



The Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), is a state-to-state mutual aid agreement that facilitates the sharing of services, personnel, equipment, and commodities across state lines during times of emergency and disaster.

Goals

- > Promote a better understanding of EMAC for multidiscipline emergency response and recovery entities and mutual aid partners
- > Create a forum for mutual aid stakeholders to provide input and feedback to NEMA for enhancement of mutual aid through EMAC
- > Advance inter- and intrastate mutual aid

History

The Emergency Management Assistance Compact's Advisory Group was organized in August 2006 as a result of lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina. The aftermath of the catastrophic natural disaster made clear the need for education and training on the EMAC system and process as well as the need for a more formalized relationship and regular communication with mutual aid stakeholders.

The EMAC Advisory Group is made up of invited representatives from national organizations of the first-responder community and other mutual aid stakeholders. The Advisory Group meets twice annually, and NEMA reimburses Advisory Group members for associated travel costs to these meetings.

Member Roles & Responsibilities

- > Represent the issues, positions, resource capabilities, and requirements of the respective disciplines and national organizations
- > Share information with national memberships, solicit feedback, and provide responses to NEMA on EMAC-related issues
- > Facilitate outreach, education, and training opportunities on EMAC
- > Share situational awareness information with national memberships, organizations, and agencies during major EMAC activities, as necessary and appropriate
- > Participate in conference calls, meetings, and after-action reviews on behalf of national memberships
- > Identify and share best practices Identify emerging issues that impact the development of EMAC
- > Provide a connection between other mechanisms to provide aid (FEMA, USAR-VHP, Citizen Corps, etc.) and EMAC
- > Gather and share information Network in the states to pre-plan for EMAC deployments

Member Organizations

Adjutants General Association of the United States (AG AUS)

American Ambulance Association (AAA)

American Public Works Association (APWA)

American Water Works Association (AWWA)

Association of Public Communications Officials (APCO)

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)

International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM)

International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)

Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCC)

National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)

National Sheriffs Association (NSA)

National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO)

International City/County Management Association (ICMA)

National Association of Counties (NACO)

National League of Cities (NLC)

National Governors Association (NGA)

U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

National Guard Bureau (NGB)

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)