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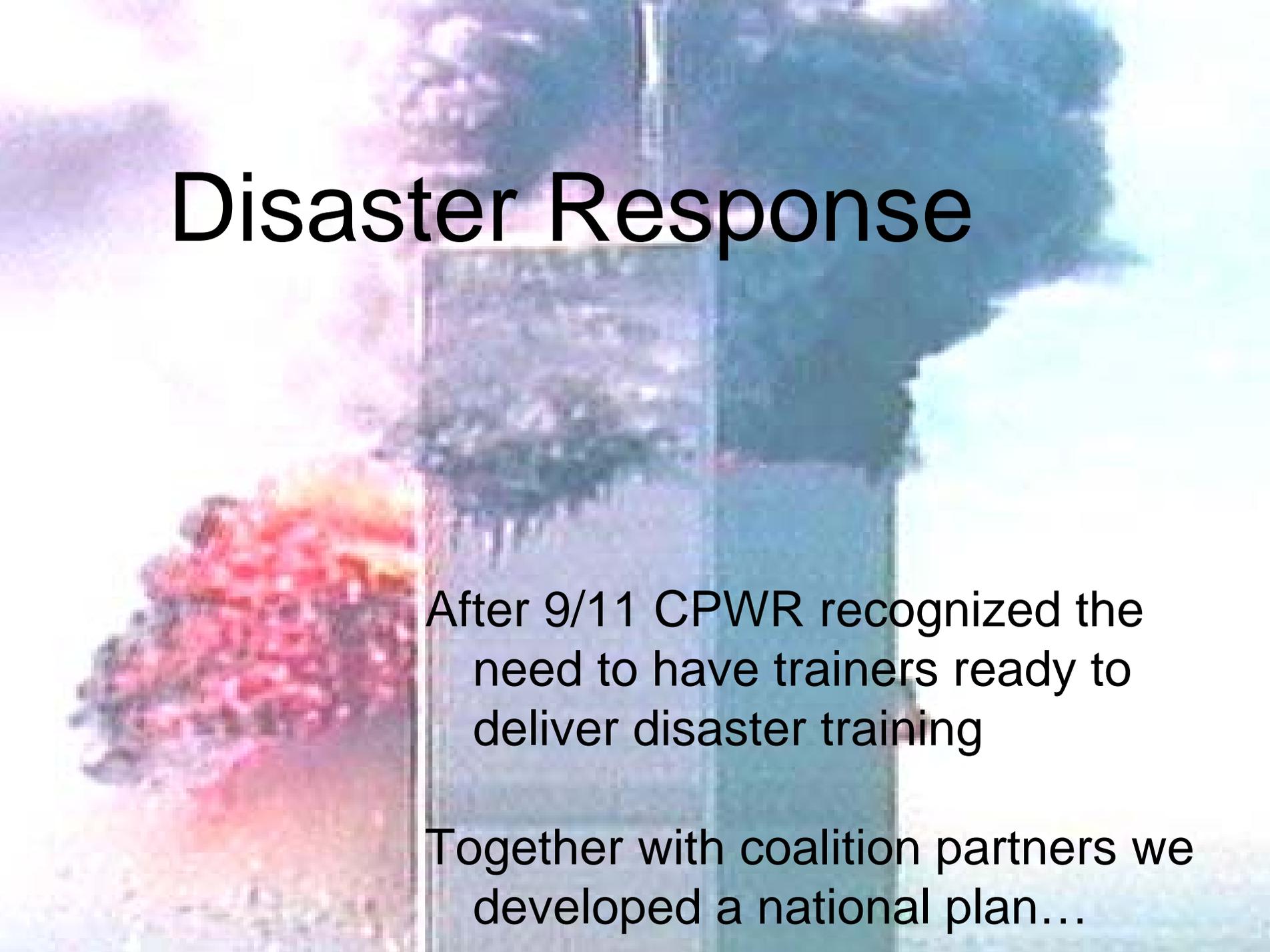
**CPWR**

**Disaster Response Training  
Opportunities and Challenges**

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# Disaster Response



After 9/11 CPWR recognized the need to have trainers ready to deliver disaster training

Together with coalition partners we developed a national plan...

