

The State's Role Under EMAC

EMAC: The Cornerstone of Mutual Aid



Objectives

Identify:

- Key individuals responsible for EMAC within the Member States.
- EMAC pre-planning and preparedness responsibilities of Member States
- Training and Exercise responsibilities of Member States
- Prerequisites for providing assistance through EMAC



How States Support EMAC

- Designate an EMAC Authorized Representative
- Designate an EMAC Coordinator
- Identify qualified A-Team support personnel
- Develop policies and procedures for implementing EMAC (requesting or providing assistance)
- Address in-state EMAC training and exercise needs.
- Ensure enabling laws or legislation are in place to facilitate deployment through EMAC



EMAC Authorized Representative

- State Emergency Management Directors
- Empowered to obligate state resources and expend state funds
- Director can delegate the AR authority to other emergency management officials

(Reference: EMAC 2007 Operations Manual Section V page 1)



EMAC Coordinator

- Designated EMAC point of contact
- Not legally empowered to initiate an EMAC request or authorize EMAC assistance
- Coordinates in-state EMAC planning, training, and exercises



EMAC A-Team

- Deploy at the request of an Impacted EMAC Member State.
- Operate from an Impacted State's EOC or Command and Control Center.
- Coordinate the provision of assistance between states.
- Serve as Liaisons between Member States, Assisting States, and the Requesting State.



Plans and Procedures

- Develop guidance on how to implement EMAC
- Establish a process for utilizing all instate assets and resources
- Establish a 24/7 system for receiving and dispersing EMAC notifications
- Provide workspace and logistical support for A-Team personnel from Assisting States



Exercise and Training

EMAC exercise and training programs will:

- Advance planning and development of EMAC readiness capabilities at all levels.
- Address training and exercise needs of EMAC support entities and other stakeholders.
- Designate personnel to attend NEMA sponsored EMAC Training.



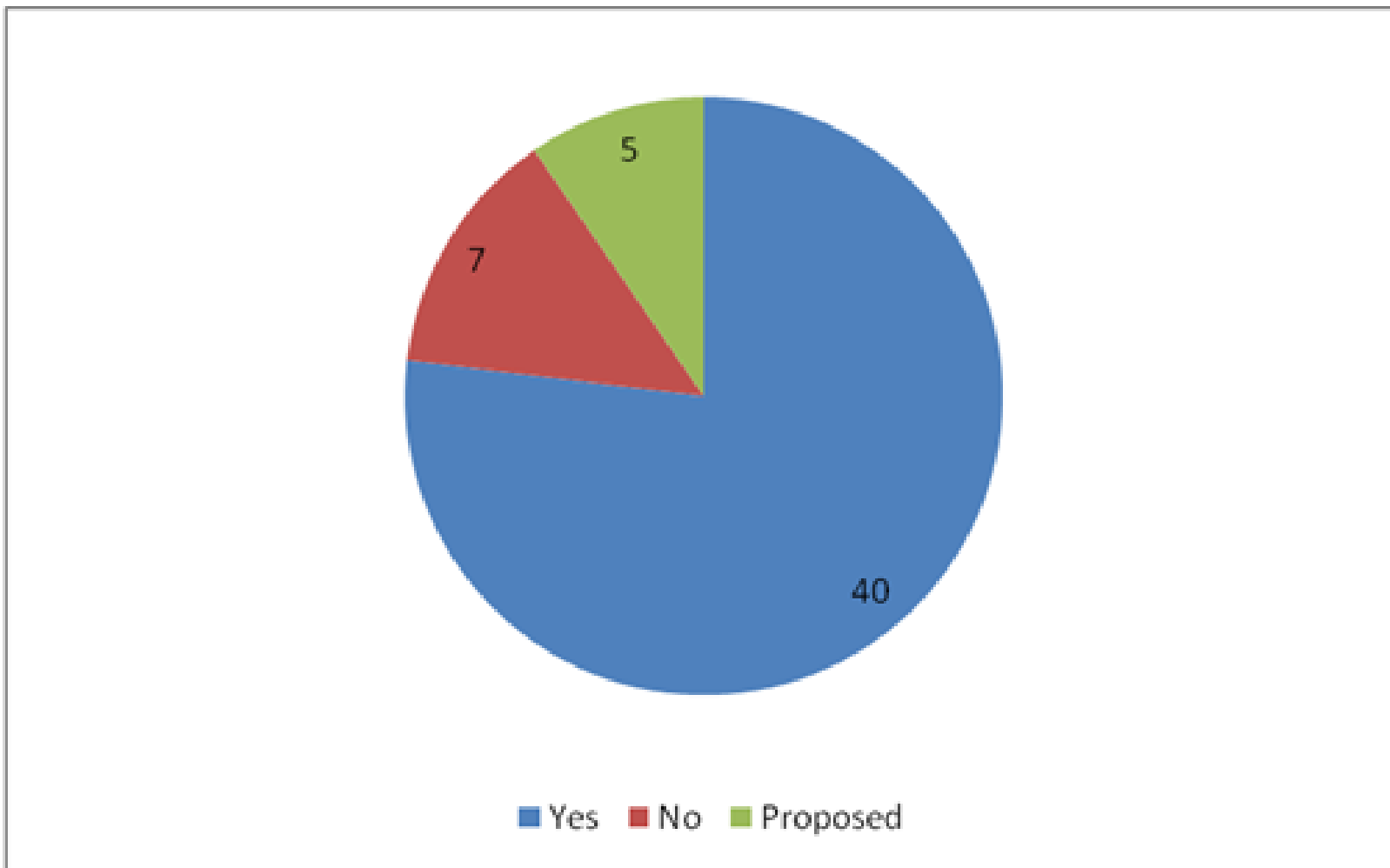
Prerequisite for Providing Assistance

Intrastate mutual aid agreements or other forms of enabling legislation must be in place that allows NGOs or non-state or local government personnel to provide mutual aid assistance in another state. They must be legal agents of their home states.

Consult with city, county attorneys, or State Attorney Generals
Office for state laws and authorities



State's Ability to Deploy as Agents of State



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Summary

In this unit we looked at:

- Responsibilities of Member States in providing support to EMAC.
- Key individuals responsible for EMAC within the Member States.
- Member State responsibilities for developing EMAC implementation plans and procedures.
- Training and exercise responsibilities of the Member States.
- Prerequisites for providing assistance through EMAC.



QUESTIONS?



Think About It

What steps are being taken within your state to be able to provide or receive assistance through EMAC?

