# Defense Support of Civil Authorities During Hurricane Sandy

## Overview, Observations, & Lessons Learned

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#### **AGENDA**

- DSCA Definition, Events, Natural Disasters and CBRNE
- Support Principles, Considerations and Evaluation Criteria
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- Posse Comitatus Act
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- Federal Military Force Involvement
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- Questions

# Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA)

- Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) is provided when:
  - A federal agency <u>requests</u> Dept. of Defense (DoD) assistance or;
  - When DoD is <u>directed</u> to provide assistance to a federal lead agency by the President or the Secretary of Defense
    - NOTE DSCA does not include those DoD missions (i.e., Homeland Defense [HD]) directed by the President, under Constitutional Article II authority in his role as Commander-In-Chief, to defend the country against threats



#### **DSCA EVENTS**



- TERRORISM
- INSURRECTION
- CIVIL DISTURBANCE
- EARTHQUAKE
- FIRE
- FLOOD
- TSUNAMI
- METEOR IMPACT
- CHEMICAL HAZARD
- SPACE DEBRIS IMPACT
- ANIMAL DISEASE
- MASS IMMIGRATION
- NATIONAL SPECIAL SECURITY EVENT



- HURRICANE/TYPHOON
- EXPLOSION
- VOLCANIC ERUPTION
- LANDSLIDE
- MUDSLIDE
- RADIOLOGICAL EVENT
- SNOWSTORM/SEVERE FREEZE



- OIL SPILL
- TORNADO
- EPIDEMIC
- AVIATION ACCIDENTS
- POSTAL WORK STOPPAGE





## TYPICAL DOD SUPPORT IN RESPONSE TO NATURAL DISASTERS

- Aviation
- Maritime
- Communications
- Force
   Protection/Security
- Operations & Command
   Centers

- Medical
- Threat reduction
- Logistics
- Survey support
- Essential services





#### **DSCA SUPPORT PRINCIPLES**

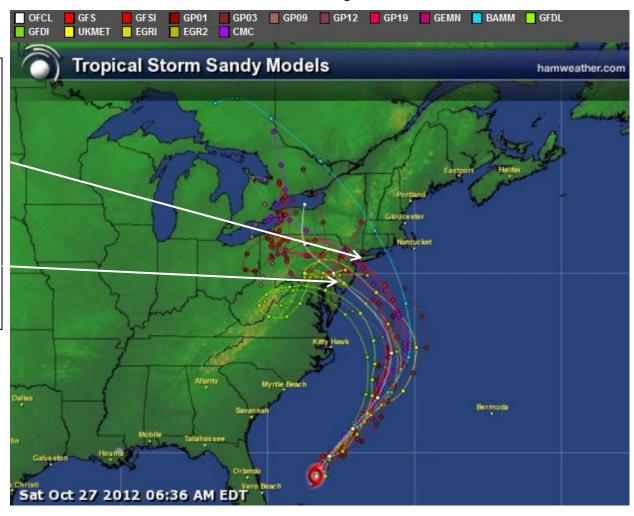
- Local authorities and state resources used first
- Only essential DoD resources provided
- Posse Comitatus Act (PCA) applies to active duty personnel
  - NOTE: Does not apply to National Guard while working under governor's authority
- Avoid competition with commercially-available services or assets

BOTTOM LINE - DoD: "LAST IN, FIRST OUT"

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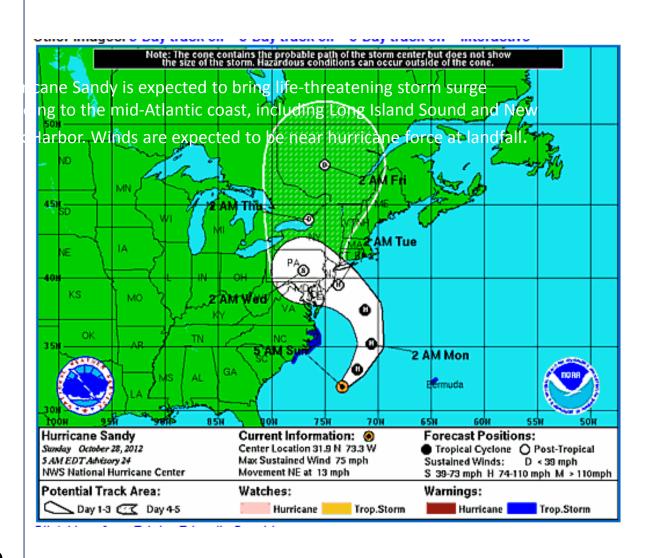
#### **Divergent Models**

