

FEMA and Emergency Management

Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission

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FEMA Mission

Reduce the loss of life and property and protect the Nation from all hazards, including natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters, by leading and supporting the Nation in a risk-based, comprehensive emergency management system of preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation.



- Save lives
- Protect property
- Ensure basic human needs are met



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New Direction for FEMA

- Lead the Nation's efforts in emergency management
 - Transform FEMA into the Nation's *Preeminent Emergency Management Agency*
 - Administrator is President's Emergency Management Advisor
 - Strengthen core capabilities, capacities and competencies across the full range of operational and support missions
 - Develop stronger Regions
 - Strengthen State/local partnerships/collaboration
 - Professionalize the national emergency management system
- “Leaning forward to deliver more effective disaster assistance to individuals and communities impacted by a disaster”*



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Background

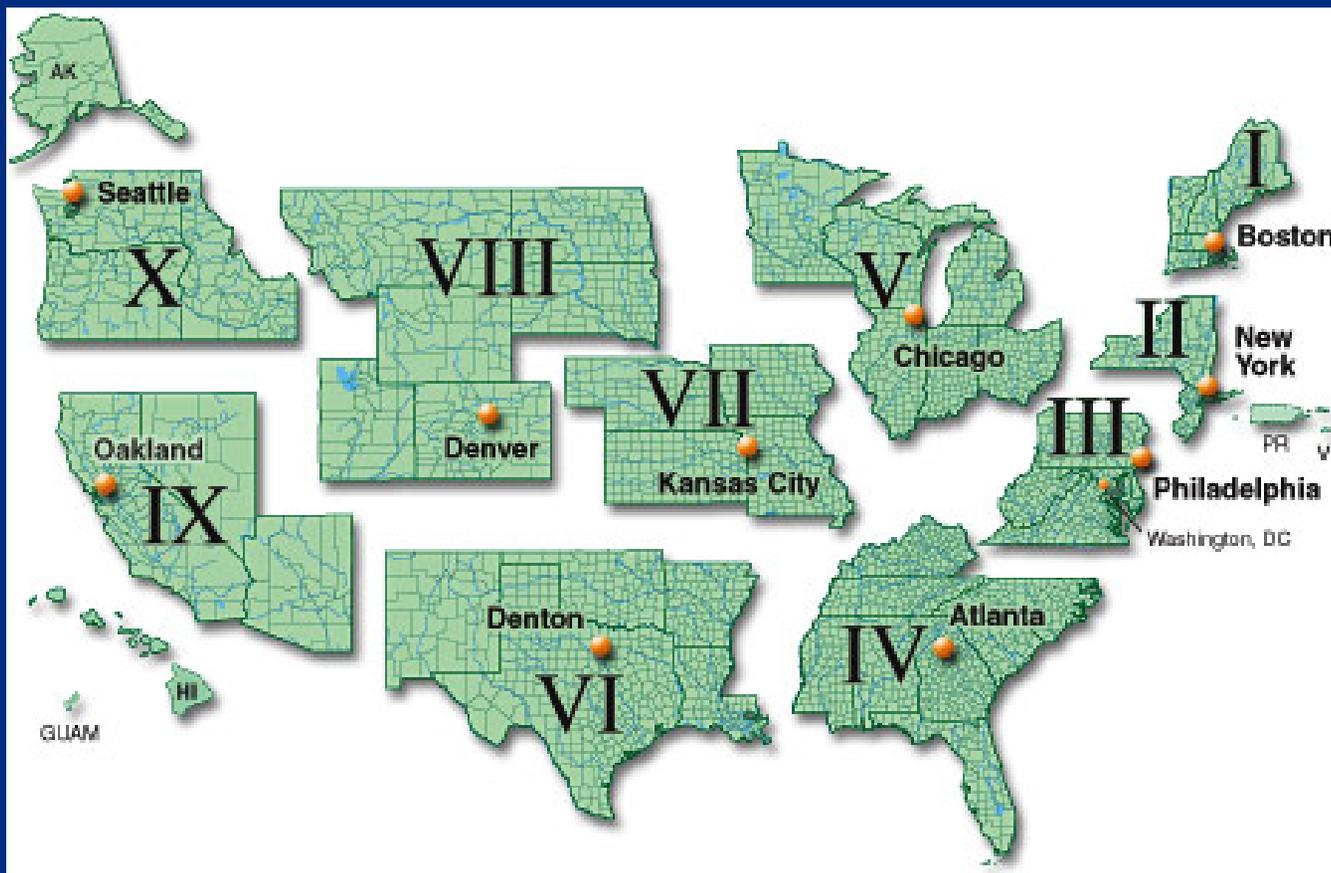
- Created in 1979, the Federal Emergency Management Agency is part of the United States Department of Homeland Security
- FEMA has more than 2,600 full time employees and nearly 4,000 standby disaster assistance employees (reservists) who are available for deployment after disasters.
- FEMA is organized into a Headquarters (located in Washington, DC), ten regional offices, and three field offices



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10 FEMA Regions



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Approach

The disaster life cycle describes the process through which emergency managers *prepare* for emergencies and disasters, *respond* to them when they occur, help people and institutions *recover* from them, *mitigate* their effects, *reduce the risk* of loss, and *prevent* disasters from occurring.



