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Iowa Mutual Aid Compact (IMAC) Overview

Objectives:

- Save lives and protect property
- Address equipment and personnel needs during disasters
- Facilitate efficient exchange of emergency response resources
- Fulfill NIMS Mutual Aid requirements
- Demonstrate goodwill and unity among Iowa communities



Iowa Mutual Aid Compact (IMAC) Overview

Enabling State Legislation (29C.22):

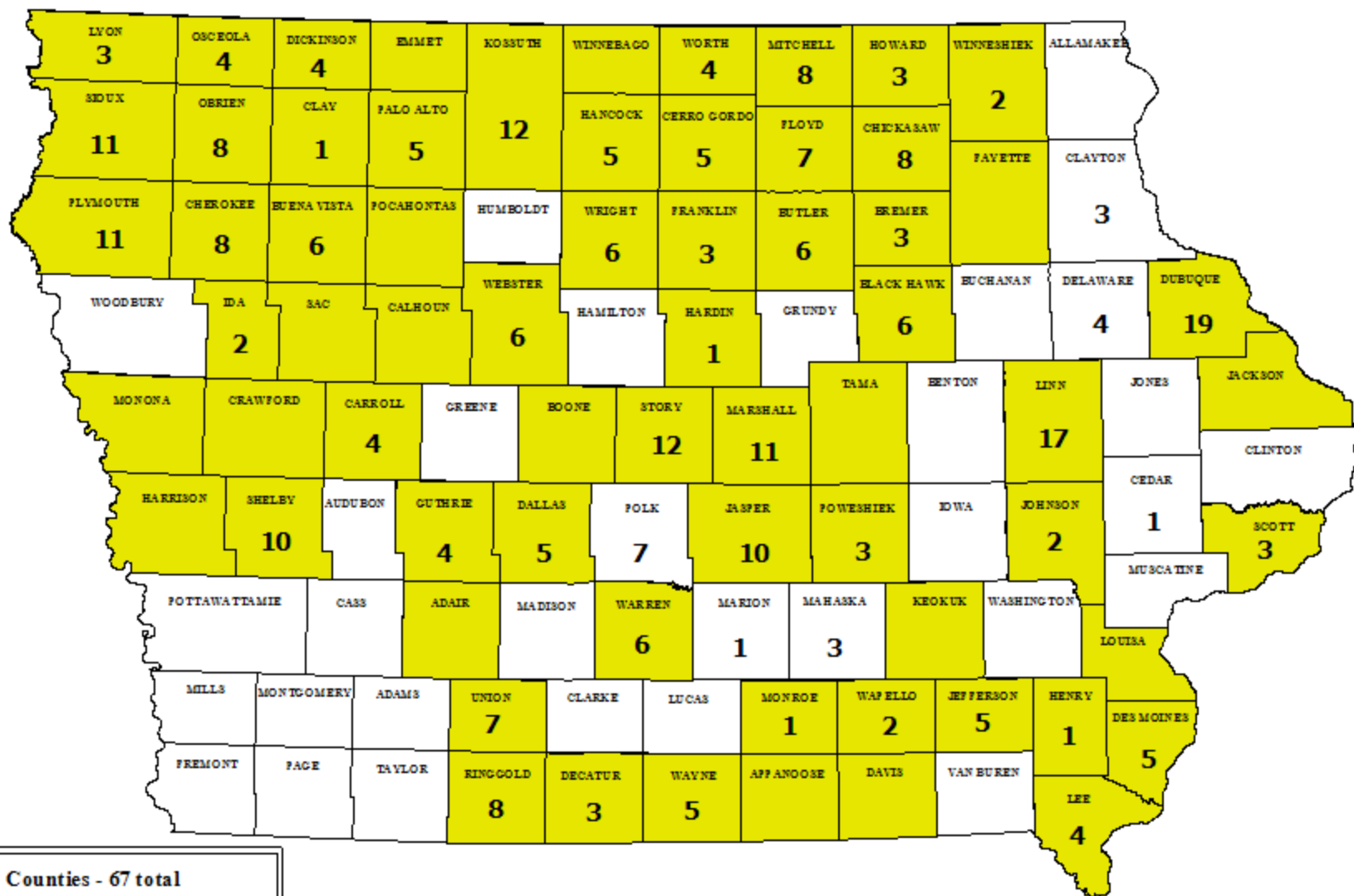
- IMAC Participation is NOT A STATE MANDATE – voluntary
- Must be adopted by local resolution or ordinance
- Facilitated by Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management on behalf of participating jurisdictions
- Similar in function to Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) - 29C.21







