

Special Populations Preparedness

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Preparedness Must Comply with Legal Requirements and Respect Advice:

- **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):**
 - U.S. Department of Justice “ADA Guide for Local Governments.”
 - *Shirey v. City of Alexandria School Board* (2000).
 - *Savage v. City Place Limited Partnership* (2004).
- **Executive Order for Individuals with Disabilities in Emergency Preparedness (2004).**
- **Federal Communications Commission (47 CFR § 79.2).**
- **Agency and Organization Advisories:**
 - Interagency Coordinating Council.
 - U.S. Department of Homeland Security.
 - State and local government agencies.
 - National Organization on Disability.
 - American Red Cross.

Preparedness for Special Populations Has Emerged as a Significant Public Concern:

- **Spoken and unspoken reasons for not initiating aggressive planning efforts:**
 - Planning and preparedness costs.
 - Resulting responsibilities once persons with special needs identified.
 - Concern about possible unreasonable expectations.
 - Personal data confidentiality and security.
- **Reasons for an aggressive preparedness posture:**
 - Less demand on overwhelmed resources during disasters.
 - Greater self-sufficiency; less confusion and suffering.
 - Fulfillment of legal requirements.
 - Moral obligation to care for our most vulnerable.

Protective Action Preparedness Is Implemented by a Planning Process That:

- Rests on high-quality research and field studies.
- Promotes interoperability by clearly defining special populations characteristics.
- Meets legal requirements and advisories.
- Includes special populations representatives.
- Faces difficult questions about what can realistically be achieved given available time, space, and resources.

One Step in the Planning Process Is to Define Special Populations Characteristics

- **Persons with low incomes.**
- **Persons who are infirm or disabled.**
- **Persons who are in confined facilities.**
- **Persons who are non-English speaking.**
- **Persons who are without transportation.**
- **Persons who are senior citizens or elderly.**
- **Persons who are tourists, visitors, or homeless.**
- **Persons with physical, mental, and medical problems.**
- **Children who are sometimes home alone (latchkey kids).**

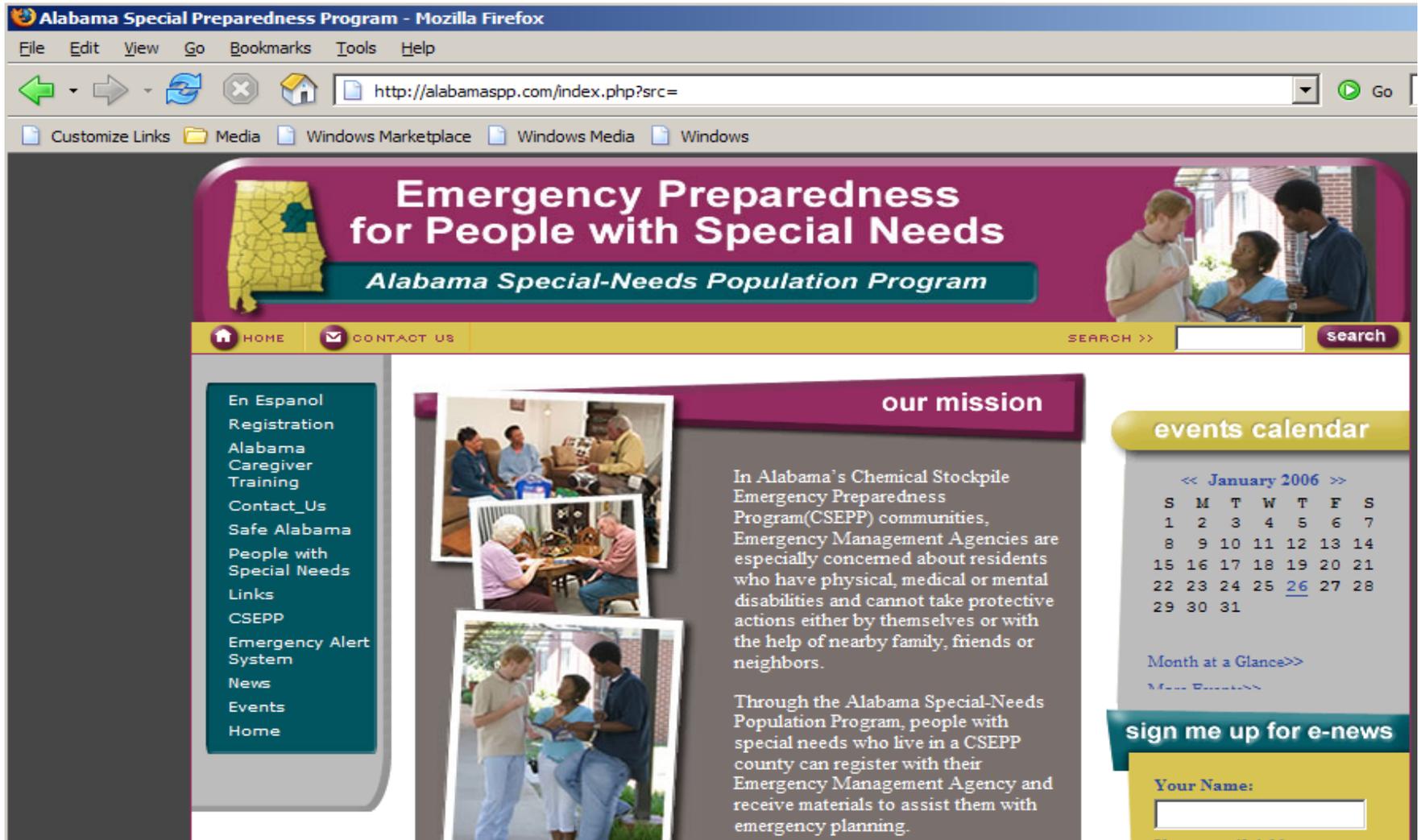
Conclusions:

