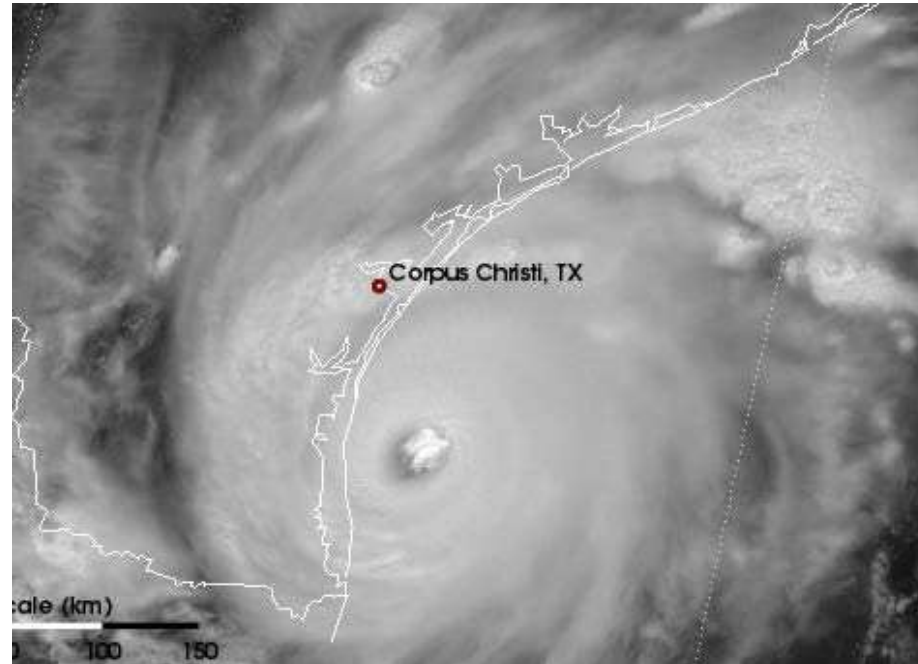


2024 Nueces County Hurricane Reentry Plan



Reentry information available on the [Nueces County Emergency Management Important Information](#) website

Background

- Hurricane Katrina/Rita – 2005

- Coastal Bend Emergency Management Association/Industry Partnership – Coastal Bend Phased Evacuation Guidance (2006)

- Hurricane Ike – 2008

- Coastal Bend Regional Response Plan Working Group – Coastal Bend Regional Coordination Plan to Catastrophic Incidents Hurricane Reentry Plan Annex (2010)

- Authority

- Texas Government Code 418 – Texas Disaster Act
 - 418.108 Local Evacuation Authority
 - 418.050 Phased Reentry Plans
- Coastal Bend Council of Governments Resolution (2010)
- Various Local Emergency Management Plans (2016)
 - Nueces County and cities of Bishop, Corpus Christi, Port Aransas and Robstown

2024 Updates

- The entire reentry process has become digitalized.
 - If you experience issues with the new process, please reach out to
Kathy Ard-Blattner
Office: 361-888-0876
Email: kathy.ard-blattner@nuecescountytexas.gov
- Outreach upon request for surrounding areas

