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## Partners in Preparedness, Security, and Resilience



**Partnerships are vital in every aspect of public health, safety, and security.** They enable organizations and disciplines to combine their strengths, resources, and expertise to create a comprehensive and integrated approach to disaster and public health emergency preparedness. Through collaboration, they can **enhance planning, response capabilities, situational awareness, resource management, and public trust**, ultimately saving lives and minimizing the impact of emergencies.

Partnerships are more important now than at any point in recent history given **the increasing frequency and complexity of disasters and emergencies.** We surely haven't seen the last pandemic. There is growing concern for homeland security threats both domestic and foreign that among other things, may attempt catastrophic cyber-attacks on our nation's infrastructure.

The good news is there are partnerships to rely on through ongoing efforts by national associations, like NEMA, to encourage **increased communication, coordination, and planning** by state and local governments and the private sector. We'd like to highlight two such efforts:



### JOINT POLICY WORK GROUP

The NEMA-ASTHO-GHSAC Joint Policy Work Group brings together **state emergency management, public health, and homeland security officials** to help create a comprehensive and integrated approach to disaster and public health emergency preparedness. The group is funded through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). [Check out this new video](#) (imbedded link) to get an overview of the value of these groups working together.



Since 2003, the NHSC has served as a forum for **collaboration between state and local emergency management, homeland security and fusion centers, law enforcement, fire, National Guard, public health, EMS, public works, elected officials, and the private sector.** A total of 22 associations make up the Consortium that work together to come up with solutions for complex homeland security issues. It's funded through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). [The NHSC also has a new video to share](#) (imbedded link).

**NEMA would like to thank all our valued partners** who willingly come together to share information and discuss how to best meet current and emerging threats and build relationships at the national level that benefit each of our members. **Thank you as well to our funding partners CDC and FEMA/DHS.**

**It is wonderful how much may be done if we are always doing.**

**- Thomas Jefferson**

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