- **Better planning for special populations is possible, yet daunting.**
- **Emergency management agencies need greater capacity to achieve special populations preparedness:**
 - Distribute specialized public education materials.
 - Promote and maintain voluntary registries of persons with special needs.
 - Dedicate staff to special populations issues.
 - Provide preparedness training to cadre of caregivers, agencies, and volunteers who interact with persons with special needs.
 - Enhance planned availability of resources for shelter systems.

Options Exist for Improving Special Populations Preparedness:

Special Populations Emergency Preparedness Activity	Current	Enhanced	Comprehensive
Public education and information about special populations preparedness			
Addressed together with general population	X	X	X
Specialized materials disseminated		X	X
Active training program for caregivers, agencies, and persons with special needs			X
Special populations registry			
Available to call-ins	X	X	X
Active outreach and regular updates		X	X
Incorporates existing data from caregivers and agencies			X
Emergency preparedness staff			
Part-time planner; caregiver organizations and agencies on EOC emergency staff	X	X	X
Dedicated planner		X	X
Dedicated social service staff to maintain contact with special populations			X
Protective action support			
Include in emergency instructions recommendations for persons with special needs	X	X	X
Pre-distribute specialized protective equipment and provide training		X	X
Provide direct emergency assistance through caregivers and volunteers			X
Shelter capabilities			
Accessible to persons with handicaps	X	X	X
Planned resource availability for special populations		X	X
Supply-chain management system using registry data			X

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In Alabama's Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program(CSEPP) communities, Emergency Management Agencies are especially concerned about residents who have physical, medical or mental disabilities and cannot take protective actions either by themselves or with the help of nearby family, friends or neighbors.

Through the Alabama Special-Needs Population Program, people with special needs who live in a CSEPP county can register with their Emergency Management Agency and receive materials to assist them with emergency planning.