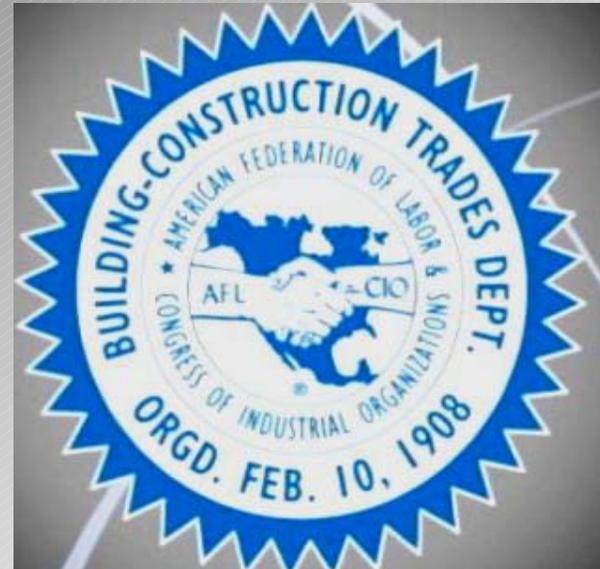
# The WTC Experience

- Worker training at WTC –  
*Too little, too late*
- Nov. '01 CPWR began on-site training 1,800 workers
- 50% workers reported persistent upper respiratory ailments up to 15 months after 9/11 (MMWR 09/10/2004)

