

EMAC Overview

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What is EMAC?

EMAC, Emergency Management Assistance Compact, a Governor's state mutual aid mechanism, is a national interstate mutual aid compact that facilitates the sharing of resources, personnel and equipment across state lines during times of disaster and emergency. EMAC is formalized into law by member parties.







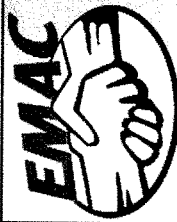
EMAC History

- **1992** - Concept of Emergency Management Compact Conceived by Southern US Governors
- **1993** - Adopted as Southern Regional Emergency Management Assistance Compact
- **1995** – Agreement broadened to EMAC
- **1996** – Endorsed by National Governor’s Association & FEMA for Nationwide Use
- **1996** - Ratified by US Congress and Signed into Law (PL 104-321)



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 <p>EMAC Mission</p>	<p>Facilitate the efficient and effective sharing of resources between member states during times of disaster or emergency.</p>  <p>EMAC is administered by NEMA, the National Emergency Management Association</p>
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What does EMAC do?



EMAC does:

- Maximizes use of all available resources
- Coordinates deployment of EMAC resources with National Response Plan resources
- Expedites and streamlines delivery of assistance between member states
- Protects state sovereignty
- Provides management and oversight

EMAC does NOT:

- Replace federal support
- Alter operational direction and control
- Move resources from county to county, city to city, or locality to locality. All EMAC resources must be from state to state. County, local, and other personnel/resources must work through the state emergency management office
- Endorse self-deployments



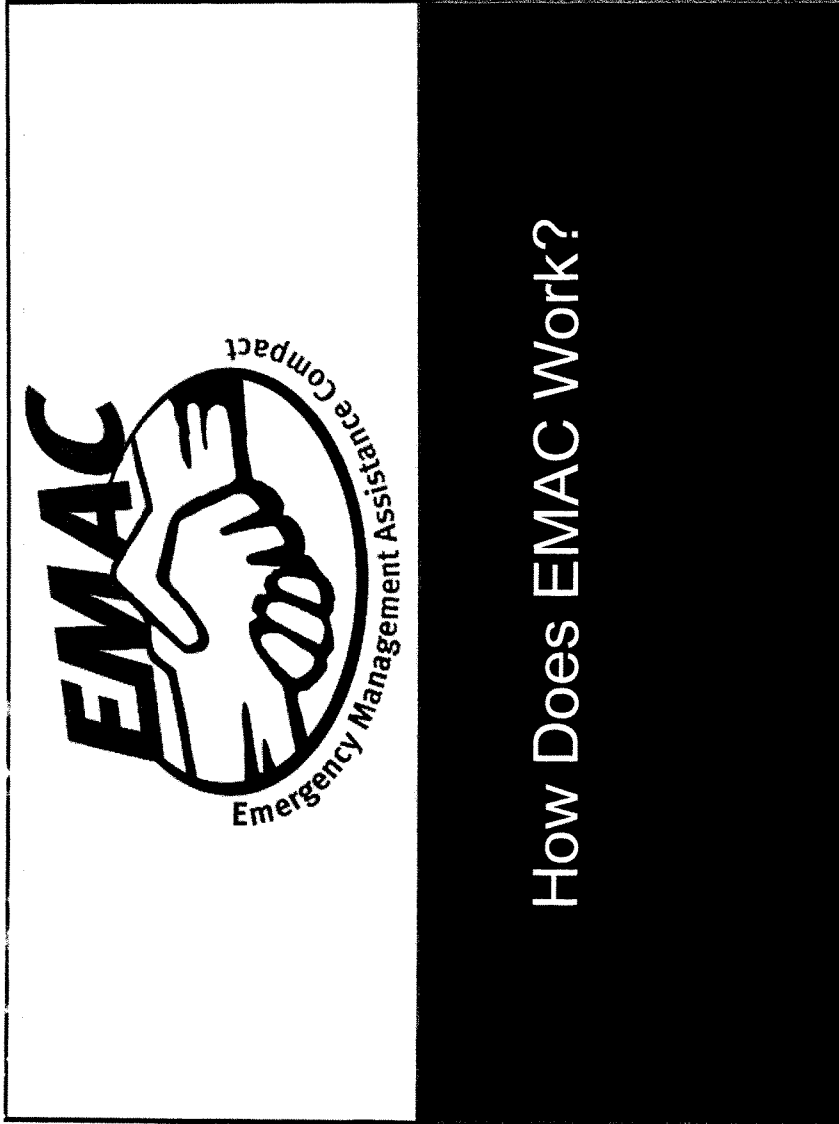
 <p>Who are the members of EMAC?</p>	<p>49 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands have enacted EMAC legislation.</p>  <p>October 2005</p>
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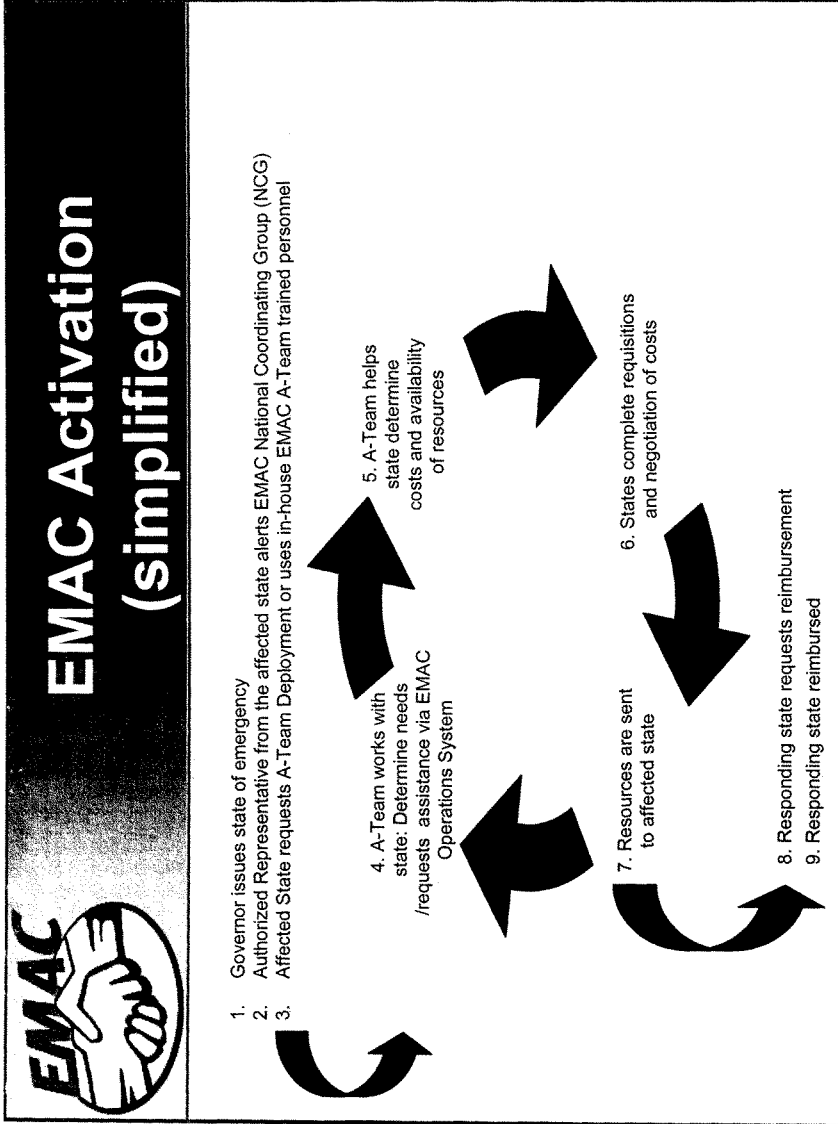



