

# AWARE & PREPARE EVALUATION PRESENTATION Slides from 2011 summative evaluation of the Aware & Prepare Initiative.

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# PROGRAM EVALUATION

**Preview of Significant Outcomes** 

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# Aware & Prepare A Community Partnership to Strengthen

Emergency & Disaster Readiness

#### **Evaluation Approach**

- Guided by the Orfalea Fund Board of Directors
- Interviews facilitated by Witt Associates
  - Initial Project Team that conducted 2007 Needs Assessment
- Data analysis conducted by Aware & Prepare Team

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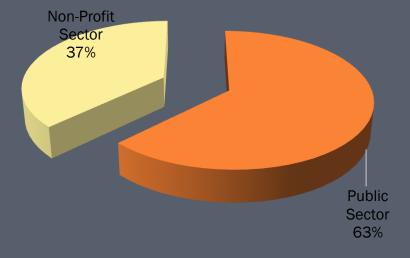
Aware & Prepare Initiative

Summative Program Evaluation Report

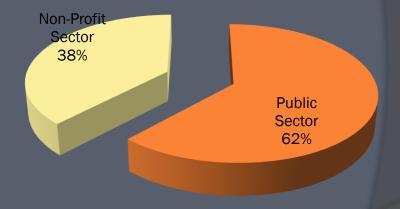
The purpose of this report is to share conclusions regarding the effectiveness of the Orfalea Fund's Aware & Prepare Initiative within the Santa Barb ara County Operational Area.

#### **Data Collection**





#### One-on-One Interviews (26 Total)



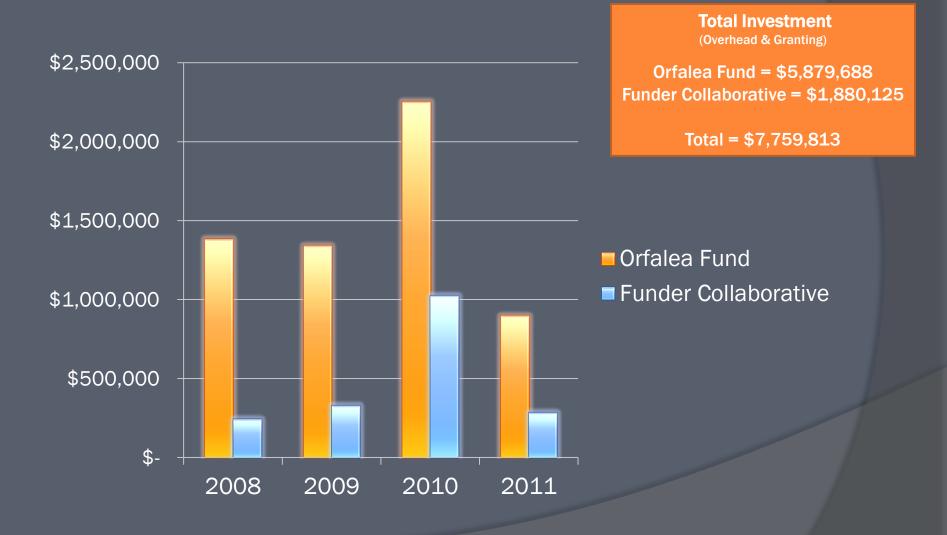
#### Outcomes

- Data collection and analysis prioritized by five different components:
  - Level of Capability
  - Public-Private Partnership
  - Value of Investment
  - Grantmaking
  - Program Structure