Purpose

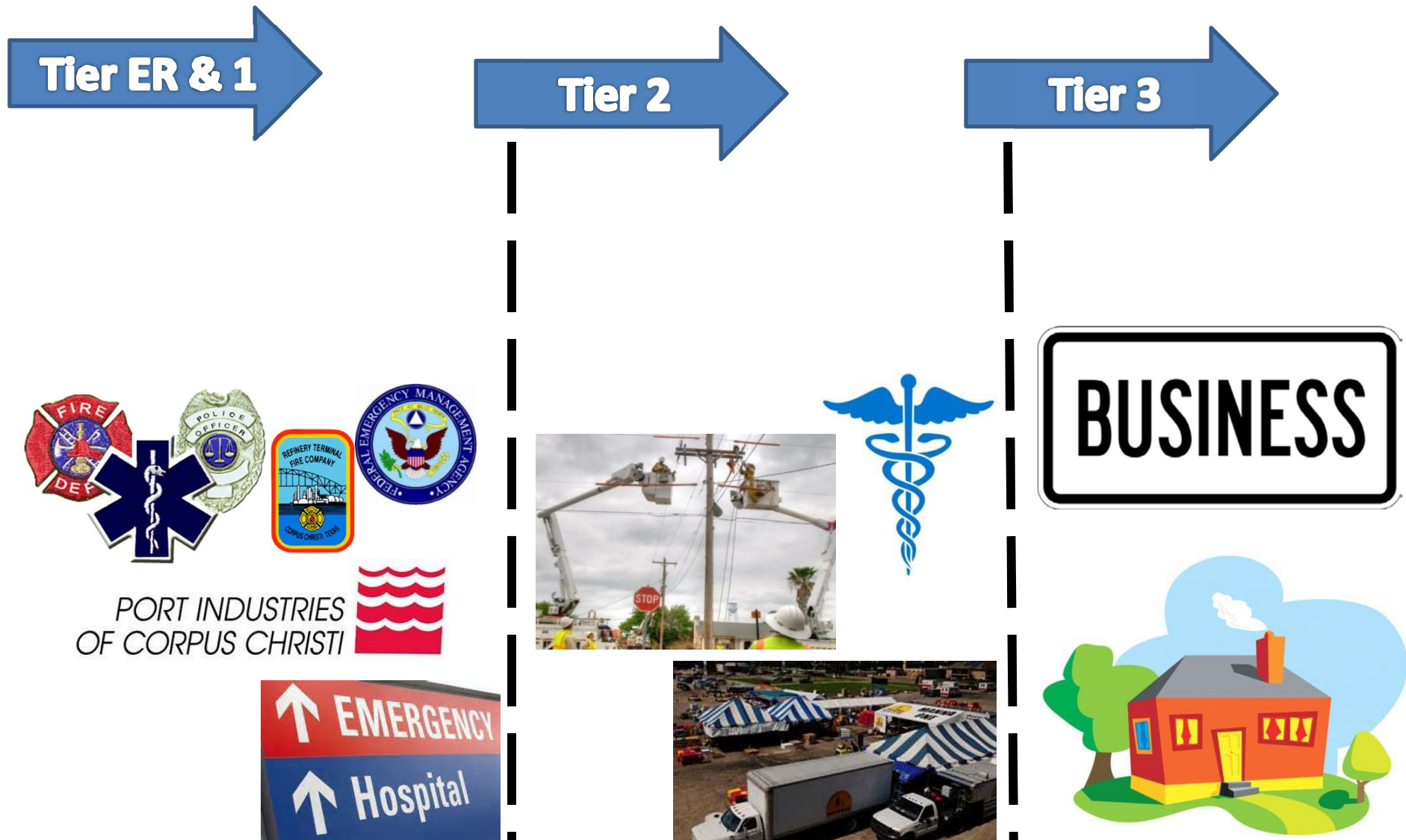
Countywide cooperative partnership:

- To provide uniform guidance for personnel who may require **early reentry prior to the** retraction of the local evacuation order.
- To promote and facilitate the timely reentry of essential personnel to speed the recovery of affected jurisdictions within Nueces County and its economy.

General Approach

- Phased Reentry
- Guidance for required credentials and proof of residency
- Four Tier System
 - **Tier ER**: Emergency Response (Public)
 - **Tier 1**: Immediate Mass Care and Damage Assessment (Private)
 - **Tier 2**: Restoration of Essential Services, Points of Distribution (POD) and other support
 - **Tier 3**: Business Owners and Residents
- Issuance of **Tier 1** Reentry Letters
- Procedure for Evacuation Exemption






Phased Hurricane Reentry



Who Gets a Letter?

