Organization, Personnel, and Effectiveness Committee

Emergency Management Program Update

Item 6a

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Emergency Management Program Update

Subject
Emergency Management Program
Biannual Update

Purpose
To provide an update on program events and initiatives

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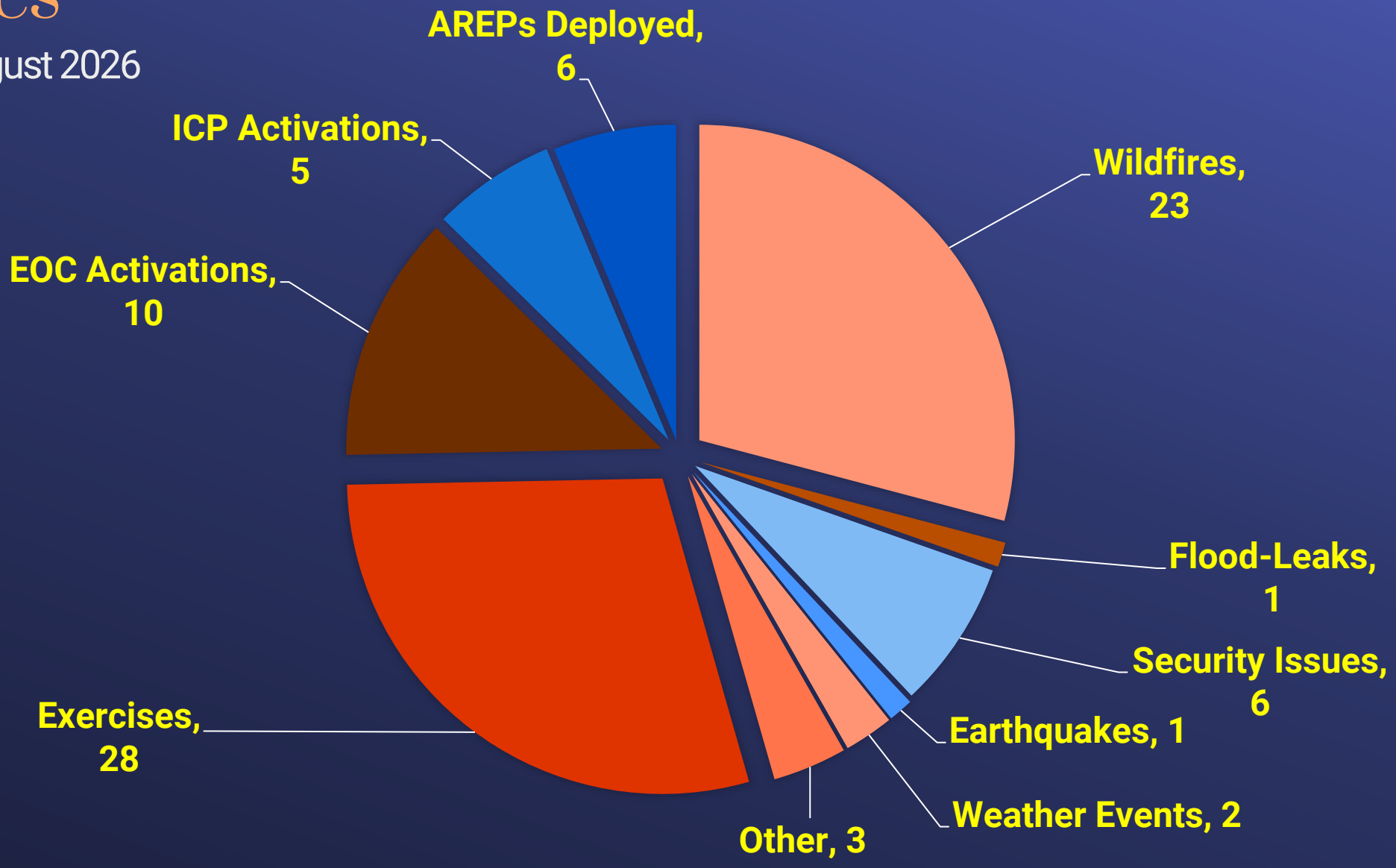
Emergency Management Program Update

- Responses
- Planning Updates
- Preparedness and Compliance
- Collaboration
- Technology
- World Cup 2026 Response/Lessons-Learned
- Olympics 2028 Preparedness
- Moving Forward

Responses

March 2026 – August 2026



Responses

March 2026– August 2026

Carbon Fire near Diemer Plant- Heli-hydrant use

Bain Fire near Lake Mathews / Zebra Fire CP near Morris Dam

- Wildfires
  - More fires (23)
  - More Metropolitan impacts
- Trends
  - More staff reporting
  - Wider smoke impacts
  - Sense of urgency

