Week Twelve Assignment

Critical Infrastructure Security

Read Chapter 12

1. Briefly describe critical infrastructure as defined by Homeland Security.
2. Define Key Resources and provide a few examples.
3. List at least five categories/examples of critical infrastructure in Kansas.
4. Explain what capabilities are provided by Fusion Centers.
5. What benefits do you think can be achieved through cooperation and partnership between Private Security and Public (Law Enforcement at local, state and Federal levels)?

**Information to Remember**

Agencies information sharing is critical for success. Partnering with other agencies for emergency management missions is the new normal. Everyone now days has funding challenges. Working together communities are more effective. Many communities have a stack of Mutual Aid agreements.

A tool we’ve seen before and a common practice is Vulnerability Assessments. A subset of this also getting a lot of attention is Threat Assessment. The two go hand in hand and key to developing any protection strategy and incident response plan.

The Federal Government has been working at improving communication and info sharing with the private sector. The private sector probably out numbers the Public Security agencies by three times and has twice the budget. A huge resource to help keep infrastructure secure. Often the technology and expertise with the private sector exceeds the public capability.

Know what the National Infrastructure Protection Plan provides.

Be familiar with National Response Framework.