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### Our House: Creating an Everyday COP Using Project Management for EMs

Our House is a catchy name for a project management system that we have developed over many years using the simple tools all of us already have access to. We are still developing new ways to use the built in applications to fill the coordination and collaboration need among not only emergency managers but all stakeholders across all departments and agencies in government. All the system connections in Our House were built using programs and applications that most agencies already have, which offers us all a singular platform to build effective and efficient program management. Every agency has different needs, goals, and organizational restraints. What works for one may not work for another. We have set up this system at the local, county, and state levels and it is different every time. The goal of this presentation is to demonstrate through examples the tools you already have at your fingertips, as well as give you the information, all the information, needed to get started. There are no secrets here. There is no pay to play, it's solely the 'how' to get started.

**Presentation Theme:** leveraging existing technology to create a common operating picture for not just incidents but also blue sky days that fosters

collaboration and communication among internal and external stakeholders.

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