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Current Emergency Response Teams

- Emergency Response Team-National (ERT-N)
- Emergency Response Team-Advanced (ERT-A)
- Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Teams
- Federal Incident Response Support Teams (FIRST)
- Hurricane Liaison Team (HLT)
- Mobile Emergency Response Support (MERS)
- Domestic Emergency Support Team (DEST)
- Nuclear Incident Response Team (NIRT)



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Next Generation Emergency Response

Incident Management Assistance Teams (IMAT)

- Rapidly deployable emergency response “strike” teams
- Meet multi-disciplinary needs of emergency management
- Liaison to State/local emergency managers
- Support command & control if State/local capabilities hindered
- Provide situational awareness and needs assessments
- Arrive within 12-hours of notice; self-sufficient for 48-hours
- Permanent team members:
 - 3 National IMAT
 - 10 Regional IMAT and 1 Alaska IMAT Level III Team

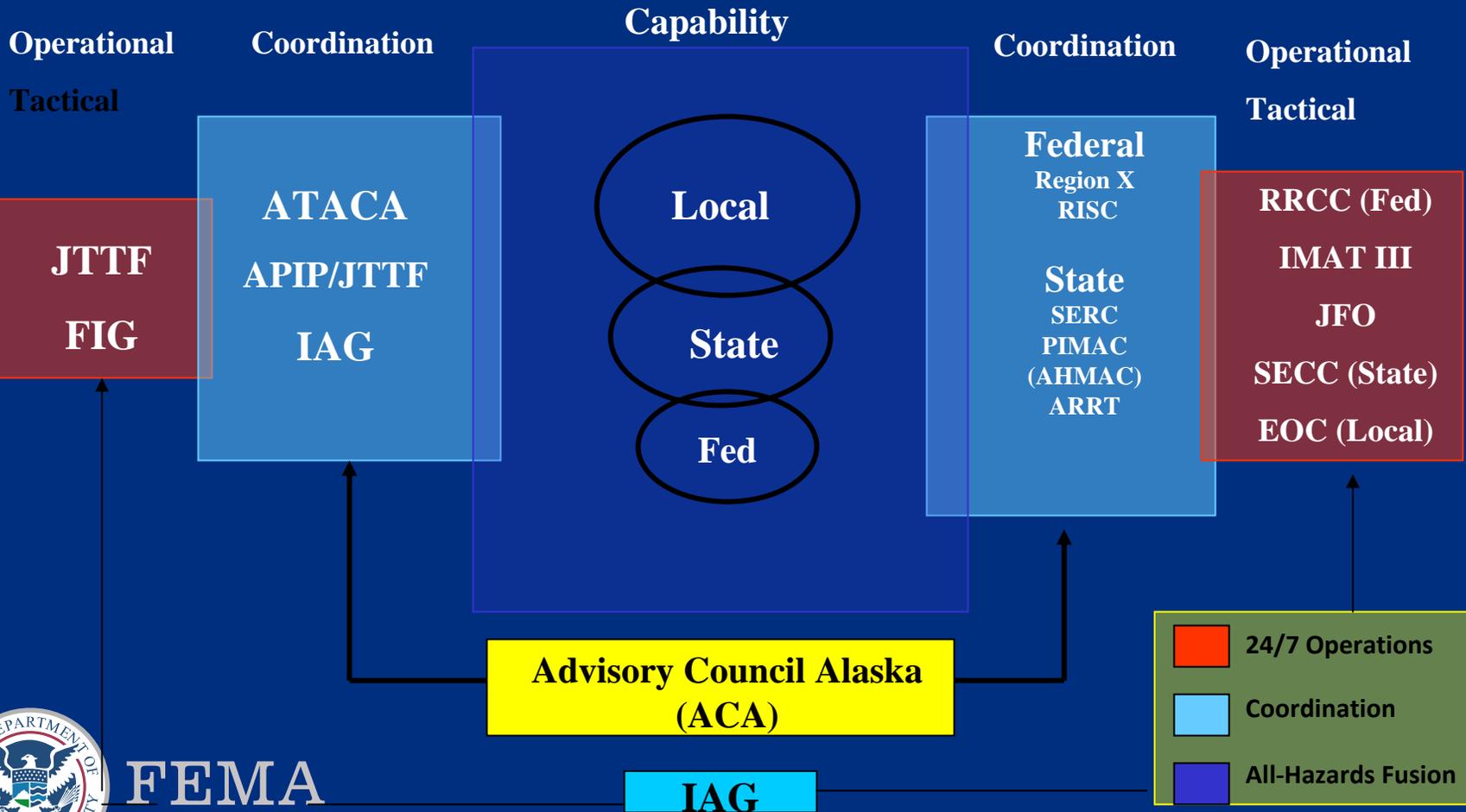


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Emergency Preparedness

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CM/All-Hazards

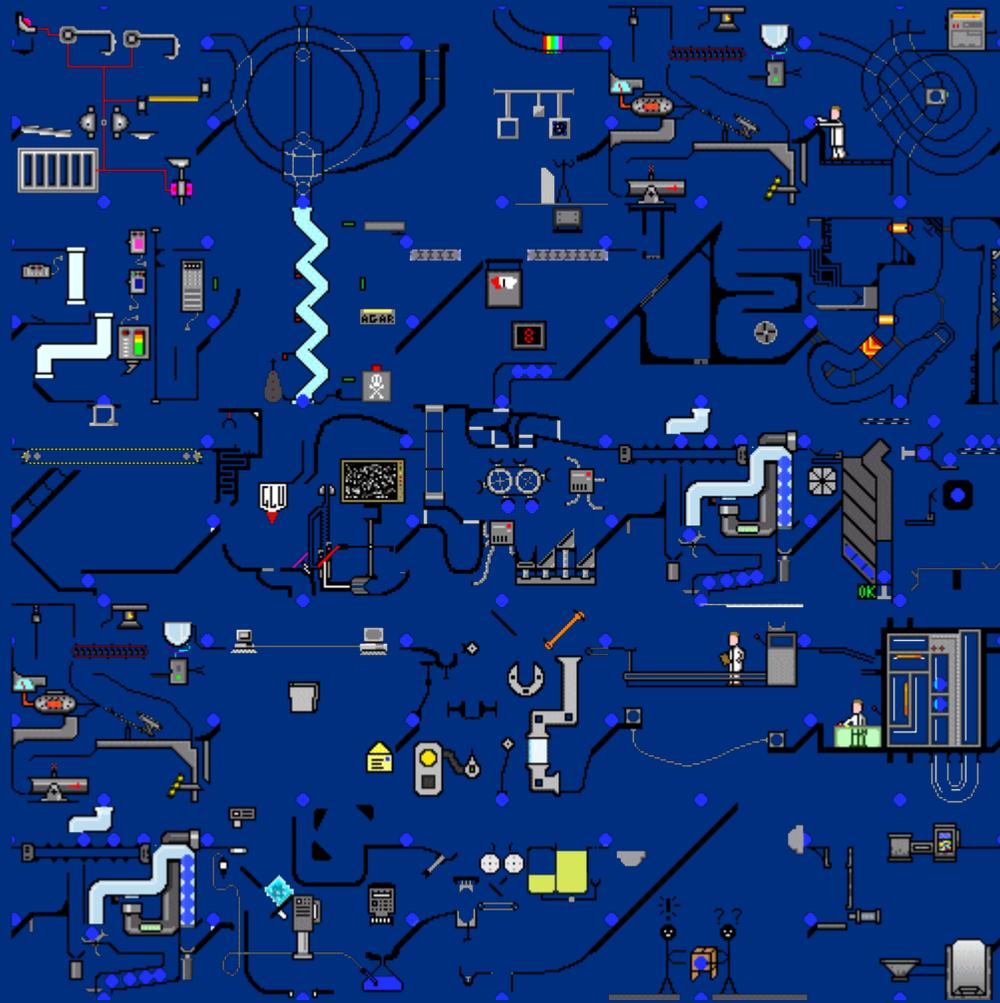


How does FEMA help you?



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LIFE IN A DISASTER ORGANIZED CHAOS



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WHO ARE YOU?

- BOMA Experience Exchange Report
 - Average Building 189,000 sq feet