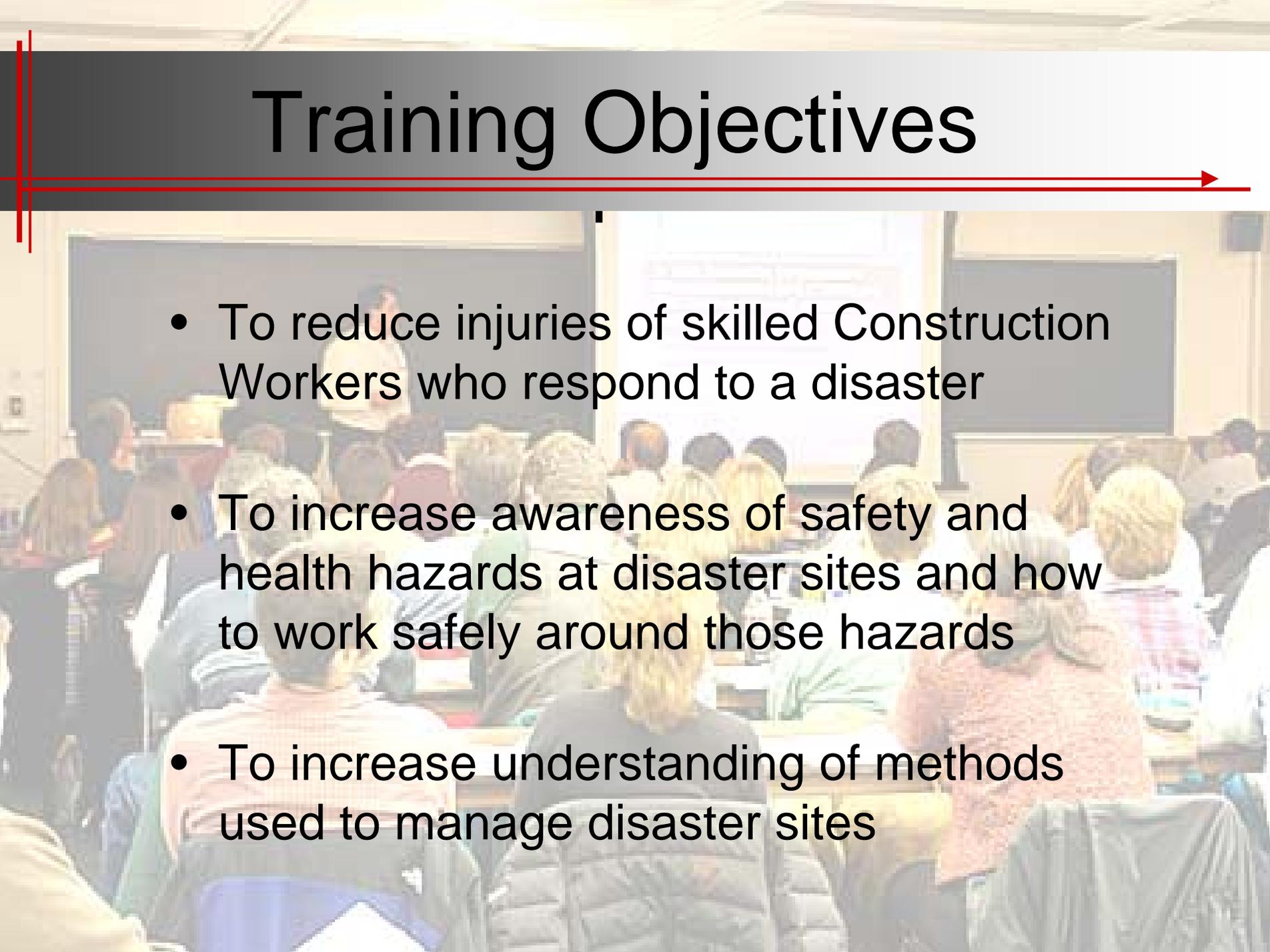


# CPWR Responded Developed Coalition & Goals

- Developed Three Goals...
  - Training Objectives
  - Training Strategy
  - Nationwide Capacity



# Training Objectives



- To reduce injuries of skilled Construction Workers who respond to a disaster
- To increase awareness of safety and health hazards at disaster sites and how to work safely around those hazards
- To increase understanding of methods used to manage disaster sites

# Strategy: Proactive Training



- Develop Training tools
  - State of the art DVD-assisted delivery
  - Accurate content
  - Interactive
- Develop Curriculum
  - Training specific to disaster sites

# National Network of Trainers

- Build capacity
  - Have network of trainers ready across the country to deliver the disaster training
- Train Trainers
  - Building Trades Inst. are knowledgeable, competent, and respected by workers

# Trainers Ready to Deliver CPWR's Disaster Training



# 2007 Progress Report

- DVD Created 2003
- Ongoing efforts to develop network
  - During the past 4 years we have trained 3500 of trainers
  - Discuss ways local Building Trades can participate



# Building Trades Structure



- What is a Building Trades Council (BTC)?
- What is a Business Manager?
- How do they relate to Training Coordinators?
- What is an International Union Training Structure?

# CPWR Approach to DRT Worker Training



- CPWR has been pushing worker DRT in three ways
  - Horizontal: Through state or local BTC's
  - Vertical: Through IU's
  - Tripartite: Through BCT's in conjunction with specific owners and contractors