- Exempt Organizations
- **Tier 1** Personnel

Letters will only be issued on a standardized letterhead that has been mutually agreed upon

 <p>Nueces County Judge Connie Scott Office of Emergency Management <i>Serving all unincorporated areas of Nueces County and cities of Agua Dulce, Bishop, Driscoll & Fernoud.</i> Dee Hawkins, County EMC deehawkins@nuecescountytx.gov Office: 361-888-0513 County EOC: 361-888-0487</p>	Nueces County EVACUATION ORDER EXEMPTION <p>The organization named below has been granted an exemption to the hurricane mandatory evacuation order. All organization personnel are to remain at their assigned work location and are not granted free access within the evacuation area. All essential/critical personnel should be further classified as Tier ER or Tier 1 level personnel and carry appropriate credentials as outlined in the Nueces County Hurricane Reentry Plan.</p>
 <p>City of Aransas Pass Office of Emergency Management Shanna Owens, San Patricio County Deputy EMC shanna@sanpatricioemc.gov Office: 361-758-5301x2400 County EOC: 361-364-9650</p>	Name Address Address
 <p>City of Corpus Christi Office of Emergency Management Jace Johnson, City Deputy EMC jace@corpus.com Office: 361-826-1108 City EOC: 361-826-1100</p>	24 HOUR VERIFICATION POINT OF CONTACT: Name: Phone: office # / mobile # /24hr
 <p>City of Port Aransas Office of Emergency Management Lawrence Cutrone, City EMC lcutrone@cityofportaransas.org Office: 361-749-4111 Ext. 226 City EOC: 361-749-4111</p>	In the event information indicates that this letter is misused, the letter will be immediately confiscated by law enforcement authorities and returned to the issuing agency.
 <p>City of Robstown Office of Emergency Management Javier Zapata, City EMC jzapata@cityofrobstown.com Office: 361-387-2522 City EOC: 361-387-4262</p>	_____ Judge Connie Scott Date: Issuing Jurisdiction: Nueces County
	Letter Serial Number: EXPIRATION DATE: December 31, 2024

Evacuation Exemption

- May include limited private organizations in direct support of critical infrastructure/key resources.
- Must be self-sufficient and remain at their own risk
- Must have a written plan to include provisions for food, water, shelter, and medical needs for a minimum of 72 hours post landfall
- Provisions for emergency communications such as satellite phone
- Approval by Emergency Management Director (County Judge/Mayor) on a case-by-case basis

Tier ER Personnel

Search & Rescue (SAR) and Security Force Operations

- Includes local Fire/EMS, law enforcement/ Texas Military Forces, and emergency response agencies in support of efforts in the affected area.
- Typically, uniformed and are in clearly identified emergency response vehicles.

Clarification:

- Public Sector Only
- Governmental entities are NOT required to request or carry a reentry authorization letter
- Special districts are strongly encouraged to participate in reentry program to avoid unintentional confusion (WCID, ISD, POCCA, etc.)
- Outside emergency response agencies should be prepared to provide proof of deployment orders, mission assignment or other similar documentation authorizing work assignment in the impacted area for the designated incident.

Tier 1 Personnel

Immediate Mass Care and Damage Assessment

- Includes:
 - CI/KR and utilities assessment personnel must be permitted immediate access to ensure essential services are restored and infrastructure is intact.
 - Official damage assessment teams
 - Immediate mass care is typically provided by recognized state agencies such as Texas Military Forces and limited state VOADs such as American Red Cross, Texas Salvation Army and Texas Baptist men
 - Others at the discretion of the EMD
- Should travel in marked company vehicles and must possess valid agency credentials.

Clarification:

- Critical personnel of “Exempt Organizations” are classified as Tier ER or 1
- The intent is to allow immediate and unrestricted access to both Tier ER and 1 personnel, however, may be further restricted at the discretion of local Incident Commander.

Tier 2 Personnel

Restoration of Essential Services, Point of Distribution (POD) and Other Support

- Essential services include power, infrastructure, public works, wastewater/water and utility repair and restoration.
- Includes:
 - Relief workers to provide food and other supplies for first responders and others that did not evacuate the area.
 - Health care agency personnel, which may include hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living facilities and dialysis centers.
 - Insurance agents and adjusters
 - Key businesses and media. Businesses must have far reaching impact on recovery such as grocery stores, fuel providers, pharmacies, banking institutions and other “big box” providers (i.e. Wal-Mart, HEB, Home Depot, Lowes).
- Should travel in marked company vehicles and must possess valid agency credentials.

Clarification:

- These organizations should be prepared to provide proof of deployment orders, mission assignment or other similar documentation authorizing work assignment in the impacted area for the designated incident.

