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- Kansas City District is responsible for leading and coordinating the states of Kansas and Missouri in this program
- Silver Jackets is the Corps of Engineers' program through the Institute for Water Resources that enables districts to participate with state agencies in reducing risks from all natural hazards
- Institute for Water Resources offers an annual weeklong conference or webinar for the state teams to improve their work
- Three types of calls for pilot project proposals (Silver Jackets, Flood Plain Management Services for either general flood risk management or specific nonstructural measures, and Public Involvement Pilot Projects) have been offered to the state hazard mitigation teams
- Websites for these teams are maintained through the Institute for Water Resources: http://www.nfrmp.us/state/index.cfm
- Each state team typically involves the state hazard mitigation officer and the state floodplain coordinator under the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program
- Kansas City District has lead these teams in providing informed reports for the revision to the states' five-year renewal to state hazard mitigation plans

MISSION STATEMENT: To participate with state and federal agencies in actions leading to measureable hazard mitigation with the strongest focus on flood hazards.

VISION STATEMENT: A state lead hazard mitigation team that is familiar with strengths and opportunities available through the programs or technical resources of all the participating agencies, so the team can effectively leverage each agency's abilities to reduce the risks from natural hazards.

Key Messages

- The state hazard mitigation team facilitates integrating solutions and leverage various agencies to mitigate the risk of natural disasters
- Kansas City District participates with other USACE districts on the state lead teams
- The Kansas team is the Kansas Hazard Mitigation Team
- The Missouri team is the State Risk Management Team

Facts & Figures

- Silver Jackets, or state hazard mitigation teams, are active in 43 states as of April 2014
- The Institute for Water Resources (IWR) has accepted eight interagency projects from Kansas City District
- IWR has recognized two products as best practices from Kansas City District interagency projects
- IWR has conducted two Public Involvement Pilot Projects with Kansas City District's interagency projects

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