# Approach to DRT Worker Training - Horizontal



*Pro's*

Cons

# Approach to DRT Worker Training - Vertical

**International Union**



**Business Managers**

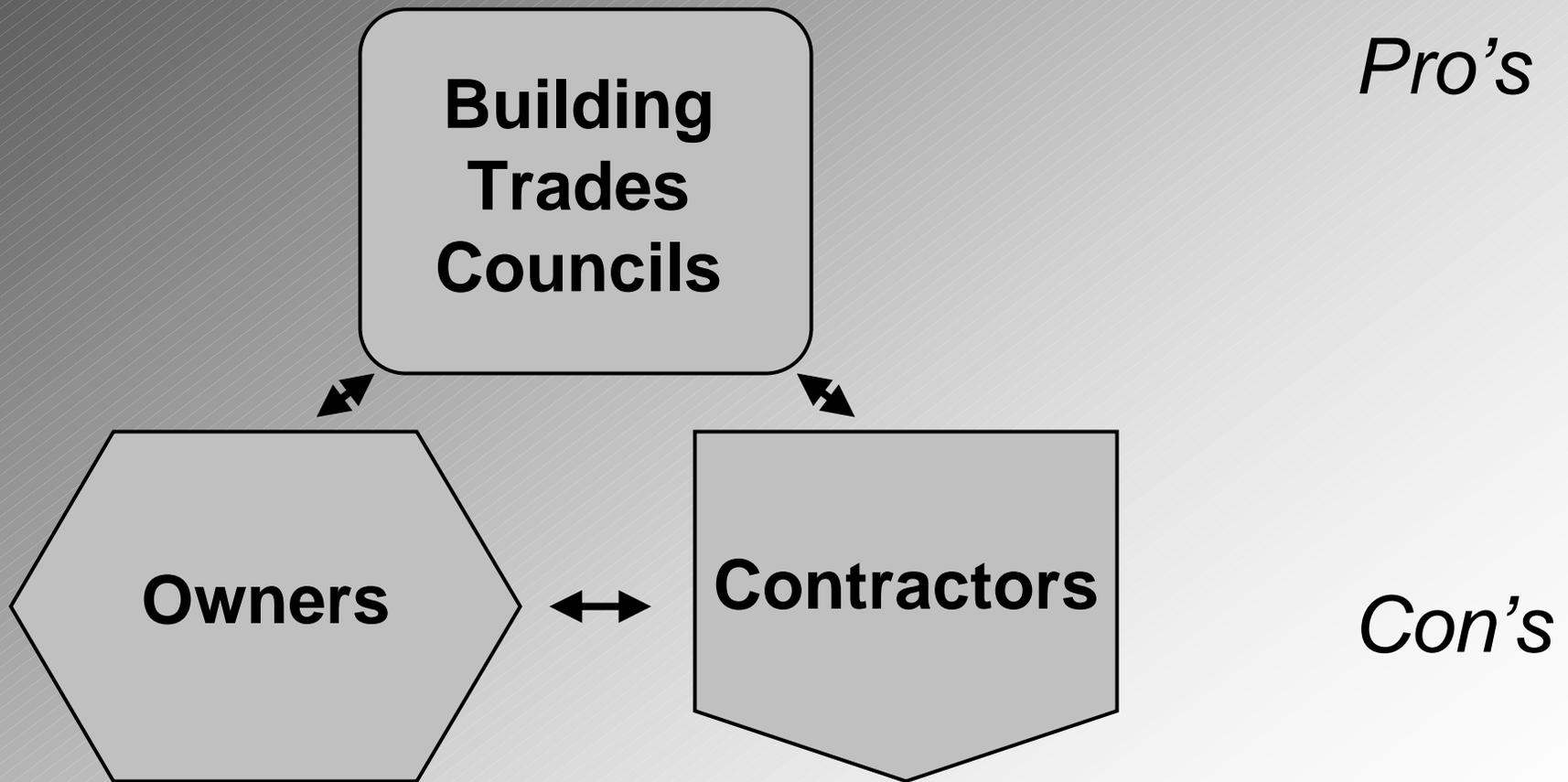


**Training Directors**

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# Approach to DRT Worker Training - Tripartite

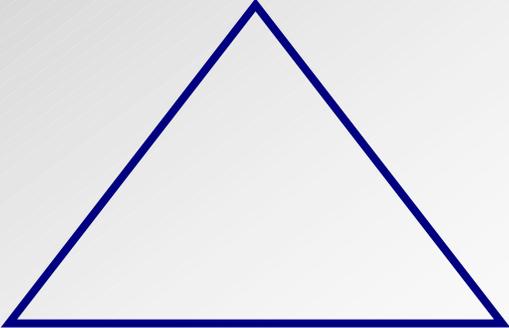


# CPWR Approach to DRT

## Worker Training – Barriers

- Horizontal 

- Vertical 

- Tripartite 

# Brainstorming



- Other suggested approaches to making worker disaster response training happen?

# What are the Pros and Cons of suggested approach



- Discuss each one brainstormed suggestion separately
- What are the motivating factors to each approach?
- What are the benefits and potential barriers to each approach?

