



Virginia Emergency Response Team

**EMAC Operations**

# Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)

- Ratified and Signed into Law in 1996; Public Law 104-321
- The Members of EMAC consist of all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands
- EMAC is the first national Disaster Relief Compact since the Civil Defense and Disaster Compact of 1950 to be ratified by Congress

# EMAC – How it Works

- An event occurs & the Governor declares a State of Emergency
- A State identifies a lack of a resource
- A Request for resources is broadcast the state to all other states and the territories
- Responding states submit their available resources and cost estimates to the requesting state

## Hurricane Ike - DR-1791 -TX EMAC REQUEST

Request the following: 3 - Public Assistance Specialists - at least 1yr experience with PA program & recent experience working declared disaster at JFO 1 - Public Assistance Specialist - experience in debris operations and 1 yr experience with PA program

Assignment Date: 9/22/08 - 10/19/08 Assignment

Location: Joint Field Office, 6001 Airport Blvd. Austin, TX

78752 Reimbursement rates: Max state approved rate of \$85.00 lodging per night, \$36 per day meals and transportation(air fare, rental car) are eligible reimbursible expenses

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# EMAC – How it Works (con't)

- The Requesting State's EMAC team reviews the offers and selects the most efficient response both in response time and economics
- The responding state is notified to proceed with deployment of their resources and the paperwork is completed
- Once the mission is completed, reimbursement paperwork is filed with the requesting state and the bill is paid once it is audited.

# Who Fills an EMAC Request?

- State Agencies such as State Police, Game & Inland Fisheries, VDH, VDOT and a host of others
- Localities – there are currently 139 eligible towns, cities and counties in the Commonwealth
- Volunteer Groups – they are allowed to deploy as long as they are covered under a “political subdivision” of the Commonwealth in regards to Workmen’s Compensation

# EMAC Missions



# Types of Requests

- Incident Management Teams
- Law Enforcement Taskforces
- Search and Rescue
- Public Assistance Personnel
- Individual Assistance Personnel
- Flood Plain Mitigation
- National Guard Personnel
- Ambulance Strike Teams
- Plus many others.....

# How Do We Include Localities?

- We utilize Statewide Mutual Aid (SMA) to include Localities in the response to EMAC Requests
- SMA Agreements between the Commonwealth and the Localities allows for Workmen's Compensation to follow responders to the requesting state

# How Do We Include Localities? (con't)

- Cost Estimates are received from the Localities and the SMA Agreements are signed by the proper authorities
- Once the mission is completed, the Localities complete the proper reimbursement forms and are reimbursed by the Commonwealth, who is then reimbursed thru the EMAC Agreement with the Requesting State.

# Current EMAC Operations

- EMAC Operations for Hurricanes “Gustav” & “Ike” have resulted in the following:
  - 12 missions have gone to the Gulf Coast (Texas & Louisiana)
  - Total of 146 persons have deployed, of which 65 were Locality personnel from NOVA to Roanoke
  - Total Cost of Missions to Date:  
\$1,852,488.77

# Questions?

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