- US modeling projecting Long Island, NY landfall
- •European modeling favoring a Southern NJ landfall



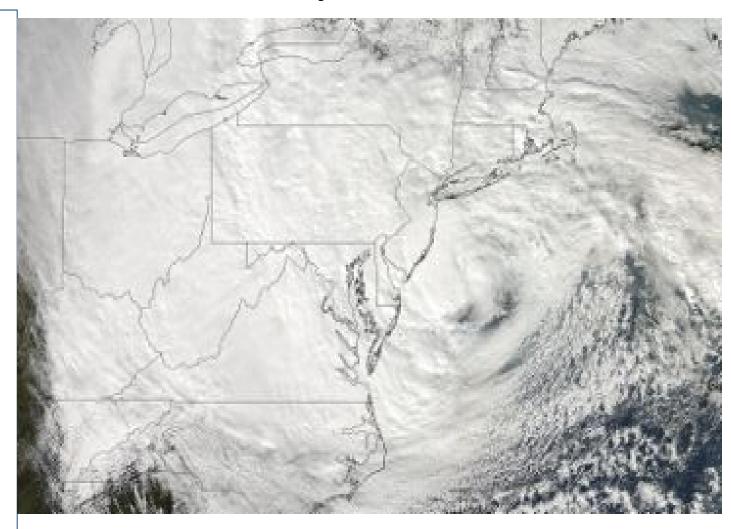
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- NY and NJ Declarations
- Mandatory EvacuationsOrdered
- National Guard
   Mobilizations
- Mass Transit SystemShutdown
- Airports and SeaportsClosed
- Pre-Landfall DoDMission Assignments
- •NORTHCOM Prepare to Deploy Orders (PTDOs)



#### **Hurricane Sandy Landfall**

- Landfall VicinityAtlantic City, NJ
- •1100 miles wide
- •90-110 MPH Winds
- •9-12' Storm Surge
- •Full Moon and High Tide
- •Combined with Low Pressure from Midwest



#### Region II Sandy Damage – By the Numbers

\$62 Billion Estimated Damage

- 126 US fatalities (34 NJ/60 NY)
- 4.9 million customers without power (2.7 NJ/2.2 NY)
- 100,000 homes/businesses destroyed
- 250,000 automobiles destroyed; 3,468 automobiles & 46 boats removed
- 2 oil pipelines damaged
- 7 oil refineries damaged
- 60M gallons water in World Trade Center 9/11 site
- 100s of millions of gallons of sea water pumped out of the subway tunnels
- 3M+ cubic yards of debris removed
- 3,560,192+ meals served

