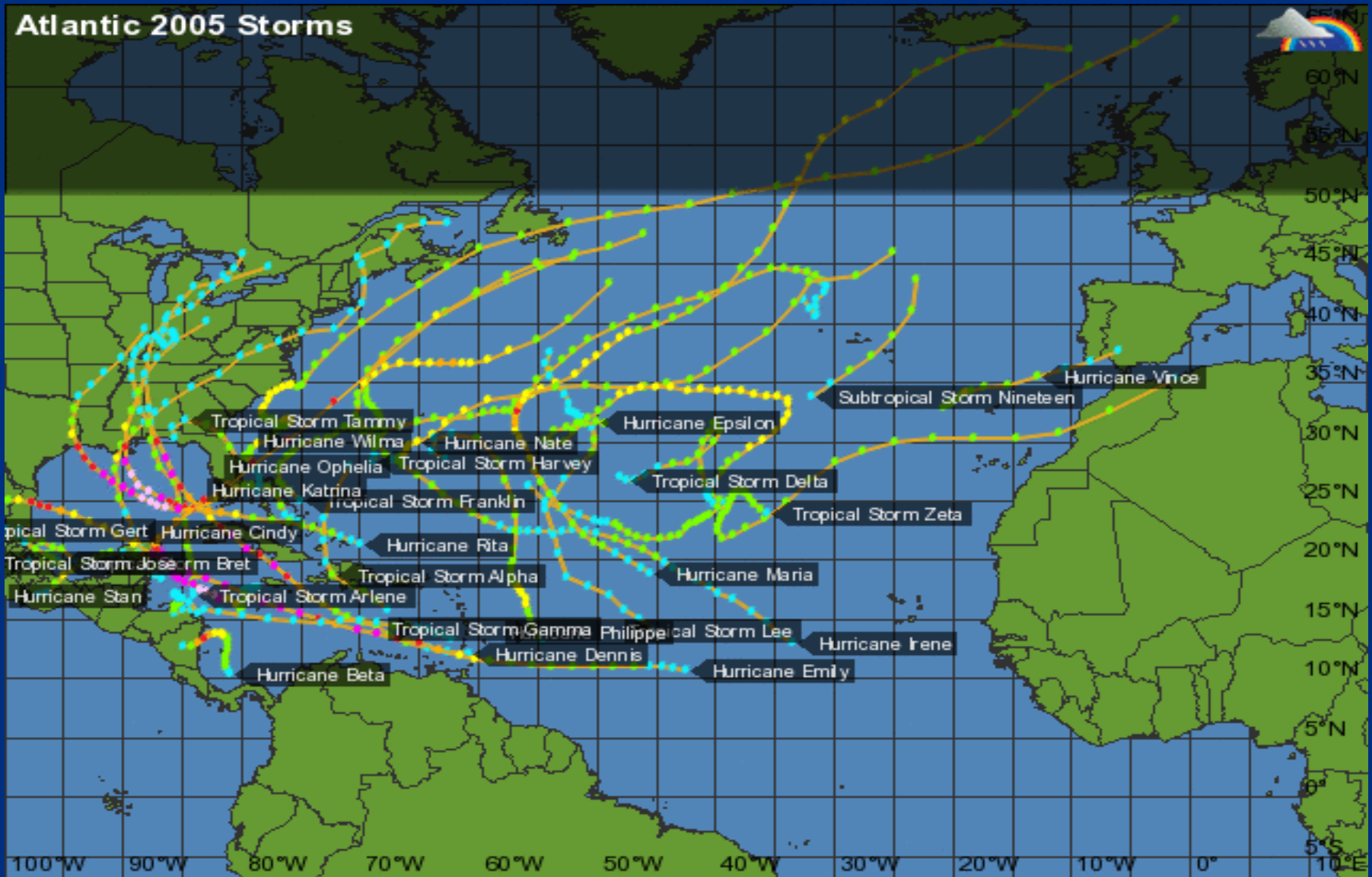
Hurricane Season June through November



Hurricane Babe – Cat 1
\$10 million US Damage
Landfall at Morgan City
9/5/77

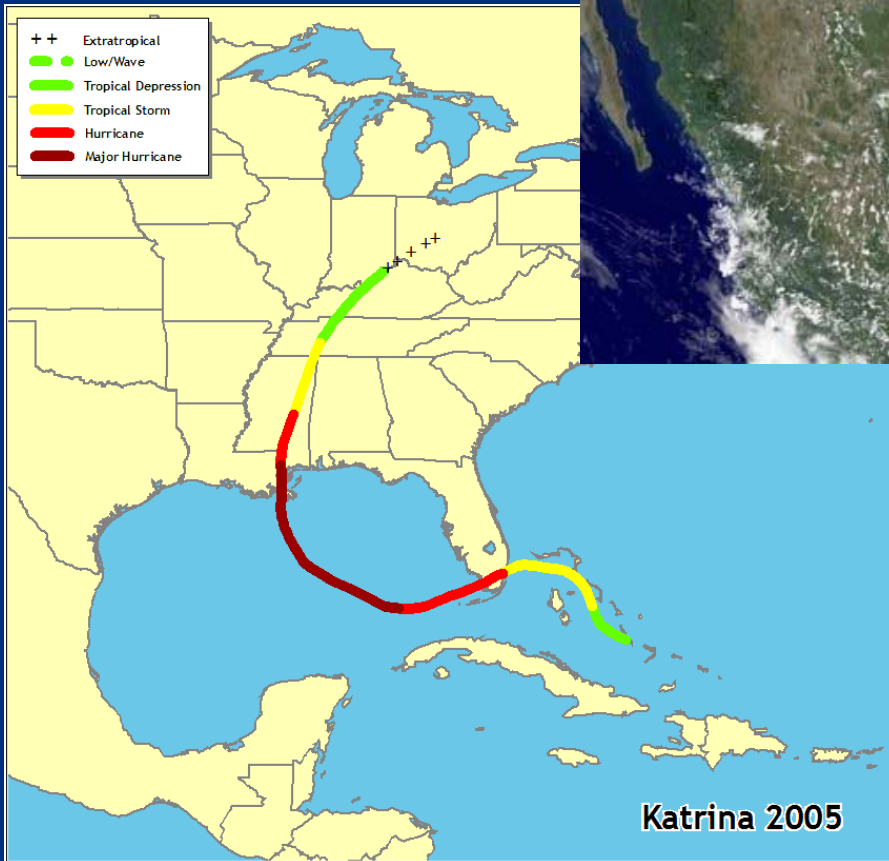
Tut opened 10 days later

Remember 2005?



What if ?

Katrina Landfall – 8/29/05
Category 3



Allison, Rita and Ike...

Lessons Learned – What we can do

- Understand that it is not a matter of if a disaster will happen, but it is a matter of when
- Hazard vulnerability and risk analysis – Site Specific
- Emergency Plans – Exercised & Tested – Not Version 1.0
- Become self-sufficient – i.e. Healthcare 98-hour rule of thumb
- Form and maintain relationships with local emergency managers and public officials
- Form alliances with local, regional, and/or national institutions to assist with preparedness, response and recovery



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Community Alliance Initiatives

- National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF)
- Goal is to engage recovery stakeholders pre-disaster to facilitate a more expedient and efficient recovery
- Specific component of the framework that addresses natural and cultural resources
- Provides and describes various preparedness strategies and approaches and provides structure to foster coordination among state and federal agencies and non-governmental partners and stakeholders
- www.fema.gov/recoveryframework



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Questions?



Thank you for your time today!



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