



January 3-4, 2022 Winter Weather Event and I-95 Incident

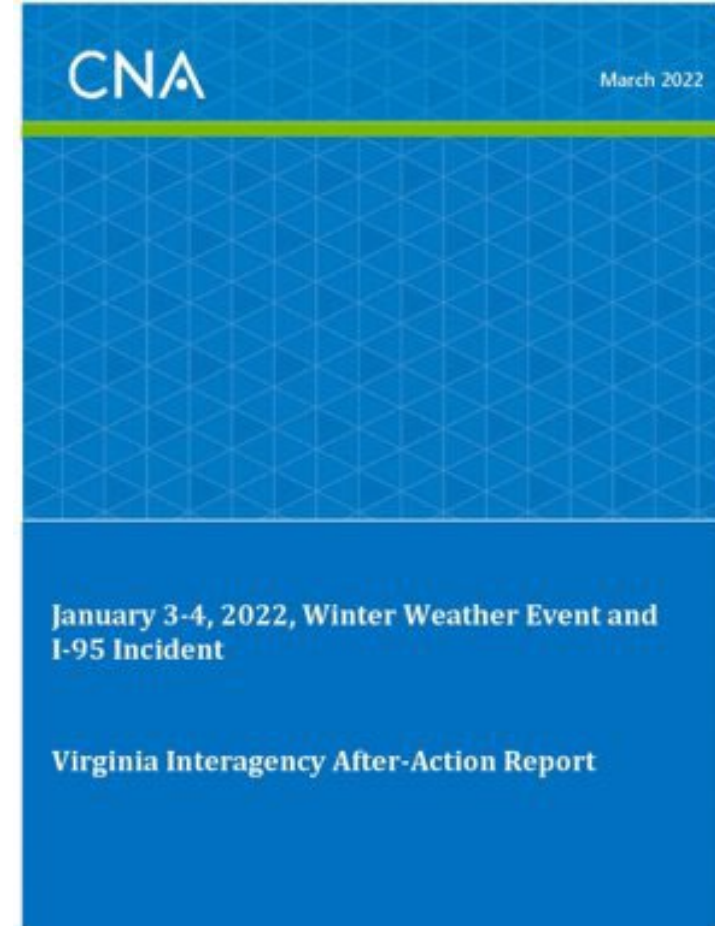
Virginia Interagency After-Action Report

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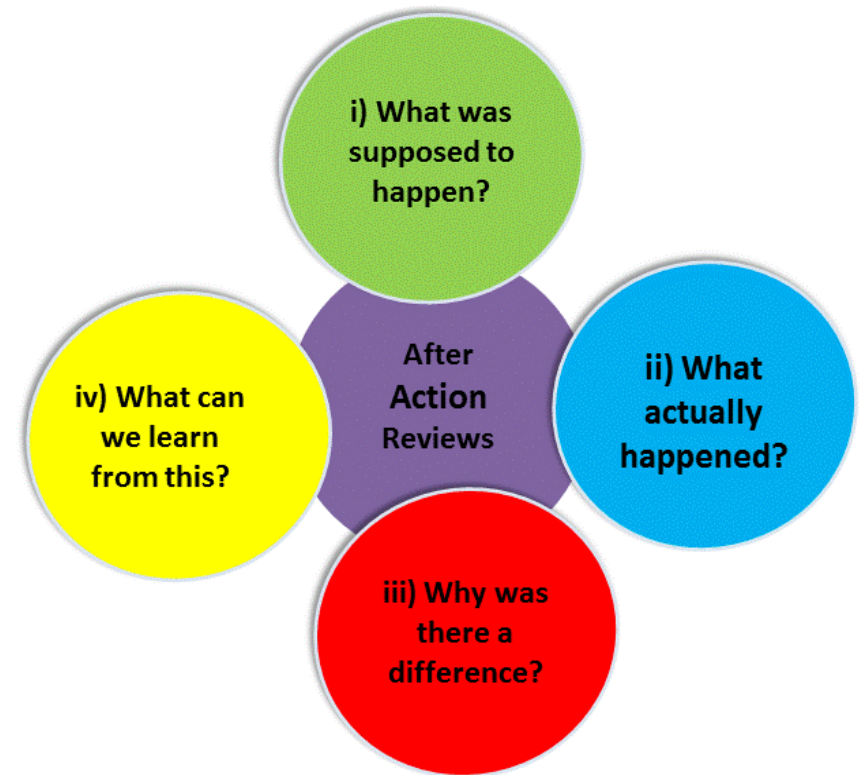
Key Messages

- **The safety of the traveling public is always our top priority.**
- **We learn from each event and update our practices as we face future extreme weather events.**



Executive Summary

- **Independent contractor led effort**
 - CNA
- **Review covered a large geographic**
 - I-95 from Richmond to DC
 - I-64 from I-95 to US 29
- **Identify potential gaps and develop improvement plan**
- **Agency interviews, documents, plans and data reviewed**



AAR Conclusions

- **Understanding the challenges**
- **Planning for large-scale closures during winter events**
- **Getting and maintaining situational awareness**
- **Messaging with the public**

Areas for Improvement - Review

- **Expand operational planning**
- **Improve interagency coordination**
- **Diversify and strengthen emergency public messaging**
- **Strengthen situational awareness**
- **Focus on continuous improvement**

Enhancements incorporated to date

- **Expanded coordination**
- **Expanded strategic placement equipment**
- **Enhanced situational awareness**
- **Interstate closure plan**
- **Improved communications**

Improvements in development

- **Innovative plowing and clearing techniques**
- **Refining the multi-agency interstate closure plan**
- **Refining internal and cross-agency emergency plans**
- **Enhancing awareness and understanding**

Improvements in development (continued)

- **Improving highway overhead messaging**
- **Refining message content**
- **Deploy geo-fenced in-cab messaging to commercial vehicles**
- **Exploring expanded use of wireless emergency alerts (WEA)**



Questions?