#### Sandy Inundation Map NY



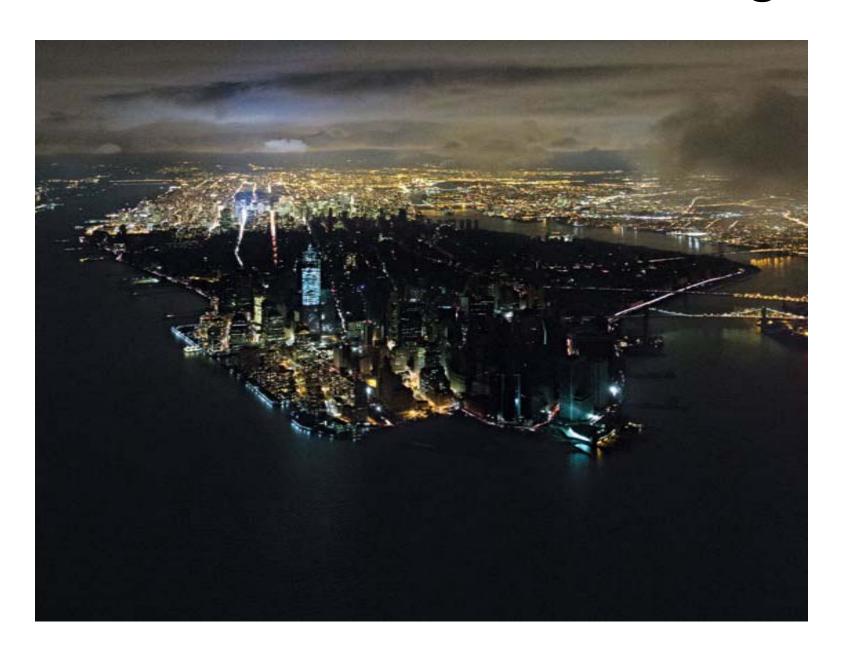
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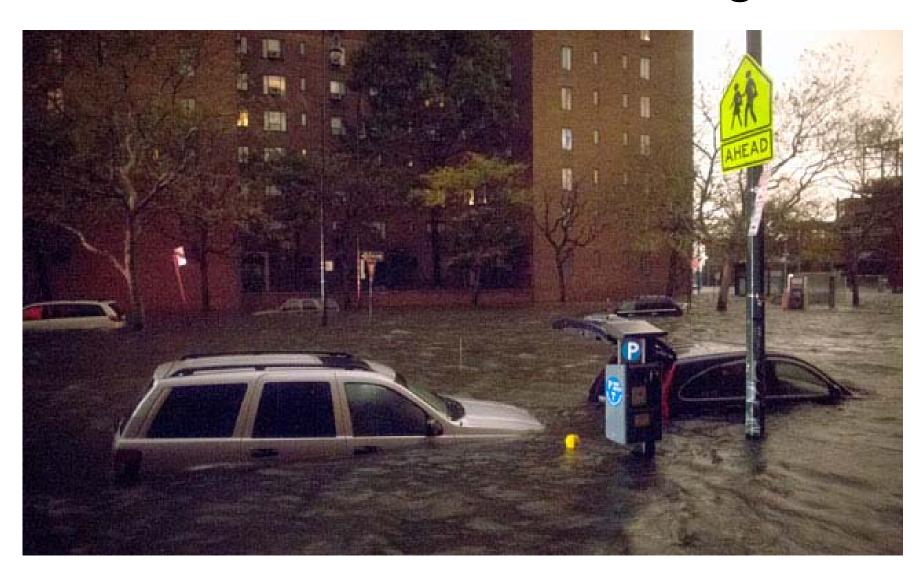
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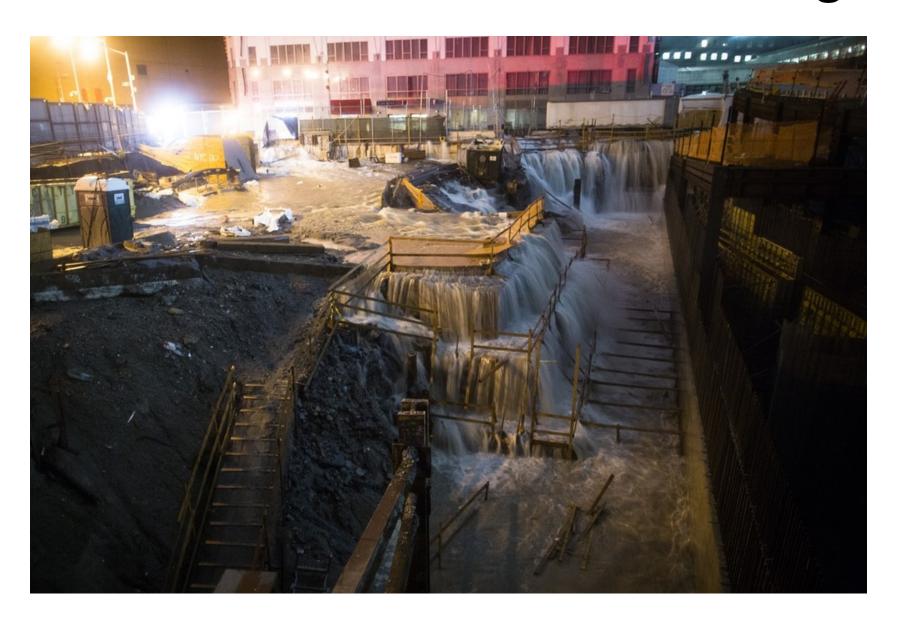
### Lower Manhattan Power Outage