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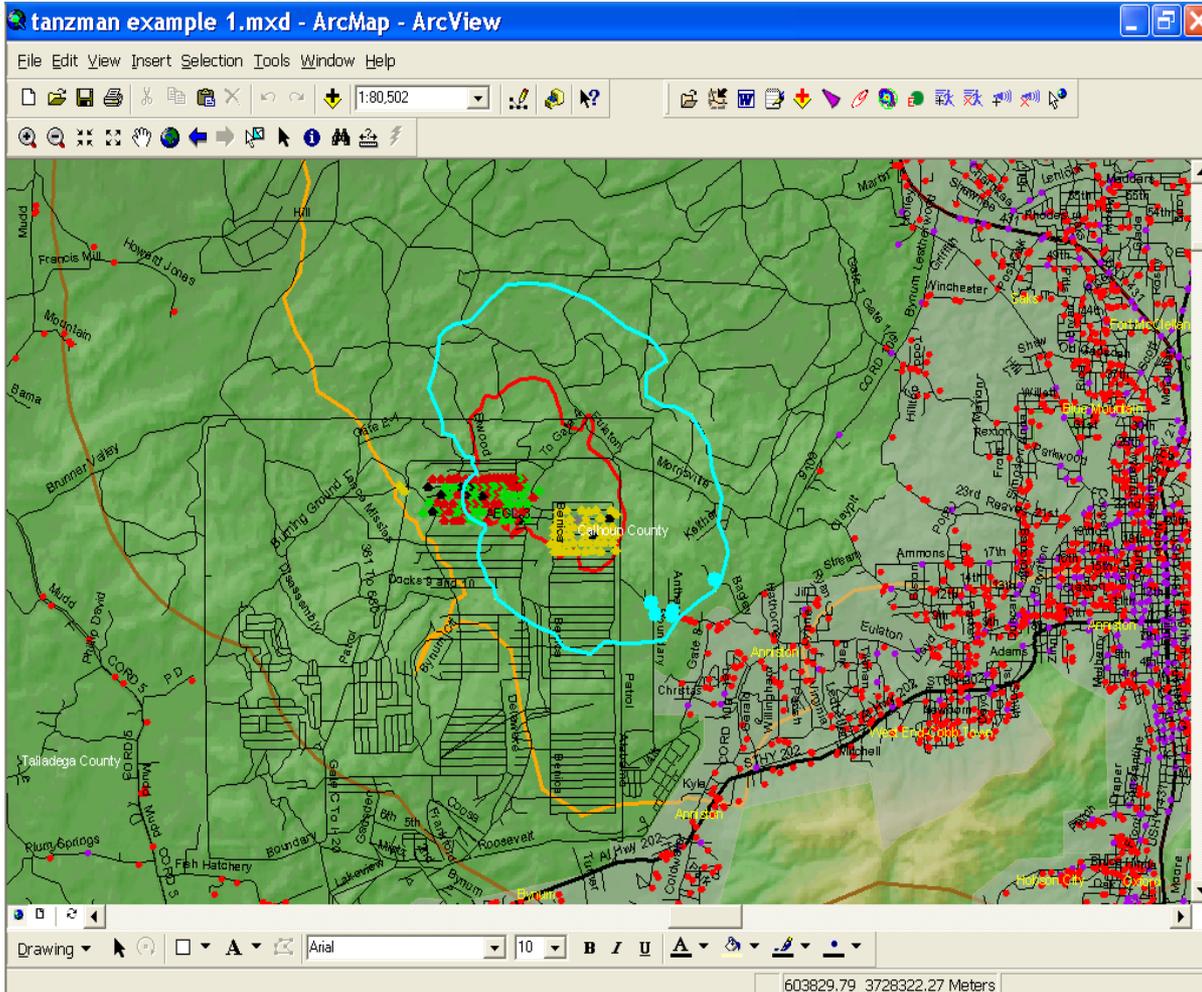
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Geocoding Persons with Special Needs



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Report on Persons

<p>Person 1</p> <p>Address: 1234 Poplar Rd City: Talladega State: AL 36888 County: Talladega ZIP: 36268 Area: 71.00 Use Challenged: No Publicly Challenged: No Data Problem: No Can't Move: No Can't Walk: No Can't Drive: No</p>		<p>SP2 Zone Type: B-12 PAZ (No Assistance Needed): No Unknown is Sure: No Eye Valid: No Eye Child: No Deafness: Talladega hearing Date Updated: 11/07/2000 TV - Assist: No TV - Assist: No</p>	
<p>Person 2</p> <p>Address: 5678 Oak St City: Clay State: AL 36827 County: Clay ZIP: 36251 Area: 24.00 Use Challenged: No Publicly Challenged: No Data Problem: No Can't Move: No Can't Walk: No Can't Drive: No</p>		<p>SP2 Zone Type: B-21 PZ (No Assistance Needed): No Unknown is Sure: No Eye Valid: No Eye Child: No Deafness: Clay hearing Date Updated: 11/07/2000 TV - Assist: No TV - Assist: No</p>	
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Special Population Planner

