

# County/Federal EOC Interactions

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# Outline

- EOC Histories
- Reasons
- Plans
- Preparation
- Response Realities



# Emergency Operations Centers

- Multi-agency Coordination (MAC)
  - Situation Awareness
    - *Common Operating Picture*
  - Incident Prioritization
  - Resource Allocation
  - Communication/Information Integration



# Cerro Grande, May 2000

- Burned 39 buildings and 7500 acres on LANL
- Destroyed over 400 homes in Los Alamos
- Burned over 47,000 acres

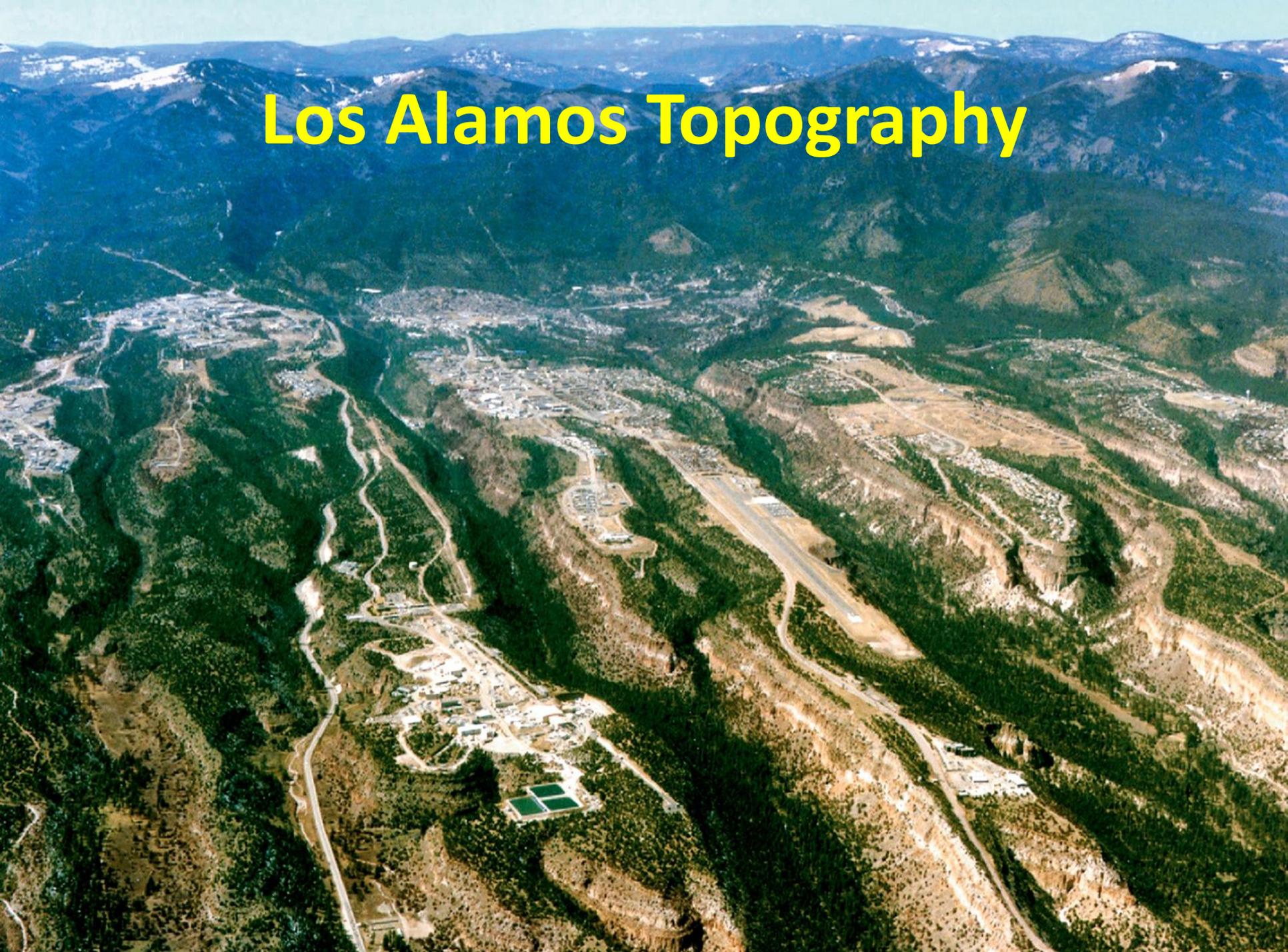


# Cerro Grande LANL EOC



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# Los Alamos Topography



# Why combine the two???

- Due to proximity, majority of hazards and risks affect both LANL and LAC.
- LANL is located on DOE property, it is not a Federal reservation.
  - LAFD protects LANL (Cooperative Agreement)
  - LAPD has law enforcement jurisdiction on LANL,
- Senator Pete Dominici

