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Progress Report



- Preparing our networks, systems and structures to withstand a major weather event



- Ensuring the ability and capacity to effectively respond to a natural disaster

Major Commission Findings

- **Extreme weather events are increasing in frequency and impact. Responding to this “new normal” requires:**
 - **Access to reliable and timely data.**
 - **State-of-the-art training and preparation.**
 - **Coordination within and across all sectors.**
 - **Resilient systems to ensure that critical needs like fuel and communication can be met after an emergency.**
 - **Particular focus on the most vulnerable populations.**

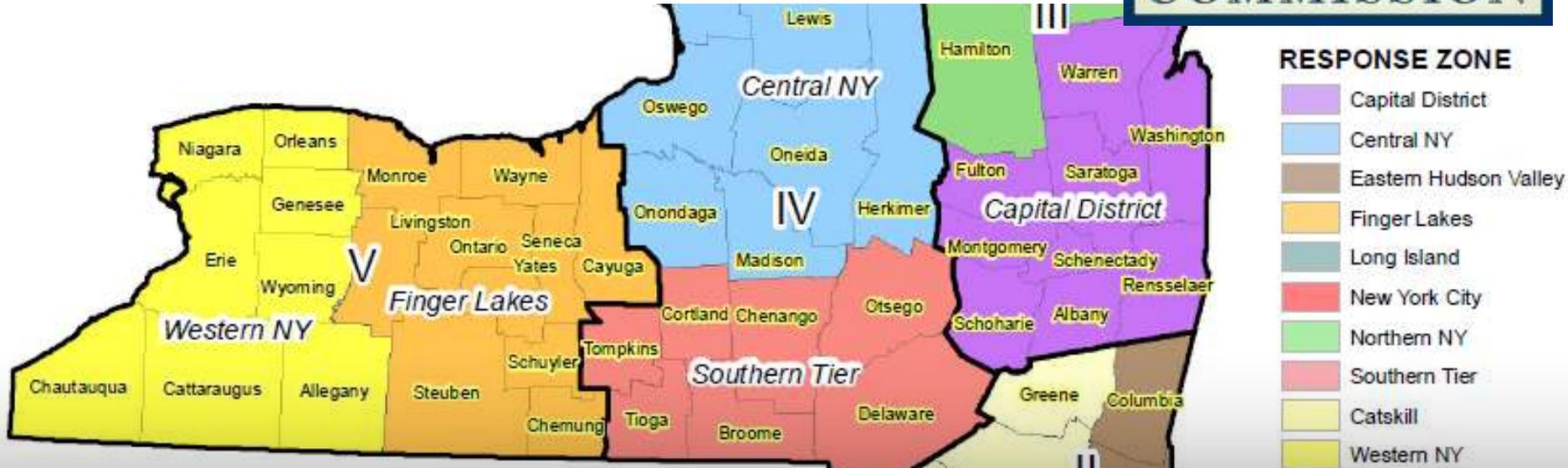
Training & Coordination



Recommendation 1:

Create a Statewide network of unified emergency training, coordination, protocols and communication

Training & Coordination



 Created 10 Emergency Response Zones across the State focused on regional preparedness and coordination of emergency managers, local officials and first responders

Training & Coordination



Recommendation 2:
The State should ensure that emergency response personnel receive state-of-the-art training