Current IMAC Signatories

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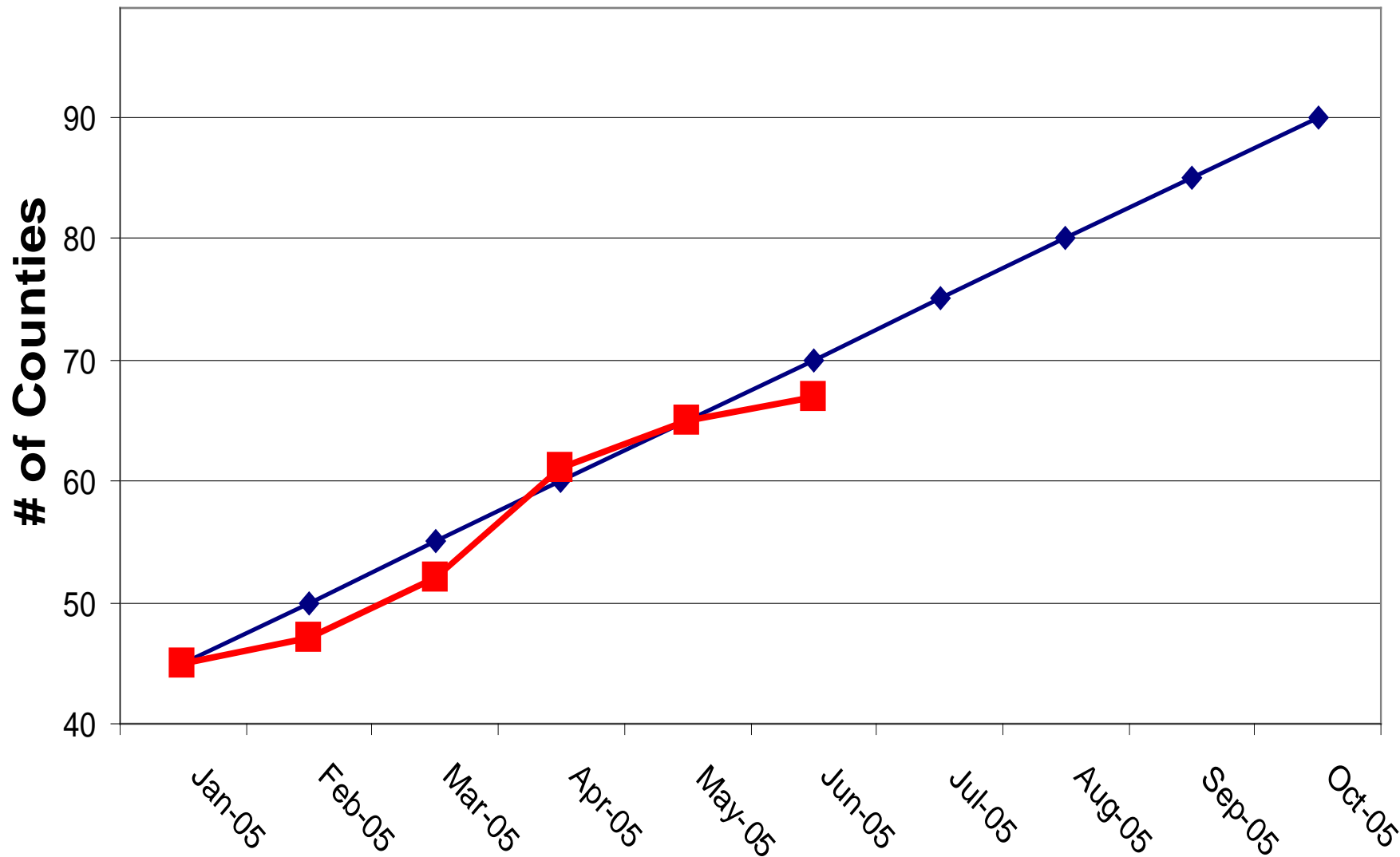