Tier 3 Personnel

All Other Business Operators and Residents

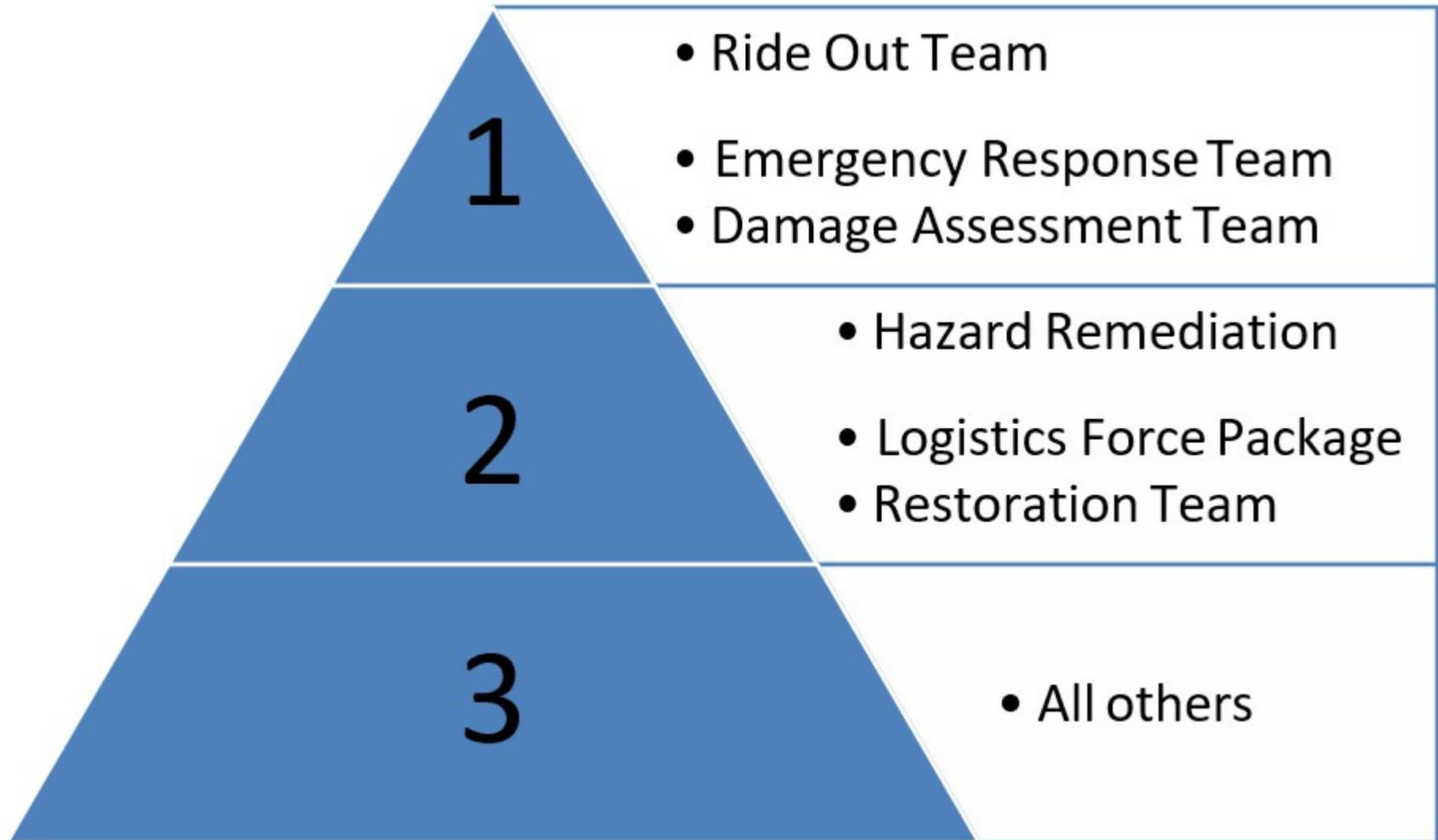
- Business operators/owners and residents should be prepared to provide appropriate agency credentials and/or proof of residency as appropriate.

