

## The 10 Ps of Post-Disaster Safe Recovery

- **Posterity**  
\*Think long term and broadly, finding creative solutions.
- **People**  
\*Put people first by gathering together and listening. Establish goals that are best for the immediate situation and for future generations.
- **Patchwork**  
\*No single program exists to meet all the needs of the community or each individual. We need to take a bit of this and that then piece them together.
- **Persistence**  
\*Never give up. Keep talking. Keep negotiating. Keep searching for the right answers and the right programs to meet specific challenges.
- **Problems**  
\*Keep focusing on problems. Synergy is important. Bring resources together. Communicate. Focus.
- **Prudence**  
Focus efforts on achievable goals.
- **Personal Decisions**  
\*Decisions must be made within a participatory engagement involving all who have a stake in the future of a community. Disaster survivors will need resources and probably require much additional help and support, such as crisis counseling, needed and vital following a disaster.
- **Pro-Active**  
\*Take initiative. Seek help. Expand your staff. Take advantage of the limited window of opportunity to create, fund, and complete the program.
- **Patience**  
\*We need patience, particularly when systems are shattered beyond any possibility of quick repair. We need to remain calm. Help is available for everyone.
- **Plain Common Sense**  
\*We must describe our processes, plans and programs in a straight forward way. The concepts should “sound right.” They should sound like a logical solutions; that is the “common sense” things to do.

