

How do I become a member of IMAC?

By ordinance or resolution of the local political subdivision. The Iowa State Association of Counties and the Iowa League of Cities legal counsel have drawn up model resolutions that are available as a reference. Copies of model resolutions may be obtained by contacting the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Divisions website.

How much does it cost to belong to IMAC?

There is no initial outlay costs to belong to IMAC. The legislation charges the state with the responsibility of facilitating the program management portion of the compact. There will of course be the costs of internally managing the programs in the political jurisdictions, and the costs associated with passing the local ordinance or resolution.

Why should we have to join IMAC if we already have 28E agreements?

The IMAC legislation does not supercede or replace any other agreements political subdivisions may already have in place. It is however a very clean and efficient way to utilize mutual aid in a declared event, and may cover issues not formerly addressed in other agreements such as tort, liability, costs, etc.

When are we required to have IMAC passed in our jurisdiction?

First of all you are not required to adopt IMAC because the legislation is enabling and not a mandate. This puts the local political subdivision in total control of whether or not to utilize IMAC. We do encourage you however to utilize all available means of effective and efficient assistance in times of natural and man made disasters, and IMAC may be the vehicle you can use to enhance your current response capabilities.

What if we have several people controlling a particular asset in our jurisdiction?

In the case of shared resources already, you will want to consult with your local political subdivisions legal counsel. The local political subdivisions legal counsel should be able to make the determination depending on the wording of the cooperative agreement, and the actual ownership and responsibility of the items in question.

I hear mention of the term political subdivisions. What is a political subdivision?

Political subdivisions for our purposes in IMAC have three distinctive qualifiers:

1. A geographical boundary
2. Taxation authority
3. Elected Officials

Can you tell me how to request assistance under the new IMAC?

Requesting assistance will be simply communicating with another signatory of the compact, and following up your verbal communications with a one page three part REQ-A form. There is a part four to the form that may also be utilized to clarify the request or show any supplemental agreements that are being brokered. Assistance may also be requested through the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Divisions office, and the state will facilitate, but never obligate any part of the process.