Creating Risk Assessments to Compare Disaster Statistics

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Why Analyze Disasters & Events

Monitor Performance:

- To track what is going right
- To track what needs improvement

Take Action:

- To communicate and use the findings
- To make knowledgeable changes

Analyzing data without taking the time to solve the problem is a waste of time and resources.

-Bill Gates, Microsoft

Potential Road Blocks

- Lack of Assessment Standards
- Lack of Resources (Personnel & Finances)
- Legal & Political Environment
- Industry Culture



Important Data Collection Questions

- How is this data useful?
- Is the collection time worth the effort?
- Does your management understand the data?
- Does analysis create more questions than answers?
- Politically does it make sense?

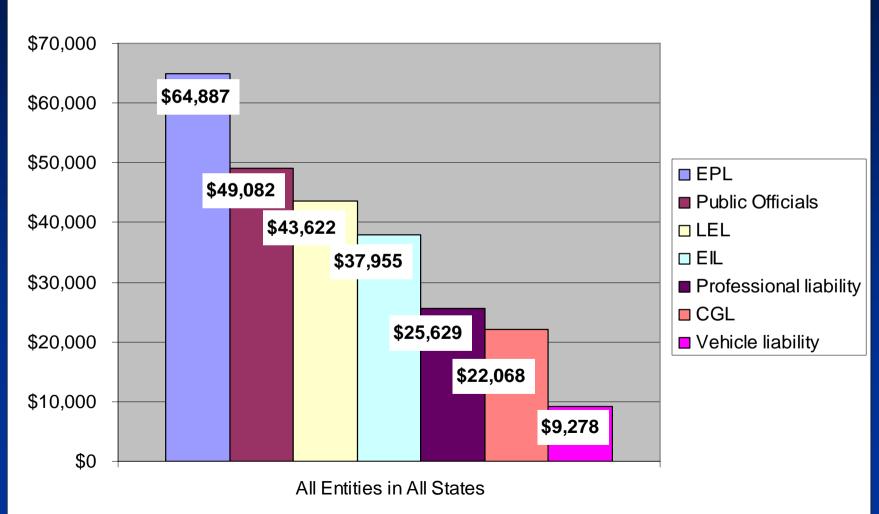
Disaster Assessment Goals

- Create Standards to Compare Events
- Evaluate Response & Recovery
- Reduce Future Impact



PERI Collects Loss Statistics





Benefits of Data Collection

- Prevention
- Documentation (proof)
- Identify other potential problems
- Change procedure/policy
- Develop cost information
- Justification for budget items or management involvement
- Securing cooperation from all parties