EMAC Endorsements

- The Southern, Midwestern, Western, New England and National Governors' Associations
- Adjutants Generals Association of the U.S.
- The Midwestern Legislative Conference
- National Guard Bureau
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Department of Homeland Security







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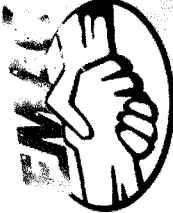
Why is EMAC Successful?



Why IS EMAC Effective?


- Administrative Oversight and support staff
 - Formal Business Protocols
- Solves Problems Upfront – Provisions in Compact’s Language
 - Reimbursement, Licensure, Liability
- Continuity of Operations
 - Standard Operating Procedures
- Continual Improvement – 5 year Strategic Plan
 - Critiques/Training/Exercises/Meetings
- Customized Technology Development
- Active membership





EMAC Key Provisions

- “ ...the state rendering aid may withhold resources to the extent necessary to provide reasonable protection for such state.”
- “ ...licenses, certificates, or other permits... shall be deemed licensed, certified, or permitted by the state requesting assistance.”



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- “Employees . . . rendering aid . . . shall be considered agents of the requesting state for tort liability and immunity purposes”
- “. . . any party state rendering aid . . . shall be reimbursed by the party state receiving aid for any loss or damage to or expense incurred . . .” (*requesting state*)




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Member State Responsibilities

- Educate Emergency Staff & State Agencies on the EMAC Process
- Train A-Team Members on EMAC Operations
- Develop and Maintain Procedures for A-Team Activation
- Develop and Maintain Procedures for Requesting/Providing Assistance
- Evaluate Procedures Through Exercises



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2005 Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

2004 Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne

2003 Hurricane Isabel

2001 Terrorist Attacks