 - 89 % occupied
 - Avg Income \$1.3 million/year/3500 per day
- Type of Business are you?
 - Hospital, Utility, Hotel, Archive, Supplies



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9 Tips to Better Protect People and Properties

- Bring Your Dream Team Together
- Communicate Well and Often
- Define Your Policy
- Cross Train Across Your Portfolio
- Think Locally
- Build in (Remote) Redundancy
- Work Remotely
- Drill it Home
- Educate yourself. Share Your Knowledge.



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PREPARE NOW!

- Disaster Recovery Plan
- Business Impact Analysis
 - Vital Documents – Are they safe?
 - Business Partners?
 - HVAC
 - Electronics, Telecommunications, Equipment
 - Moisture Control Proactive response
- After the Disaster – Pick good professional partners



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PREPARE NOW!

- PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENTS
 - Insurance Coverage
 - Utility Disruption
 - Facilities, Buildings and Plants
 - Equipment
 - Building Air Protection
 - Cyber Security
- Talk to your People
 - Involve Co-Workers
 - Practice the Plan
 - Crisis Communicaitons Plan
 - Employee Health
- Plan to Stay in Business



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Emergency Management Resources

- ✓ www.boma.org
- ✓ www.ready.gov
- ✓ www.pandemicflu.gov
- ✓ www.sba.gov
- ✓ www.dhs.gov
- ✓ www.fema.gov



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