Responses

March 2026– August 2026

- “Grey Area” Incidents
- West Hollywood Water Main Break
- More Weather Events

Garden Grove HazMat

Boyle Heights Commercial Fire

LADWP West Hollywood Main Break

Preparedness

Disaster Readiness

- Wildfire Protection
- Employee Outreach
- MetAlert Notifications

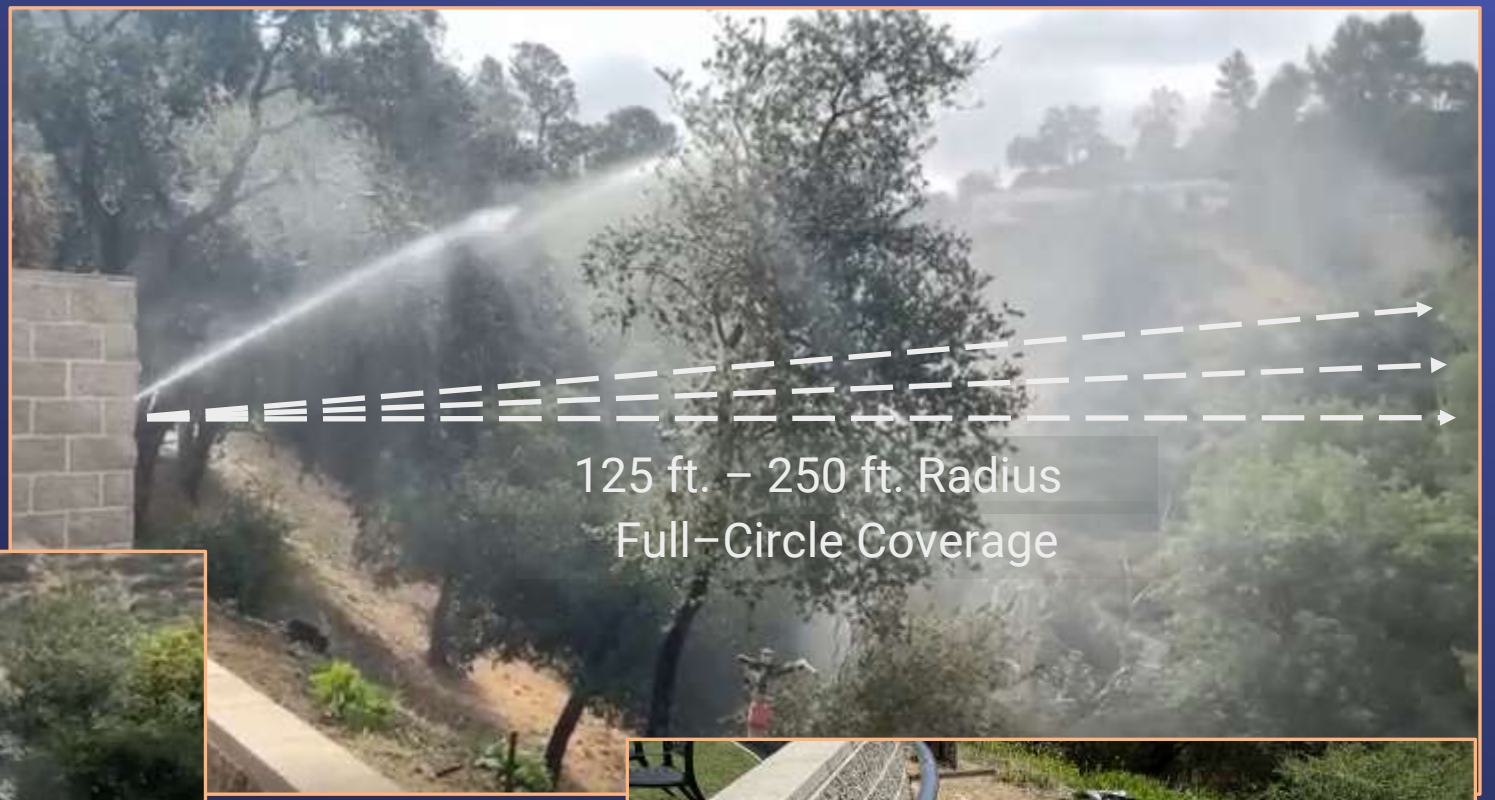
Water Canons at Eagle Rock

Lunch & Learn Event

METALERT
EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

Eagle Rock – Wildfire Suppression – FireBozz Sprinkler

5 FireBozz Sprinklers Installed



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Compliance – Dam Emergency Action Plans

March 2026 – August 2026

Preparedness

Dam Emergency Action Plans (EAPs)	Qty
Dam EAPs updated since last update	6
Expect total completed by the end of 2026	13

Preparedness

Collaboration

March 2026 – August 2026

- Southern California Critical Lifelines Working Group
- Los Angeles City EOC Major Special Events Task Force
- California Utilities Emergency Association (CUEA)

Critical Lifelines Meeting at SCE

Smart Emergency Management

Technology

- AI Innovations
  - After Action Report Meta-Analysis
  - Response Support (Intel models)
  - Public Assistance (PA) Recovery Support
- Real-Time Display Boards
- Increased use of Watch Duty
- Enhanced use of Everbridge

World Cup 2026 Prep

Pre-planning

Pre-event exercises

- Los Angeles City Major Events Task Force Meetings
- FIFA pre-event tabletop exercise
- Joint Hazardous Materials Tabletop Exercise

Response - World Cup 2026

GIS Map of Fan Zones

Union Station

Los Angeles (Sofi) Stadium

- Metropolitan EOC activated seven (7) times – 8 matches, 10 Fan Zones
- Headquarters ICP activated four (4) times – Union Station Fan Zone
- Agency Reps deployed to Union Station four (4) times – Union Station Fan Zone

World Cup 2026

Lessons-Learned

- Precursor for LA28 planning
- Early outreach is vital
- Involve all Metropolitan Groups and Member Agencies in planning
- Build up local ICP readiness
- Implement LA28 EM Training Plan

LA28 Summer Olympics Prep

Planning

- Establish Metropolitan LA28 Emergency Planning Working Group
- Continue long-term planning with Los Angeles City and County EOCs
- Implement LA28 response training plan

Moving Forward

Future Planning

Potential Emergency Events in 2027

- Super El Nino in forecast for 2027
- Increased stress on San Andreas Fault
- Cyber attacks on water infrastructure

New Emergency Management (EM) Team

- Temporary staffing to cover essential needs
- Continued need to permanently expand EM Team

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