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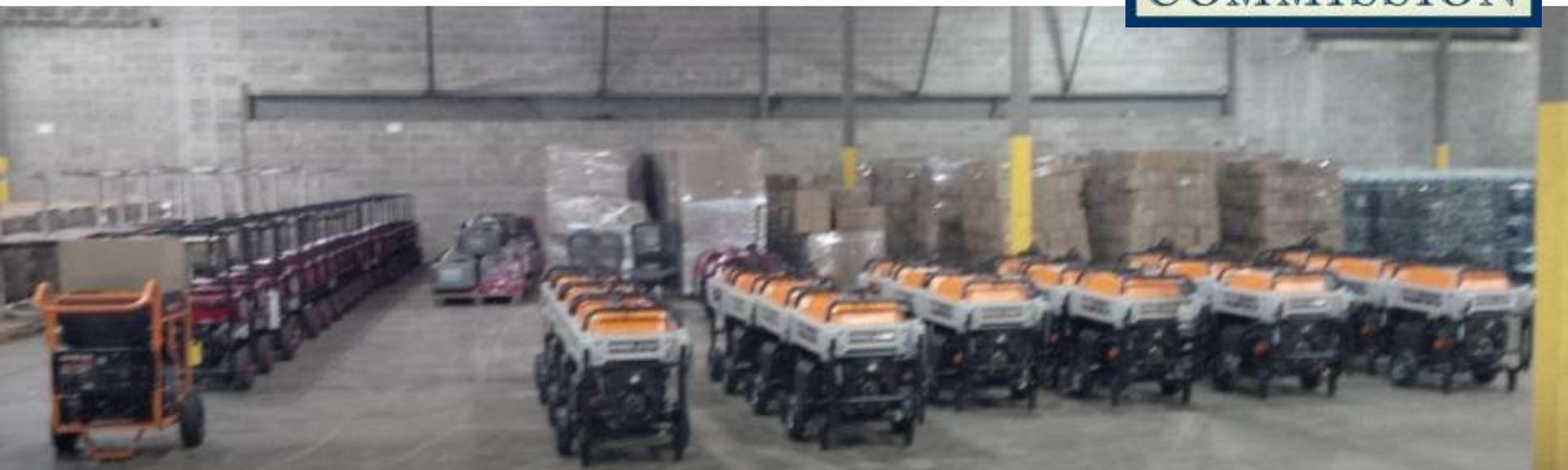
Significantly increased training for state, county and local officials and first responders, including nearly 500% increase in number of people trained at the State Preparedness Training Center

Training & Coordination



- Recommendation 3:*
Establish a State “Emergency Stockpile” of essential supplies and equipment

Training & Coordination



 Established 9 regional stockpiles with critical equipment and life-saving supplies for rapid deployment

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- Recommendation 4:***
Provide additional specialized training for the National Guard for emergency response

Training & Coordination



 Ready to deploy hundreds of National Guard members trained to provide security, logistics, transportation and communications support to help rapidly restore power

Energy Supply



- Recommendation 5:***
Require that gas stations in strategic locations have on-site back-up power capacity

Energy Supply



 Enacted the nation's strongest gas station back-up power law to ensure that all gas stations in critical downstate locations have power after an emergency

Energy Supply



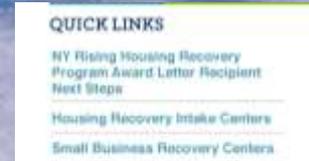
- Recommendation 6:*
Create a “Strategic Gasoline Reserve” as a back-up to further protect New York State from temporary disruptions in fuel supply

Energy Supply



Establishing the country's first State Strategic Gasoline Reserve with 3 million gallons of fuel to help avoid shortages for first responders and New York families

Communications



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Recommendation 7:
Establish an online one-stop shop for disaster response



Communications



Launched StormRecovery.NY.gov to direct New Yorkers to all assistance, using social media and mapping to provide up-to-date information on emergency recovery resources



Communications



Recommendation 8:

Create NY-TEXT: a location-specific way to communicate with New York residents in an emergency

Communications



 Received approval to use federal Wireless Emergency Alert system to provide location-specific NY Alert messages before, during and after emergencies

Vulnerable Populations



Home Register Patient/Resident Update Patient/Resident Locate Patient/Resident

Your location is set to hospital-admin.