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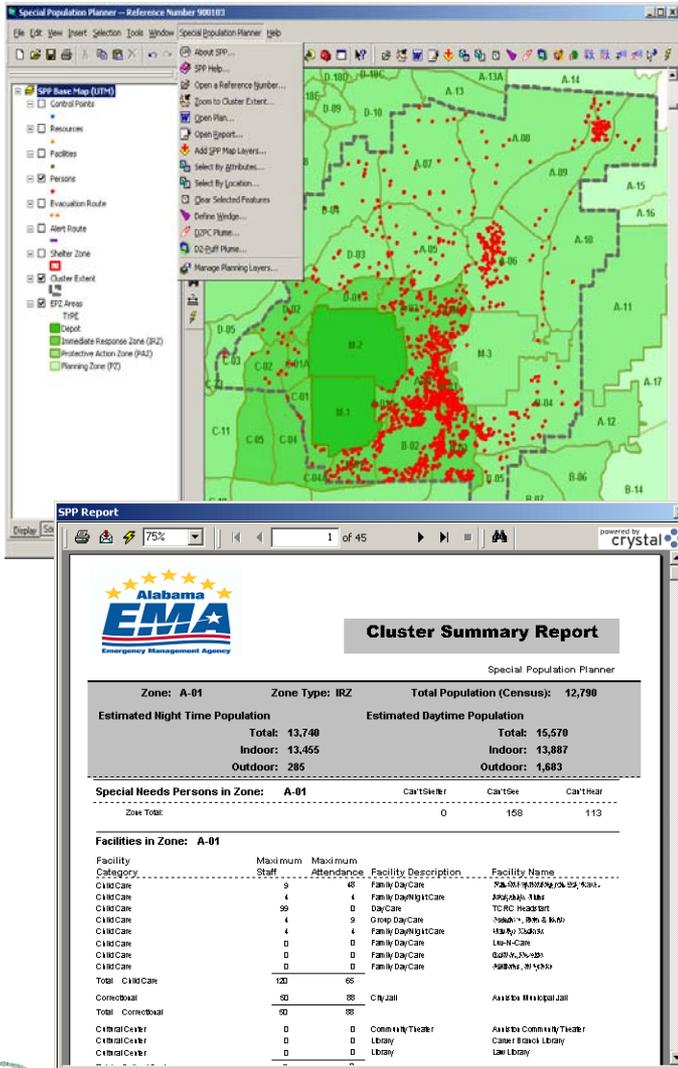
Some individuals lack the physical or mental capacity to implement evacuation orders or other protective actions in an emergency. Emergency planners and responders need to understand and plan for these issues.

Approach

Special Population Planner (SPP) software and a database of voluntary information from special-needs individuals was produced for the Alabama Emergency Management Agency.

Benefits

SPP software can be easily configured for all hazards analysis and any geographic area. Methodology for compiling special-needs data is established. Improved handling of special-needs issues in the Alabama project area.



The screenshot shows the Special Population Planner (SPP) software interface. The top window displays a map of a geographic area with various zones (A-01, A-02, A-03, A-04, A-05, A-06, A-07, A-08, A-09, A-10, A-11, A-12, A-13, A-14, A-15, A-16, A-17, A-18, A-19, A-20, A-21, A-22, A-23, A-24, A-25, A-26, A-27, A-28, A-29, A-30, A-31, A-32, A-33, A-34, A-35, A-36, A-37, A-38, A-39, A-40, A-41, A-42, A-43, A-44, A-45, A-46, A-47, A-48, A-49, A-50, A-51, A-52, A-53, A-54, A-55, A-56, A-57, A-58, A-59, A-60, A-61, A-62, A-63, A-64, A-65, A-66, A-67, A-68, A-69, A-70, A-71, A-72, A-73, A-74, A-75, A-76, A-77, A-78, A-79, A-80, A-81, A-82, A-83, A-84, A-85, A-86, A-87, A-88, A-89, A-90, A-91, A-92, A-93, A-94, A-95, A-96, A-97, A-98, A-99, A-100) and red dots representing special-needs individuals. The bottom window displays a Cluster Summary Report for Zone A-01.

Cluster Summary Report
Special Population Planner

Zone: A-01 Zone Type: IRZ Total Population (Census): 12,790

Estimated Night Time Population		Estimated Daytime Population	
Total:	13,740	Total:	15,570
Indoor:	13,455	Indoor:	13,887
Outdoor:	285	Outdoor:	1,683

Special Needs Persons in Zone: A-01		CAVTS/HR	CAVTS/EE	CAVTS/HR
Zone Total:		0	158	113

Facilities in Zone: A-01

Facility Category	Maximum Staff	Maximum Reference	Facility Description	Facility Name
ChildCare	0	65	Family DayCare	Alabama Municipal
ChildCare	4	4	Family Day/NightCare	Alabama Municipal
ChildCare	59	0	Day Care	Alabama Municipal
ChildCare	4	0	Group DayCare	Alabama Municipal
ChildCare	4	4	Family Day/NightCare	Alabama Municipal
ChildCare	0	0	Family DayCare	Alabama Municipal
ChildCare	0	0	Family DayCare	Alabama Municipal
ChildCare	0	0	Family DayCare	Alabama Municipal
Total ChildCare	120	65		
Correctional	50	50	City Jail	Alabama Municipal
Total Correctional	50	50		
CulturalCenter	0	0	Community Theater	Alabama Community Theater
CulturalCenter	0	0	Library	Cable Branch Library
CulturalCenter	0	0	Library	Law Library