

# Mutual Aid & EMAC

## EMAC: The Cornerstone of Mutual Aid



# Objectives

## Understand:

- Importance of mutual aid planning
- Types of mutual aid:
  - Intrastate Mutual Aid
  - Interstate Mutual Aid
  - International Mutual Aid



# Neighbor Helping Neighbor



Any community that fails to plan for an emergency or disaster with the expectation that someone will automatically come to their rescue may be tragically disappointed.

# Be Prepared

- Mutual aid agreements are an integral part of preparedness planning for all hazards at every level of government.
- Mutual Aid agreements can provide timely and cost-effective relief to jurisdictions that are struggling to preserve life, the economy, and the environment.



# Recipe for Successful Mutual Aid

- Liability Protection
- Address Workers Compensation
- Reimbursement Provisions
- Licensure and Certification reciprocity
- Simplistic administrative procedures



# Types of Mutual Aid

Three types of mutual aid:

- Intrastate Mutual Aid
  - Inter-local Agreements
  - Interdepartmental Agreements
- Interstate Mutual Aid
  - EMAC
- International Mutual Aid



# Intrastate Mutual Aid

- Agreements within a state
- Should work synergistically with EMAC
- Model Intrastate Mutual Aid Legislation

**More Information:** [www.emacweb.org](http://www.emacweb.org)



# Interstate Mutual Aid

- Agreements between states
- EMAC
  - Can be used to deploy any publicly owned resource that one Member State may want to share with another.
  - Provides tort liability, license and permit transfers, reimbursement, governance structure and daily administration.



# International Mutual Aid

- Allows for the sharing of resources across international borders.
- Two agreements have been ratified by Congress – both modeled after EMAC.
  - Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement
  - International Emergency Management Memorandum of Understanding



# Summary

- Mutual aid agreements should be an integral part of disaster preparedness planning for all hazards at every level of government.
- Intrastate mutual aid agreements that complement interstate agreements (EMAC), will ensure efficient and effective utilization of all available resources.



# QUESTIONS?



# Think About It

How can EMAC help your state overcome resource shortfalls?