Scan Barcode

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Recommendation 9:

Ensure that first responders, outreach workers, and healthcare and human services personnel are prepared to serve vulnerable populations who need assistance

Vulnerable Populations



Evacuation of Facilities
in Disasters System

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Created NYS e-FINDS, a statewide emergency tracking system to ensure the safety of patients and residents when healthcare and human services facilities evacuate



Vulnerable Populations



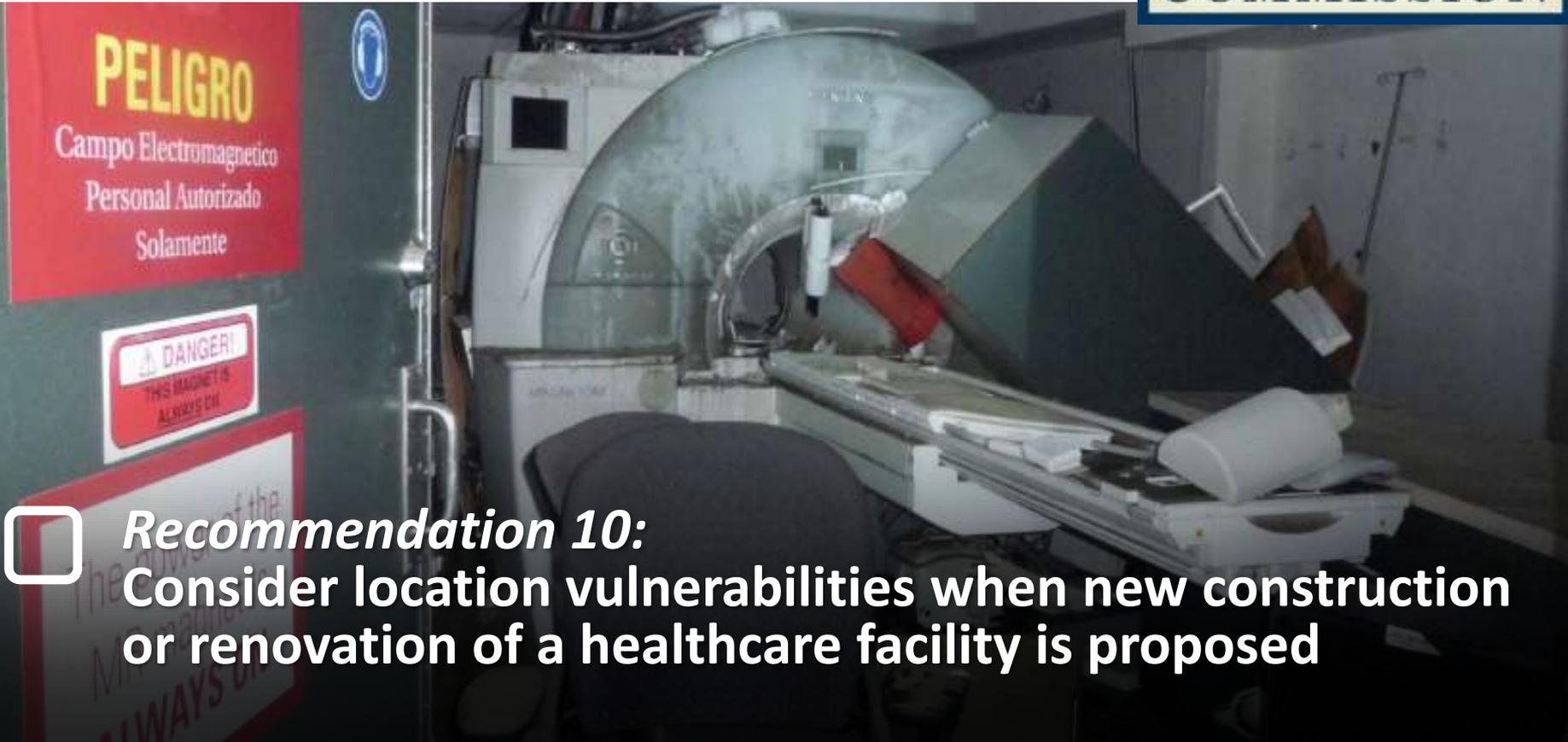
Assessed healthcare facilities to evaluate their ability to shelter in place or evacuate in an emergency

Vulnerable Populations



- Trained hospitals, nursing homes, adult care facilities, local health departments and local emergency management officials on updated evacuation procedures

Vulnerable Populations



Recommendation 10:
Consider location vulnerabilities when new construction or renovation of a healthcare facility is proposed

Vulnerable Populations



Developed new requirements for greater resilience and back-up power for hospitals and nursing homes that are built or renovated in vulnerable locations



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