 IMAC Counties - 67 total

 County

Number of Cities/Other - 317 Total

Iowa Mutual Aid Compact



IMAC Provisions

(Iowa Code 29.C.22)

- **Article I - Purpose & Authorities**
 - Use by “participating governments.”
Any political subdivision can join.
 - Facilitates Mutual Assistance between signatories once a disaster is declared.
 - Use during disasters & exercises.

IMAC Provisions

(Iowa Code 29.C.22)

- **Article II - General Implementation**
 - Disasters transcend political boundaries.
 - Disasters may require resources beyond local capabilities.
 - Designed to provide prompt, full, & effective use of resources.
 - Coordinated through local emergency management.

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- **Article III-Participant Responsibilities**
 - Write implementing SOPs.
 - Designate Authorized Representative(s).
 - Authorized Representatives:
 - request assistance
 - respond to requests for assistance
 - initiate requests through EMD
 - consultation & coordination with other signatories

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- **Article IV - Limitations**
 - Activated by local or state emergency declaration.
 - Participating government may withhold resources to ensure reasonable protection at home.
 - Provide same powers (except arrest) for forces used by participating jurisdictions.

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- **Article V - Licenses & Permits**

- Licenses & permits are reciprocal

- Subject to limits & conditions set by the Governor.

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- **Article VI - Liability**

- Deployed personnel are considered agents of the requesting jurisdiction for tort liability & immunity purposes.
- Those rendering aid shall not be liable for any act or omission made in good faith.
- Good faith does NOT include willful misconduct, gross negligence, or recklessness.

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- **Article VII - Supplementary Agreements**
 - Compact contains broad elements common to all political subdivisions.
 - Supplemental agreements are allowed.
 - Does not impact existing agreements.

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- **Article VIII - Workers' Compensation**
 - Each participating government shall provide workers' compensation for its employees working in another jurisdiction, just as if they were working at home.

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- **Article IX - Reimbursement**
 - The government rendering aid is entitled to reimbursement for the expense of running equipment or providing any service in answering a request for aid - and for any damage or loss (Except Art. VIII)
 - Equipment and services can be donated and reimbursement can be waived, or
 - Supplementary agreements may set other rates or means of compensation

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- **Article X - Evacuation**
 - Requires plans for:
 - transportation of evacuees
 - providing food, clothing, housing & medical care
 - notification of relatives or friends
 - return of evacuees
 - how costs will be reimbursed

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- **Article XI - Implementation**
 - Effective upon adoption by ordinance or resolution.
 - Authenticated copies of compact & supplementary agreements shall be filed with HLSEM
 - Participant can withdraw by ordinance or resolution & 30 days written notice to HLSEM

Joining IMAC

Step 1 - Coordinate with your County EMA

Step 2 – Adopt by ordinance or resolution

Step 3 - Notify HLSEM (forward a copy of the resolution)

Joining IMAC

Step 4 - Designate an “Authorized Representative”

An individual with the authority to obligate funds and personnel.

Step 5 - Appoint a “Designated Contact”

Coordinates resource deployments and assignments, typically the EMA coordinator.

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