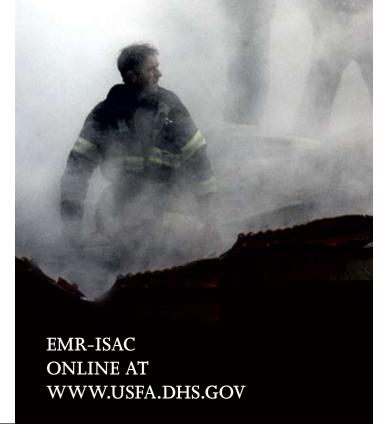"We are face to face with our destiny

and we must meet it with a high and resolute courage. For us is the life of action, of strenuous performance of duty; let us live in the harness, striving mightily; let us rather run the risk of wearing out than rusting out."

Theodore Roosevelt
26th President of the US,
from 1901 to 1909

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Emergency Management and Response-Information Sharing and Analysis Center

Promoting critical infrastructure protection by Emergency Services Sector personnel nationwide

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Critical Infrastructure Protection Activities

Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) consists of those activities to protect from all hazards the key personnel, physical assets, and communication/cyber systems (i.e., the Emergency Services Sector (ESS) critical infrastructures) upon which organizational survivability, continuity of operations, and mission success depend.

Background Information

Homeland Security Presidential Directive-7 identified the Emergency Services Sector (ESS) as a national critical infrastructure sector that must be protected from degradation or destruction by man-made and natural disasters. The Emergency Management and Response—Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EMR-ISAC) was established to support the critical infrastructure protection (CIP) of ESS departments and agencies nationwide.

EMR-ISAC Goals

- Promote awareness of the threats to and vulnerabilities of ESS critical infrastructures.

- Encourage ESS prevention, protection, and resilience actions for all disasters.

- Enhance the survivability, continuity, and "response-ability" in all-hazards environments.

EMR-ISAC Tasks

- Collect CIP information having potential relevance for ESS organizations.

- Analyze all collected information to ascertain the importance and applicability to ESS departments and agencies.

- Disseminate no-cost emergent and consequential infrastructure protection information to leaders, owners, and operators of the emergency services.

- Develop instructional materials for CIP implementation and training needs.

- Provide professional assistance to ESS CIP practitioners via phone and e-mail.

Specific Information Provided by the EMR-ISAC

- CIP (FOUO) Notices. Contain vital, actionable information published as needed by DHS regarding threats and vulnerabilities potentially affecting emergency plans and operations. (Forwarded For Official Use Only of those in vetted ESS leadership positions.)

- CIP INFOGRAMs. Contain four short articles issued weekly about protecting the critical infrastructures of emergency responders and their communities.

- CIP Bulletins. Contain timely homeland security information distributed as needed involving the infrastructure protection of the emergency services.

- CIP Video. DVD reviews the practice of CIP and the role of the EMR-ISAC.

- CIP Process Job Aid. Briefly explains how to practice CIP in a time-efficient and resource-restrained manner.

- Homeland Security Advisory System Guide. Provides recommendations for probable ESS actions before and during each level of the system.