Clarification:

- All others not defined previously are considered “general population” and will be allowed reentry only after the mandatory evacuation order has been lifted.
- Have a reason to be where you are...no site seeing.

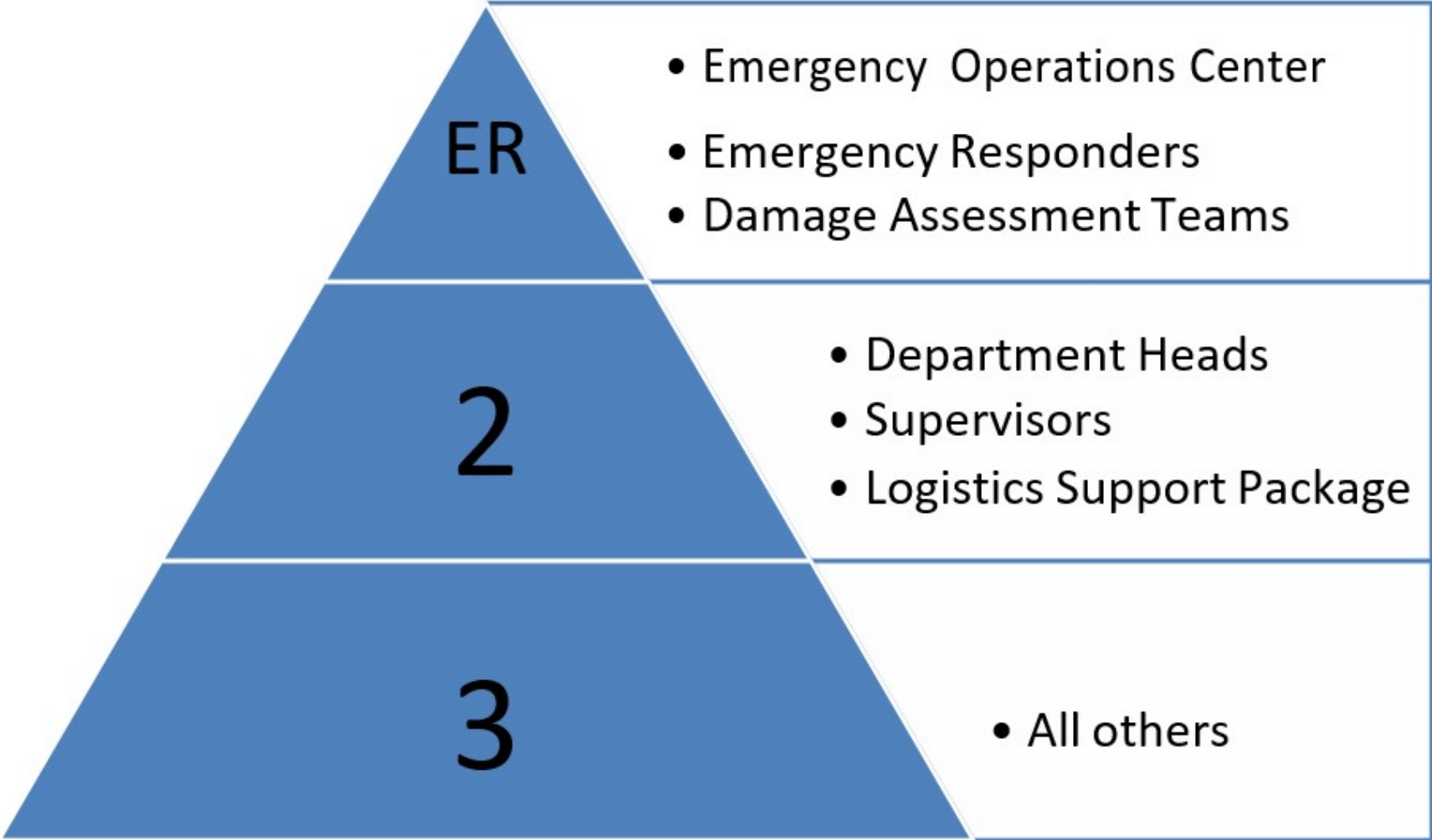
Personnel Planning -

Private Sector Example



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Returning Home

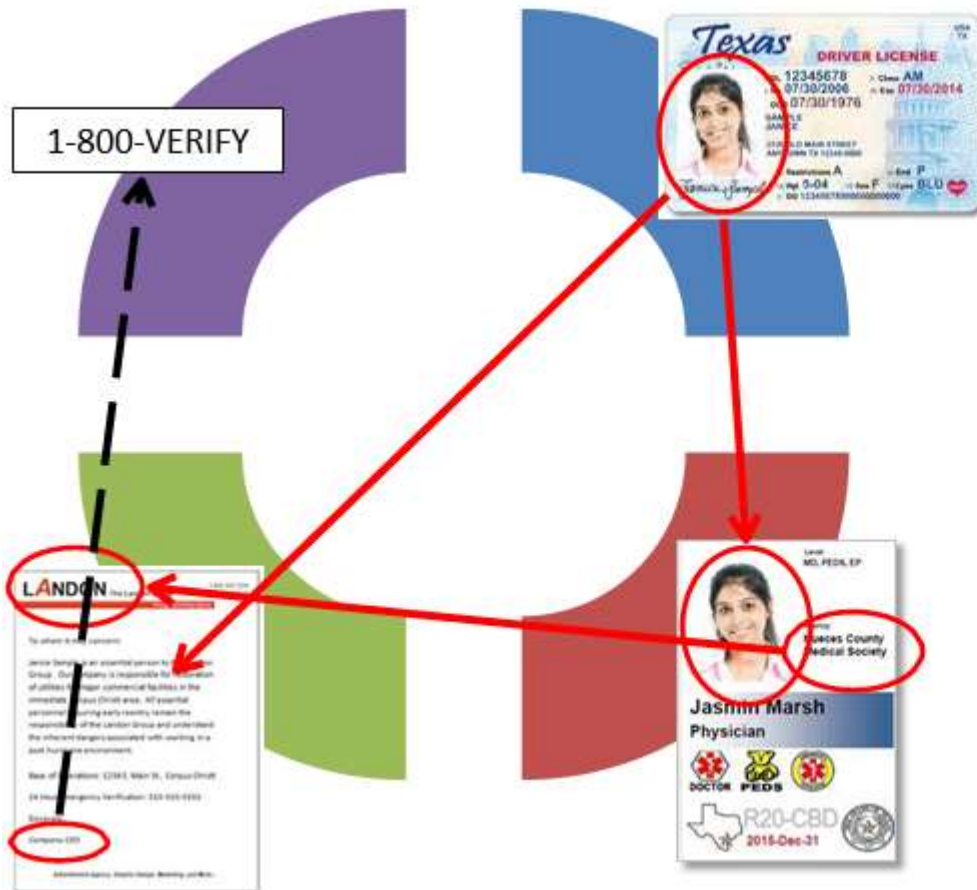
- Any conflict at designated control points will be routed through the local Incident Commander and EOC for resolution. The safety of personnel will be the ultimate deciding factor in ALL cases.
- Tier ER-2 personnel are the full responsibility of their employer until Tier 3 is authorized.
- Personnel traveling in groups through control points should all possess the same level of credentialing or greater.
- Family members and friends will not be allowed reentry until Tier 3 if possessing proof of residency.

Access Control Actions

- Roadblock – Prevent entry or travel on a specific roadway.
- Checkpoints – Facilitate the passage of large volumes of vehicles per operational period.
- In addition to establishing a perimeter and providing access control points, law enforcement may provide:
 - Roaming spot checks
 - Curfew enforcement
 - Convoy escorts
 - General law enforcement services

Reentry Documentation

Should answer the following questions...



- Who are you?
- Who do you work for?
- Why are you here?
- Who can I call to verify?

Tier ER: Credentials

Public Sector:

1. State recognized ID
2. Employee ID
3. If not local, deployment orders, mission assignment or other similar documentation authorizing work assignment in the impacted area.



**Delegation of Authority
for
Management of the
VVVV Incident**

To: WWW, Incident Commander

From: (Agency Administrator(s))

Effective XXXX hours on Month Day, 200X you are hereby delegated authority for management of the resources, costs, and the rehabilitation of suppression affects directly associated with this incident as developed in the current selected WFS/WFDSS Alternativ(s) for the (incident/complex name) on the (name of unit(s)).

