IMLA's Mid Year Seminar
New Orleans' Challenges Post-Hurricane Katrina

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Background: Before Hurricane Katrina's devastating impact on August 29, 2005, our city government was transparent and fiscally sound. We had more than $3 billion in construction activity, real estate was on the move, Hollywood South was second to Hollywood in film production, and tourism was at its best with more than 10.1 million visitors. But on August 29, 2005, our city would be changed forever. Hurricane Katrina came on shore during the early morning hours and caused unprecedented mass destruction across the Crescent City.

Outline of Presentation

Introduction

Response

I. Chain of Command - Federal establishment of Command and Control

II. Transportation – Department of Transportation assistance to utilize Airlines and Amtrak in the evacuation of special needs residents

III. Interoperable Communications System (ICS) - Establishment of an ICS

Recovery

I. Preservation of local authority
   a. Declaration of State of Emergency and Mayor's Authority
   b. Ongoing State of Emergency

II. Emergency Housing – Cruise Ships, Trailers, Hotels, Apartment buildings etc.

III. Federal Aid
   a. Stafford Act
   b. FEMA Reimbursements

IV. Storm Related Cases and Legal Issues

   I. Mandatory Evacuation
   II. Levee Breach
   III. NRA
   IV. Elections
   V. Demolitions
   VI. Temporary Restraining Orders

IV. ***Conclusion***
   Rebuilding New Orleans

   I. Education
   II. Cultural
   III. Health & Social Services
   IV. Infrastructure
   V. Administrative/Government Effectiveness
   VI. Economic Development