

Workshop Tasks

- Group 1 – Describe the event selected and methods used in the study by Wedel and Baker (1996).
- Group 2 – Describe the “model of organized response” used by Wedel and Baker (1996) and explain how the Resource Coordination Committee fit into this model.
- Group 3 – Identify and illustrate six findings from the Wedel and Baker study (1996) pertaining to “leadership” and “decision making.”
- Group 4 – Identify and illustrate six findings from the Wedel and Baker study (1996) pertaining to “confidentiality,” “accountability” and “networking”.

Types of Disaster Convergence

- Personal Convergence
- Material Convergence
- Informational Convergence

Source: Adapted from Fritz, Charles and J.H. Mathewson. 1957. *Convergence Behavior in Disasters*. (National Research Council Disaster Study #9). Washington, D.C.: National Academy of Sciences, p. 4.

A Model of Organized Disaster Response Systems

Structure	Tasks	
	Old	New
Old	1	3
New	2	4

Type 1 = Established systems

Type 2 = Expanding systems

Type 3 = Extending systems

Type 4 = Emergent systems

Source: Adapted and modified from typology in Dynes, Russell R. 1970. *Organized Behavior in Disasters*. Lexington, Massachusetts: Heath Lexington Books, pp. 136-146.

Dimensions of the Therapeutic Community

- Rise in Informal Helping Behaviors
- Excess Donations Given
- Expanded Volunteer Behavior
- Decline in Criminal Activity
- Increased Community Morale
- Increased Frequency of Altruistic Behavior
- Heroic Behavior Highlighted

Source: Adapted from Fritz, Charles E. 1961. "Disasters." Pp. 651-694 in *Contemporary Social Problems*, edited by Robert K. Merton and Robert A. Nisbet. New York: Harcourt.

Social Factors That Constrain Victim Participation in the Therapeutic Community

- Socioeconomic Status
- Age
- Gender
- Ethnicity

Source: Adapted from Drabek, Thomas E. 1986. *Human System Responses To Disaster*. New York: Springer-Verlag, pp. 210-211 and p. 234.

Social Factors That Constrain Helper Participation in the Therapeutic Community

- Age
- Gender
- Location
- Impact

Source: Adapted from Drabek, Thomas E. 1986. *Human System Responses to Disaster*. New York: Springer-Verlag, pp. 210-211.

Lessons for Emergency Managers

- Convergence behavior will occur:
plan for it
- Anticipate variety in organized response
- Therapeutic community: policy requirements
- Plan for donations: policy and excesses
- Pre-structure private sector responses
- Structure public awareness
- Policy guidance for emergent systems
 - A. Leadership
 - B. Decision making
 - C. Confidentiality
 - D. Accountability
 - E. Networking