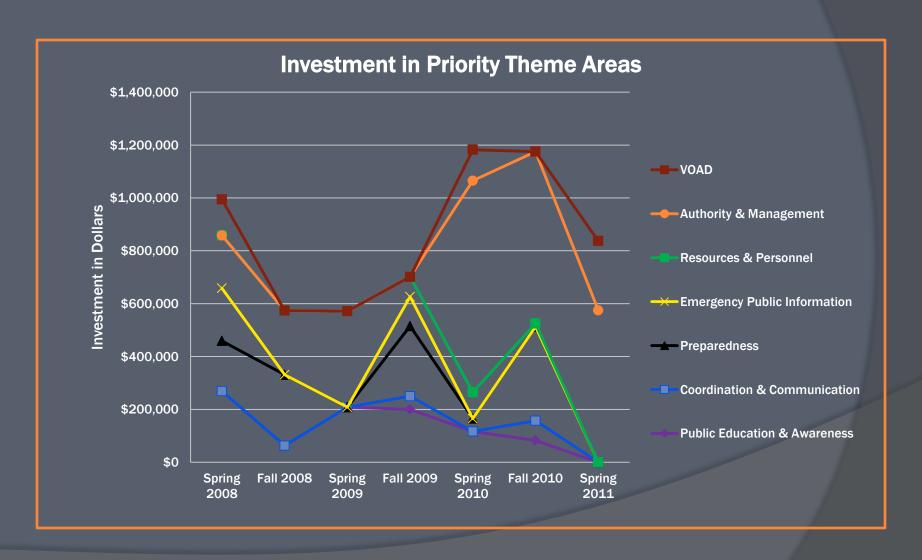
#### Level of Capability

- Has the level of emergency management capabilities changed over time?
  - Initial Needs Assessment
  - Priority Theme Areas
- Addressed through strategic planning and investment of time, funding and other resources

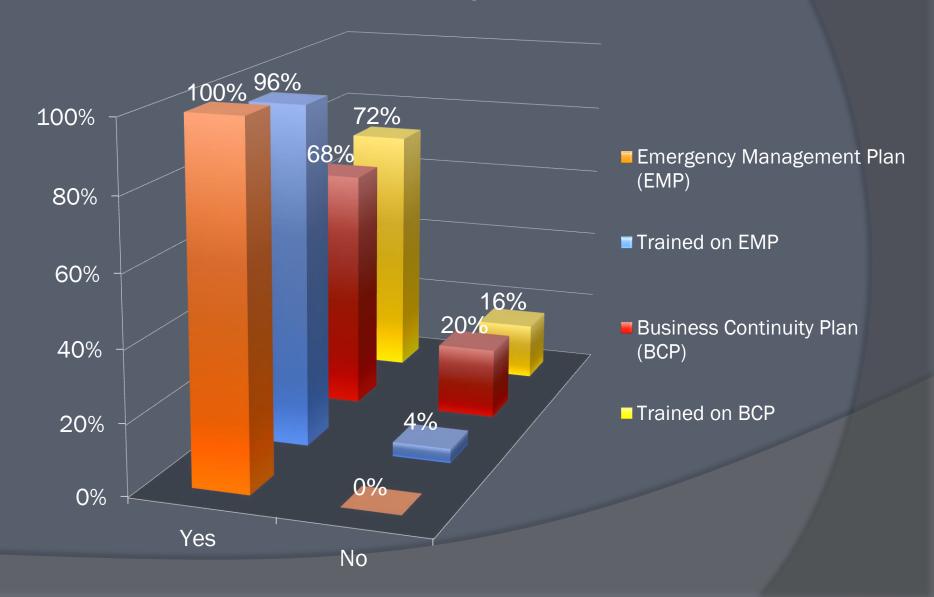
#### Investment



#### Level of Capability



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### Public-Private Partnership

 Designated emergency management system based on Local, Operational Area, Regional and State reporting and mutual aid

 Established partnership to coordinate strategic planning priorities

 Trust-building resulted in improved information sharing and more effective and efficient decisionmaking



#### Public-Private Partnership

"Witt Associates came in with a commitment to make a change within the community and worked to solve existing problems."

"When a significant funder steps into the community and says that emergency preparedness is important, it gets your attention.... when they also say that they will be an involved partner in the process and help pay for the costs, you get a totally different response than previously granted projects."

"Having everyone around the table has led to increased coordination of efforts.

All involved parties have been able to share information and implement collaborative efforts."

#### Resolution

#### Whereas...

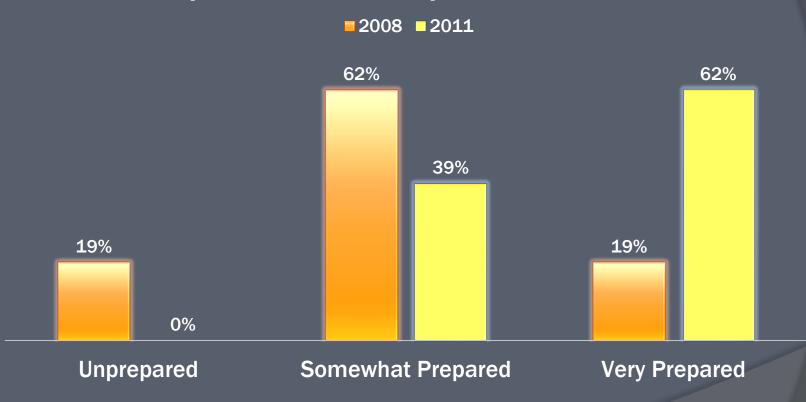
- The Aware & Prepare Initiative, now an integrated component and strategy of the Office of Emergency Services, will continue its collaboration with local nonprofits and local jurisdictions...
- The Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Services agrees to carry on and facilitate the efforts of the Aware & Prepare Initiative moving forward.