Your Incident Command Team will work within all legal statutes and current policy of the responsible agencies, the broad direction provided at your in-briefing, and in the attached Leaders Letter of Intent.

_____ (Agency Administrator)	_____ Incident Commander
_____ Date	_____ Date

Tier 1: Credentials

Private Sector:

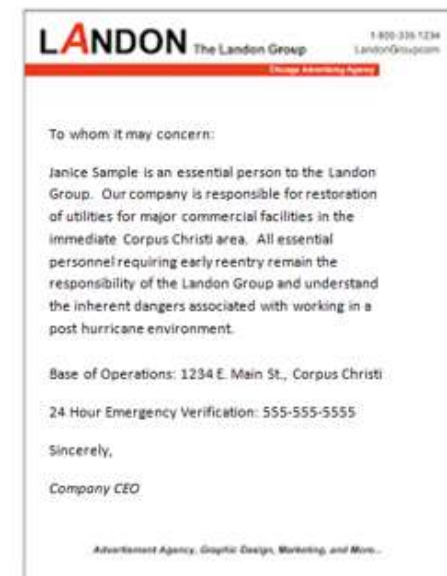
1. State recognized ID
2. Employee ID
3. **Tier 1** Letter



Tier 2: Credentials

All other essential employees

1. State recognized ID
2. Employee ID
3. Employer authorization letter



Tier 3: Proof of Residency

Proper identification for resident access should include one or more of the following:

- State recognized ID
- Utility bill
- Mortgage deed
- Property tax documents
- **Any document with an address.**



Nueces County Enhanced Tier 1 Letters

- Online registry
- Tied to mass notification system
- Event specific with expiration
- Secure information sharing
- Real time revocation and updates
- Field verifiable
- Vehicle Placard



Nueces County

Tier 1 Level Essential Personnel

This document certifies that Valero Oil Company has been granted permission to provide this authorization letter to the person identified below requiring reentry into Nueces County as defined in the Nueces County Hurricane Reentry Plan. This letter is based solely on the list of recognized critical and essential personnel submitted by Valero Oil Company.

In addition to possession of this letter, the person listed is required to have and may be required to provide appropriate agency identification and the valid driver's license or photo ID corresponding to the number referenced below. All personnel are expected to abide by all applicable rules and curfews as they are established for specific restricted areas as directed by local officials.

Acme Utility Company
 Corpus Christi Operations Center
 1234 Main St
 Robstown, TX 78401

Access Authorized for:
Frank Ashton
 DL/ID#: 45290541
EXPIRES: 6/30/12

Org Contact: John Adamson
 Phone: 1-800-VERIFY



SCAN TO VALIDATE

In the event of attempts to misuse this document, it will immediately be confiscated by designated authorities and returned to the issuing agency.

Danielle Hale
 Nueces Co. EMC
 Phone: (361-) 889-0513

Lloyd Neal
 Honorable Lloyd Neal
 County Judge

6/11/2012
 Activated



Reentry Request Forms

- Forms can be found on the [Nueces County Emergency Management Important Information](#) web page
- Mail to the local Office of Emergency Management
 - The County Judge will approve letters for companies performing business in the unincorporated areas of the County, the other communities that are signatories to the County Emergency Management Plan (Agua Dulce, Bishop, Driscoll and Petronila), as well as those with county-wide responsibility such as utility companies and “big box” stores like HEB.
 - Each City Mayor will have the responsibility to approve letters for companies performing business within the city limits of their community.

Reentry Contact Information

- **Nueces County**

Cities of Agua Dulce, Bishop, Driscoll, and Petronila and all areas incorporated

- Dee Hawkins: 361-888-0876 / deanna.hawkins@nuecescountytexas.gov

- **City of Aransas Pass**

- Assistant Chief Aaron Jones: 361-758-5301 / ajones@aptx.com

- **City of Corpus Christi**

- Jace Johnson: 361-826-1100 / jacej@cctexas.com

- **City of Port Aransas**

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