



Milwaukee County, WI Goes Real-Time with Hazmat Emergency Preparedness

Obstacles

PROBLEM: Data was Frozen in Time, and First Responders Lacked Current Info

- Facilities reported to the State by paper. State employees **hand entered the data into a system**. The State then provided 5 cumulative reports to all County EMAs/LEPCs twice a year.
- LEPC developed Emergency Response Plans as a Word document which was **hard to keep updated**.
- **Data flow process was cumbersome and slow.**
- **Critical information was outdated and could not be easily searched.**
- **Significant amount of professional time was used** by Emergency Planners **to organize lists and cross checking reports.**
- Could not run custom reports.
- **Difficult to identify gaps since information was old and manually assembled.**
- First responders had only paper reports to access during an emergency.
- Reports **did not provide first aid or other chemical profile information**, requiring Responders to consult several sources.

Hazconnect Accelerates Emergency Planning

Solution: The state implemented Hazconnect to automate reporting and streamline information sharing between businesses, State, and all Responders statewide. Since then, the LEPC has seen significant improvements.

- **Reports and changes are received in real-time.**
- **On average, there has been a 25% reduction in planning hours.**
- **Plan data is automatically populated significantly reducing data entry time and errors.**
- **Plans are developed collaboratively online between Businesses, LEPC, and Regional Coordinators.**
- **Approved plans are immediately available for use by First Responders.**

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