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# Real time mapping informing SASES response

- Brief introduction to SA State Emergency Service (SASES)
- Overview of SESIIMS incident management solution
- Building and integrating spatial capability to inform and improve response planning and operational decisions
- Future plans



# **SA State Emergency Service**

- Volunteer based organisation (originally known as Civil Defence) supporting community since the early 1960s
- Responding 24/7/365 to around 10,000 calls per year
- Control agency for Extreme Weather (including storm, flood and heatwave)
- Urban Search & Rescue (with MFS)
- Marine Rescue, through Volunteer Marine Rescue
- Support/surge capacity (CFS: basecamps, logistics, staging, SAPOL: evidence search)
- SES: 2 Regions, 10 Districts, 67 Units
- 50 staff and 1700 Volunteers
- VMR: 14 flotillas and 550 volunteers



### SESIIMS – The SES Incident and Information Management System

- In 2012 SASES began a project to find a single replacement for a number of separate incident management and reporting systems
- Comprehensive RFI/Q process 2012/13
- Review of options -> WebEOC
- Purchased WebEOC licence June 2013
- Phase 1 (internal boards) live on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014
- Phase 2 live to volunteers 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015



### Why WebEOC?



### **SESIIMS – in summary**

- A system to share and manage information and provide incident intelligence – all in near real time
- Browser based: no client installation required
- Login via portal: SSO credentials for all SASES systems
- Designed to scale from BAU to significant event/incidents
- Integrated with a number of systems including SACAD, Whispir, TAS, AlertSA and GIS
- Supported by online (Moodle) training
- External agency access as needed e.g. Extreme Heat, Major Event



# **Information flow**



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### **Compendium Boards**





### **Automated Reporting**





### Integrating spatial information

- Initial solution utilised WebEOC Mapper Pro
  - Licence and MATS in addition to WebEOC
  - Originally a third party plug-in solution
  - Adopted and integrated with WebEOC
  - Integration was via XML interface
- Successfully added mapping to a number of boards ...

... but then we encountered problems



# **Challenges with Mapper**

- Worked fine for around 6 months, then performance deteriorated, couldn't cope after 9 months
- Designed to work with WebEOC in more typical EOC usage scenario 100's of entries in an incident
  - our 'incident' is a financial year 'bucket': ~ 40000 entries
- Other issue for us is that almost all input is via API symbology is based around lists (manual data entry) so we could not symbolise as we wanted.
- Geocoder configuration didn't match Location SA requirements
- Really liked some tools and functionality, but forced eventually to abandon this solution



### **4 options considered**

- 1. Special/duplicate view to use with Mapper
  - Didn't address symbology issues
  - Dual commit doesn't work with API so would have had to load up SACAD feed to double insert everything – storage
- 2. Google maps
  - Used in NT very successfully
  - Google licencing challenges
  - No in house expertise
- 3. ArcGIS Java script API
  - Limited in house expertise
  - Limited developer expertise
  - Need to write into each view that needs a map

All of these only serviced SESIIMS, not the bigger picture



### **Fourth alternative adopted**

Working with Esri Adelaide Office:

- Developed a Python service which interrogates
  WebEOC DB and adds new/changed entries to GDB on ArcGIS server
- Create map service(s) internal and now on AGOL too
- Create WebMap ->WebApp and embed in boards or open in separate window as required



### Why this option?

- In house expertise to create and publish map services and maps/apps so we can create/edit/maintain these ourselves
- Easy to use definition queries and ArcMap settings to fine tune visible content in each map service
- Full control of symbology
- Quickly produce maps/apps tailored to specific requirements
- Can add parameters to app call to set extent, centre point, additional markers etc., so can use same app for different requirements
- One change to app is propagated through all uses no need to edit in several views
- All SESIIMS data is now available in GDB spatial analysis on historical data without impact on SESIIMS DB performance
- Can use data to produce maps/apps outside of SESIIMS SASES GIS Portal and AGOL

### **SES GIS Portal**

HOME GALLERY MAP SCENE GROUPS

#### Gallery

#### SA State Emergency Service GIS Portal Featured Content

Show

Maps Layers Scenes Apps

Tools





SEICCC Boundaries Map



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SA Fire (SES RCR) SACAD Boundary



SESIIMS Live Data All Agencies



SA SES Unit Information



SESIIMS Live Data SES



SA SES Boundaries



SASES SACAD III Boundary Comparison





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# **Example: WebApp SES only**





### **Example: Daily Incidents** Individual incident view

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### **State Overview Dashboard**



### **SA SES WebEOC - ArcGIS** Integration



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# **Spatial Analysis**

In addition to the operational applications, having the response data in a stand alone GDB allows us to:

- analyse it for patterns, coverage gaps etc.
- combine it with other data to inform decisions

All without any impact to the live Incident Management system





### Example: coverage gap analysis



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SES All Tasks Heat Map

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### Example: response planning





### Example: post event impact analysis

SES Taskings and Initial Impact Assessments Old Noarlunga Flood Event 14th to 17th September 2016





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### What next?

- Integration of content of two portals (internal and AGOL) into one portal leveraging WofG ELA and Location SA services
- Upgrade of Python scripts to support new symbology
- Public incident and warning maps for SASES website



### Summary

- Integration of spatial data into operational boards was vital to intelligence based operational decision making
- Additionally, enabling historical spatial data analysis facilitates organisational data driven decision making

\*Note: Mapper Pro has now been superseded by an WebEOC/Esri alternative comprising three separate components:

Maps (included in WebEOC licence) – limited configuration options Maps + and ArcGIS - two separately licenced plugins



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