

Keeping Momentum

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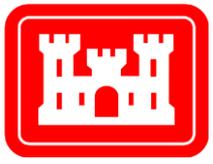
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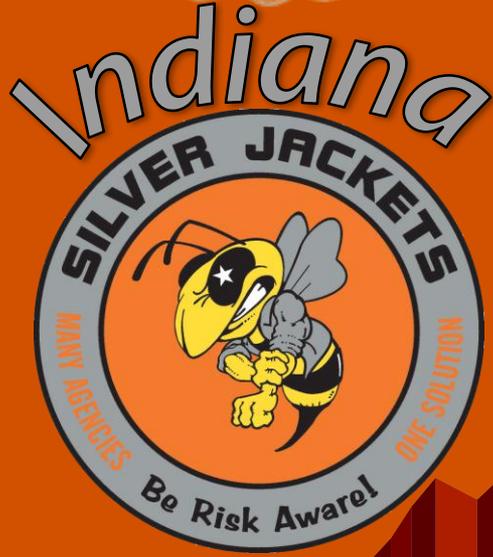
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Many Agencies



One Solution



State, Local, and Educational Partners



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_TXloiuBd4



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Silver Jacket Soup

- Grew out of the informal partnerships of the state EOC.
 - ▶ Other agencies were somewhat distrustful
- Trust - Speak your mind – Las Vegas
Theme - Confidentiality
- Energy – synergy/volunteerism at its best
– infectious/contagious



Early Projects

- ▶ White River at Nora – triggered FIM
- ▶ N Branch Elkhart River Report – trigger river organization
- ▶ 1913 Flood Documentary and Partnership with WFYI
- ▶ Small successes have led to willingness and ability to tackle bigger things.
- ▶ Snow ball effect





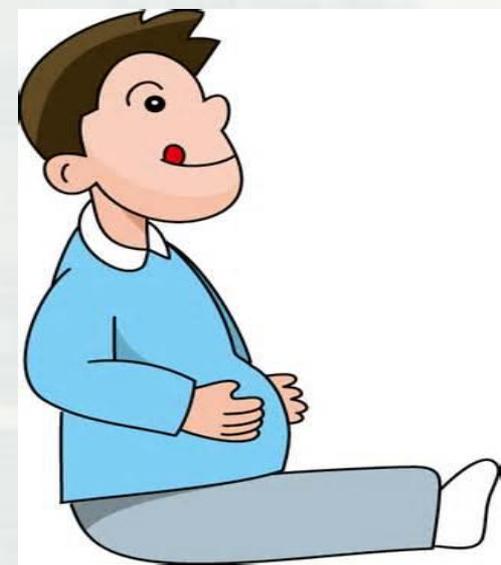
Keeping the Soup Cooking

- Strange eclectic Soup that is stirred every month. Stone soup. The whole is greater than the sum of the parts.
- Celebration of good things Milestones. Collaboration on where things can go in the future.
- Keep a big picture focus how
- will x help the entire state
- Subcommittees take on detail work and themselves are self driven.
- NO is not an option or at least a last option.



Sources of Happiness

- Sounding board
- Opportunity to vent frustrations and
- Monthly injection of positivity
- Provides a way to deal with answer shopping
- Day dreaming
- Science focused bringing science to large issues. Results people can use, touch feel, experience, not just observe arm waving.



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TOP SECRET
RECIPE

Secrets to Longevity

- Not for profit multi disciplined professional organization of risk reduction professionals
Nothing else like this exists
- Like a think tank
- Drawn to creative people
- Continuous learning
 - ▶ We meet monthly – not quarterly. Sub committees meet more frequently when needed.
 - ▶ Commitment to task at hand vs getting credit.
 - ▶ Rebrand by choice
 - ▶ Embraced modern technologies – what's new - involvement of younger professionals that understand it.



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Secrets to Longevity



- Clear recognition with smaller government initiatives. No one agency can resolve regional issues.
- Speak as many agencies with one voice – theme of SJ
- Blessed by openness to staff driven P3 partnerships and innovation So that we can lead together.
- Freedom to work supportive of all programs
- Mid level management knows what's needed and how the systems work