# Emergency Directorate

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Los Alamos  
County

LANL

*Emergency  
Director*

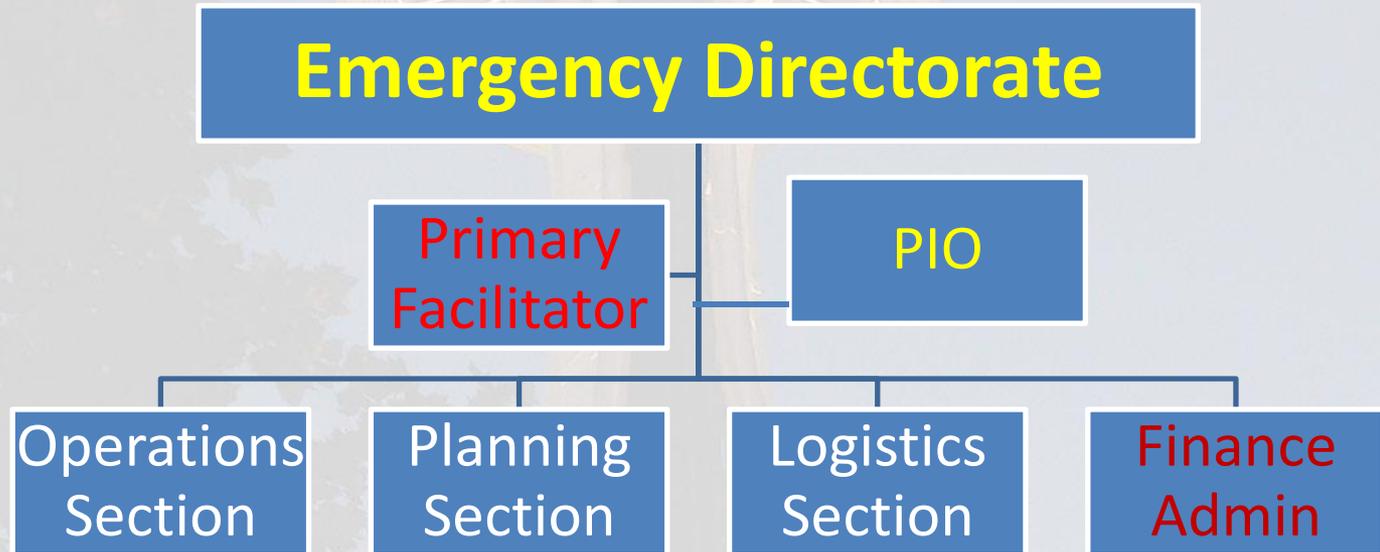
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# ERO Composition

Red – LANL

White – LANL/County

Yellow – LANL/Cty./LASO



# Preparedness

- Trainings
- Exercises
- Meetings
- Tours

*Smaller Activations*



# *Reality Strikes*



# EOC Activation

**Centralized location**

**Interagency Coordination**

- Decision making
- Briefings

**Planning**

**Operational oversight**

**Logistical support**

**Public Information**

**Access Control**

**Accountability**



# Local Government Actions

- Los Alamos County joined LANL at the EOC
- Senior management on site 24x7
- Hospital closed
- Evacuations



# Evacuations...

- **General Evacuation**

- Reverse 911
- Long Lines
- No accidents



- **Special Needs Evacuations**

- Nursing Homes
- Assisted Living Centers
- Jail
- Hospital



# Resources Benefitted Both

- **Public Safety**
  - Called out all public safety personnel
  - Requested assistance
    - 5 fire departments
    - 2 additional law enforcement agencies
    - National Guard



# EOC Challenges

- Drinking Water
- Air Filtration
- Space Designation
- Bunkroom used for Food
- Access Control

# Improvements Since Cerro Grande



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# Termination

- **Termination Discussions**
    - Hospital, Town site evacuation, on-going fire response,
  - **Criteria addressed**
- Friday, July 1**
- **OE terminated**
  - **EOC activation terminated**
    - *County moved to town*
  - **Response ongoing**
    - Mitigation
    - Fire Response

# Lessons Learned

## Pros

- Centralized location
- Integrated decision making
- Shared Resources
  - Activation of State resources
- Briefings
- Planning
- PIO (EPI)
- LANL workers live in County

## Cons

- More LANL worker than County workers
- Space is an issue
- Different tasks and priorities
  - Homes versus places of business
- Termination criteria
- Distance to travel to actions and tasks

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*Where Discoveries Are Made!*