### Manhattan 14<sup>th</sup> Street Con-Ed Building



#### World Trade Center Site Flooding



### NYC Metro Flooding





### Staten Island, NY Flooding



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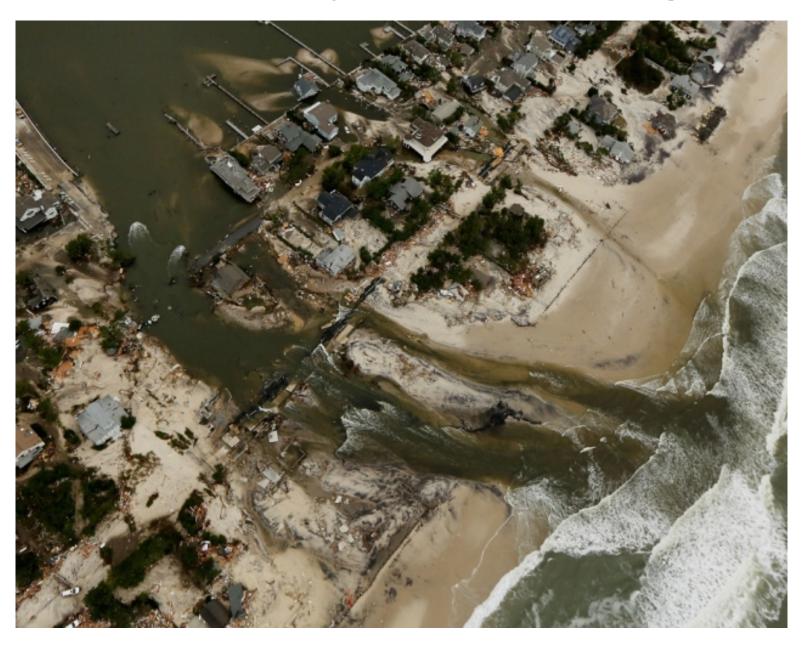
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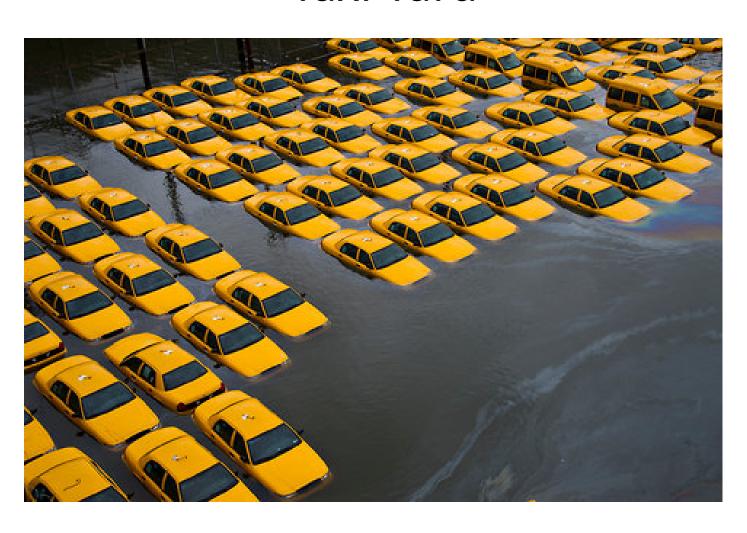
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### Hoboken, NJ Taxi Yard



#### Atlantic City, NJ Flooded



## T-10 Mission Performed 25 OCT 12 to Present

- Strategic lift (Commodities, Blankets, Power Repair Crews, Federal Teams)
- 2. Medium/Heavy Lift Rotary Wing
- 3. Un-watering Operations
- 4. Civil Air Patrol Imagery
- 5. DLA Fuel Support and Distribution
- 6. DLA Food Support
- 7. DoD Planning Assistance
- 8. DCO/E/U Activation & Support R II, IV, V, VI, VII)
- 9. Combat Camera (COMCAM)
- 10. BSI/FTSA Establishment (JB MDL, FT Hamilton, USMCR Brooklyn)

# Strategic Lift California Power Line Crews



# Strategic Lift Seattle Power Repair Crews



### **DLA Fuel Delivery**



#### Un-Watering Ops 401<sup>st</sup> QM Co – Breezy Point. NY



## Un-Watering Ops USAF Pump Units – Rockaways, NY



#### Un-Watering Ops USMC, 8<sup>th</sup> Engineer Support Bn – Rockaways, NY





#### **Debris Removal**

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