



### **Disaster coordination efforts following May 22, 2011 Joplin tornado:**

- State On-Scene Coordinators immediately deployed to Joplin the night of the tornado to support search and rescue efforts and continued to maintain an active presence there to coordinate activities on behalf of the department and support the response and recovery efforts.
- Emergency Responders were assigned as lead to coordinate the department's efforts in support of the affected communities. Responders identified and managed obstacles to response and recovery operations.
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- Regularly facilitated communication among stakeholders with key department staff to address issues.
- Kept department management apprised of progress through daily briefings and detailed weekly summaries on actions and issues in Joplin.
- Examples of issues addressed and managed included coordinating early with the Environmental Protection Agency on management of hazardous materials, household hazardous wastes, white goods, and e-goods; requesting air sampling support; managing infectious waste collection and disposal; managing waste tire collection and disposal; establishing streamlined processes for clearing sites for use as temporary housing and critical infrastructure from environmental concerns; establishing streamlined process for obtaining permits to support debris management during response and recovery; conducted assessments very early at regulated facilities to determine their status; oversight and management of multiple hazardous substance release cleanups resulting from the tornado; provided staffing to the local emergency operations center to support and provide subject matter expertise to local officials; and established a command post for operations and coordinated with the Missouri National Guard.