#### Value of Investment

- For every \$1 you spend in mitigation and preparedness, you save \$4 in recovery
- 61% of respondents were able to leverage funding as a result of becoming involved in Aware & Prepare
  - OES coordinated funding opportunities between EMPG and Homeland Security Grant Program

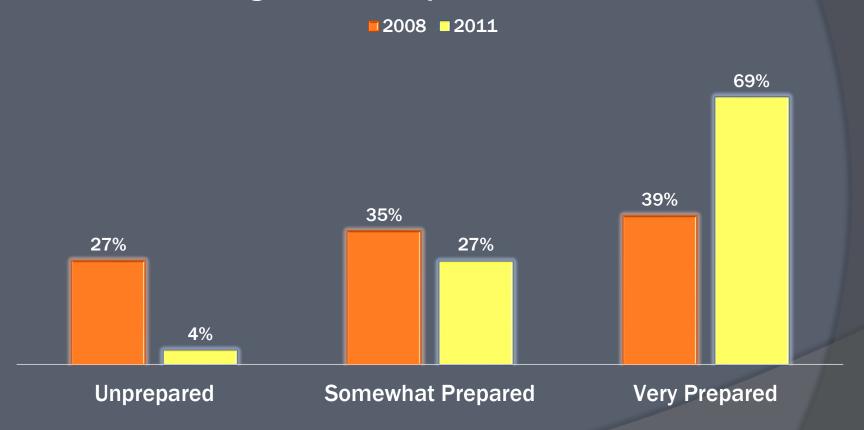
#### Value of Investment

#### **Operational Area Preparedness Levels**



#### Value of Investment

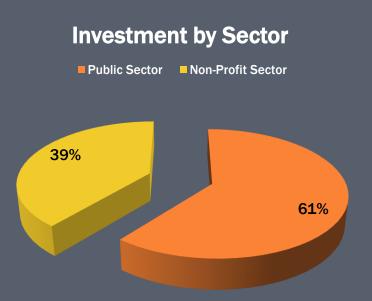
**Organization Preparedness Levels** 



#### Grantmaking

- \$5,274,789 in funding to develop, implement and/or sustain 41 programs or projects
- 81% of stakeholders have the appropriate executive support to continue the implementation of their program

# Grantmaking



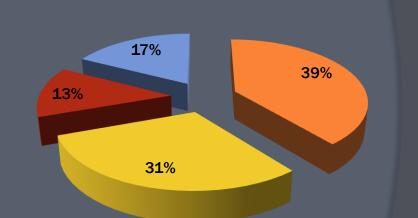


■ Private Sector

■ Not Sure

■ Non-Profit Sector

**■** Public Sector



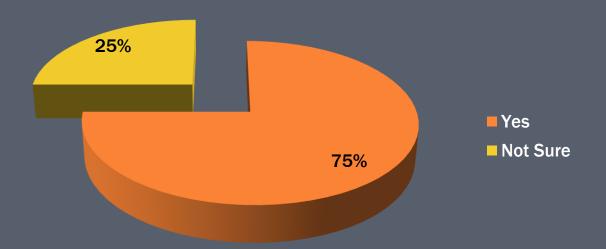
#### **Program Structure**

- Aware & Prepare shows that there are common goals and themes for the entire Operational Area
  - Provides conduits for all major jurisdictions and non-profit organizations
- Staffing was flexible and understanding of needs as well as unpredictable events

"Aware & Prepare is the glue that holds the common themes together. The Initiative is not about any one program, it is about all of them working together."

#### **Program Structure**

Program Structure and Resources were Sufficient to Address Gaps



#### Program Structure

- The Orfalea Fund was seen as a third-party facilitator of cross-sector coordination
- 87% of stakeholders participated in a roundtable discussion in 2010
  - Non-English Speaking Populations
  - Functional and Access Needs
  - Public Education & Awareness
  - Institutions of Higher Education
- 100% of those participants are still involved in addressing the issue(s) that were discussed

#### What's Next?



- Program Structure
  - Liaison Role between OES and Funder Collaborative
  - Emergency Coordinators Committee
  - Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
- Sustainability
  - Ensuring continuity of partnerships
  - Accountability measures for on-going investment
  - Maintaining disaster readiness as a strategic planning priority
- Long-Term Recovery Fund