

EMAC

NORTHEAST PRESENTATION



WHAT IS EMAC?

The Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), established in 1996, has weathered the storm when tested and stands today as the cornerstone of the nation's mutual aid system.

EMAC is the first national disaster-relief compact since the Civil Defense and Disaster Compact of 1950 to be ratified by Congress. Since ratification and signing into law in 1996 (Public Law 104-321), 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands have enacted legislation to become EMAC members.

EMAC offers assistance during governor-declared states of emergency through a responsive, straightforward system that allows states to send personnel, equipment, and commodities to help disaster relief efforts in other states. Through EMAC states can also transfer services, such as shipping newborn blood from a disaster-impacted lab to a lab in another state.



WHAT IS EMAC?

The strength of EMAC and the quality that distinguishes it from other plans and compacts lie in its governance structure; its relationship with federal organizations, states, counties, territories, and regions; the willingness of states and response and recovery personnel to deploy; and the ability to move any resource one state wishes to utilize to assist another state.

Through EMAC, states are able to join forces and help one another when they need it the most: whenever disaster strikes

For more information visit the EMAC website at:

<http://www.emacweb.org/>



PRE -EVENT PREPARATION


- ❑ To ensure successful EMAC implementation within states , States Emergency Management and Resource Providers (state , county , local or private sector) should engage in Pre-Event Preparation .
- ❑ Internal procedures for implementing EMAC incorporate planning and lessons learned , resource allocation with neighboring states , conducting training exercises in cooperation with State Emergency management and maintaining Ready packages can assist in effective and timely response.




ACTIVATION

- ❑ When local resources are exhausted and resource request reach the State Emergency Management , the state sources the resource need to intrastate mutual aid , federal , private sector , volunteer or EMAC.
- ❑ The States Governor will declare an emergency or disaster , authorizing funds to be expended for response and recovery and activate EMAC.
- ❑ The affected states EMAC Authorized Representative opens an event in the online EMAC Operations System alerting both the National Coordinating State and NEMA that a request for resources is likely .


REQUEST AND OFFER

- The affected state will route resources request to the EMAC Team who in turn will contact EMAC member States to source the starting with the closest states.
 - Potential Assisting States asses their own risk , and if able use their internal state EMAC protocols to determine availability to assist.
 - The Requesting and Assisting State Emergency management Agencies or designee complete the EMAC Request for assistance for accepted offers which constitutes a legally binding agreement between the two states.
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RESPONSE /DEPLOY

- ❑ Once request is complete resources prepare to Mobilize .
 - ❑ It is critically important that Deploying Personnel receive a pre-deployment briefing and understand the responsibilities in tracking mission expenses and maintain documentation and contact with the Assisting State Emergency Management .
 - ❑ With the nature of the situation , deployed personnel will likely encounter difficult living and working circumstances, limited communications, traumatized residents and coworkers, long working hours and primitive field conditions.
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REIMBURSEMENT

- ❑ Deployed Personnel assisting and Requesting States share the responsibility for the timely processing of reimbursements .
 - ❑ Reimbursements starts with Deployed Personnel submitting a reimbursement package to the Assisting State. Assisting States Audit submitted packages and issue payment back to the Assisting State.
 - ❑ **A State's obligation to pay the EMAC reimbursement is not contingent upon the receipt of Federal Funds**
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RECENT ACTIVATIONS


1. February 2013 PennDOT activates through EMAC to assist ConnDOT with snow removal.
 2. February 2013 NJDOT activates through EMAC to assist in extreme snow condition in Boston
 3. November 2014 ConnDOT activates through EMAC to Buffalo NY to assist in snow removal /blizzard conditions
 4. February 2016 ConnDOT and New Jersey activate crews to assist in Maryland and Washington DC. ConnDOT sends one crew to Washington D.C. And one crew to Montgomery County Maryland. With 3rd crew deploying to Washington D.C. with equipment sized correctly for urban environment 2 day after initial crews.
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LESSONS LEARNED



1. **Ask Questions . (Request usually are for types of equipment) . If understand work required have the ability to mobilize equipment best suited to meet the needs.**
2. **Fuel Provision**
3. **Lodging**
4. **On Locations contact upon arrival (have multiple as operations usually run 24 hours)**

LESSON LEARNED

5. Fuel (will requesting State provide if not Availability)
 6. Repair Parts Specialized Equipment / Repair contacts
 7. Tolls
 8. Permits (will deploying crews require permits to transport equipment)
 9. In area vendors
 10. Road Mechanics /Ground Support
 11. Travel Route Planning, convoying, escort vehicles
 12. Supply chain for deployed employees and equipment .
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LESSONS LEARNED

13. GPS - crews working independently would assist in moving through unfamiliar areas.

14. Meals- working 24 hours consider catering , use of credit cards , petty cash .

15. Logistics – crew meetings prior to each shift.

16. Transportation to work areas



LESSON LEARNED

17. Deployment of department emergency management personnel to act as liaison with requesting state emergency management staff to assemble reimbursement documents as the mission goes on.

18. Ensure the deploying personnel are trained to their level of responsibility according to the National Incident Management System.

19. Completing travel or OT paperwork prior to return to home state will ensure all department payments are completed so a reimbursement package can be submitted.

20. DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A MISSION READY PACKAGE FOR SNOW REMOVAL /STORM WORK and enter it as a ready resource in the EMAC system.

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NEW JERSEY DEPLOYMENT TO BOSTON 2015



MARYLAND DEPLOYMENT 2016



BUFFALO NY DEPLOYMENT 2015



NEW JERSEY CREWS BOSTON 2015



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