From Butterflies to Talkushima

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE INTERAGENCY MODELING AND ATMOSPHERIC ADVISORY CENTER 2002 - 2012

Overview

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- ► Why is there an IMAAC
- ► What is an IMAAC
- ► How did it work
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Background

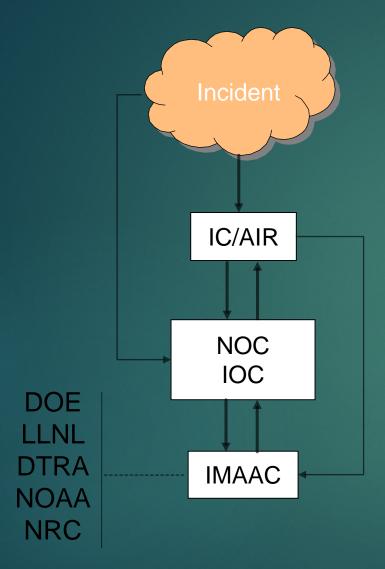
- The Impetus TOPOFF 2 and the creation of the Butterfly
- Homeland Security Council directive

Why is there an IMAAC

- ► Multiple Federal models
- Lack of a coordinated Federal response plan
- Support to first responders

What IS AN IMAAC

- ► "Single Federal prediction atmospheric dispersion and their consequences utilizing the best available resources [of] the Federal government."
- ► Partnership of 8 Federal agencies
 - ►DHS, DOE, DoD, DoC (NOAA), EPA, NRC, NASA, HHS
 - ► Led by DHS



How would it work

- Principals
 - ▶ IC- Incident commander
 - AIR Authorized IMAAC requestor
 - ► IOC IMAAC Operations Coordinator
- Operations concept
 - ▶ Alert
 - ► Call IC, AIR
 - ► Situational awareness IOC
 - ▶ Initial run
 - Coordinate
 - ▶ Release
 - Subsequent runs
 - ▶ Hotwash

Concept of OPerations

- Initial Response
 - Dispersion model run by LLNL as DOE National Atmospheric Release Advisory Center (NARAC)
 - ▶ LODI
 - ▶ NWS weather models
 - Coordinate with NOC
 - ▶ NOC releases
- Follow-up/subsequent actions
 - Contact NWS forecast office nearest to incident
 - ► Local issues
 - "Model of the day"
 - Rerun dispersion model as necessary

Issues/MAturation

- ► Fed vs. State/Local/Tribal
- ▶ Triggers
- Lanes
- ▶ Turn around
- ▶ Distribution/Use
- Permanent IMAAC
 - ▶ Interagency study
 - ▶ Verification & Validation

Did it work?