

# Emergency Response Task Team 2008/2009 Activity Summary



## Emergency Response Task Team Background

- **Problem Statement** - Lack of consistency, shared resources and communication regarding incident management and protocol among various internal and external jurisdictions.
- **Mission** - Establish protocols for communications, resource utilization and operational procedures to be used during joint operations.

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## Questions the Task Team asked:

- How do we communicate with each other during incident?
- Where are the resources that we can share?
- Who do we contact to request those resources?
- Where do we get maps of large geographic areas?
- What and Who defines an Emergency for various Organizations?
- When is an Emergency over, is there a plan to downgrade an incident?
- How far-reaching is the Emergency?
- How do we track expense for various forms of reimbursement?
- What agreements are currently in-place for resource sharing between entities?
- How will we handle a large catastrophic event – varying missions and objectives?
- How will we let the public know about what our plan is?

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## June 2008 Hopi Partnership meeting

Emergency Response Task Team update prompted several questions for the Team to address:

1. Listing of emergency response phone numbers by agency for response to monsoon storms.
2. Prevention – work at mapping and identifying critical transportation routes and looking at what alternative routes exist and which are needed.
3. Multi-agency table-top exercise to help identify additional information and resource needs.
4. Consistent language to define Emergencies (considering existing definitions from FEMA, Homeland Security, etc).
5. Work with Processes Task Team to identify Agreement Templates.
6. Conduct lessons-learned reviews following incidents and joint operations.

# Emergency Response Task Team

## Two Primary Goals 2008/2009:

1. Work on mapping of Communications Resources and what (if any) agreements or protocols would be necessary to utilize those resources during an incident (directly or through a dispatch).
1. Compilation of Mapping Resources to provide comprehensive resource coverage to all areas within Navajo and Hopi lands, regardless of jurisdiction.

## Emergency Response Task Team Original Team Goals

### Goal 1: Identify who needs to be on the team

Membership continues to change (agencies stay the same but faces seem to change). Everyone seems to bring some new knowledge to the meeting, but there is also a lot of re-educating on Goals & Objectives.

## Emergency Response Task Team Original Team Goal

### Goal 2: Obtain commitment from team members;

Difficult to get time commitment as Emergency Responders don't usually have predictable schedules.

Multiple Jurisdictional Boundaries – Some involved jurisdictions only have small areas in common with the greater interest area.

Getting the right people saves tremendous amount of time and leg-work.



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## Original Team Goal

### Goal 6: Develop joint operations procedures – (being formed)

- Establishing a Resource Book for broad distribution to be used by Agencies, Chapters, Municipalities, and Responding Entities. To be established in electronic and hard-copy format with emphasis on a Incident Command Structure that can be expanded and collapsed as the incident dictates.
- Tools for responding parties
  - Digital map layers for use in planning and logistics
  - Points of contact for each entity and by Resource type
  - Copies of signed Agreements between agencies/jurisdictions
  - Resource types listed by geographic area (equipment, radios, teams)
  - Emergency Operations Center locations (fixed and mobile)
  - Training Resources – sharing course opportunities and listing of on-line and web-cast resources
  - Template forms (state, local, federal, tribal) for use during emergency
  - Refresher diagrams and definitions for use with National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS).



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## NEXT STEPS:

1. Continue meeting - to progress toward completion of all Goals.  
Next meeting is Nov. 9th or 16th; Flagstaff – ADOT District Office.
2. Continue Progress with Technical Groups
  - Communications (radio, cell phones, satellite phones)
  - Mapping (GIS layers and platform)

## INTO THE FUTURE:

1. Listing of needed agreements
2. Refine and begin sharing Resource Book information
  - *Emergency Contacts (personnel and phone numbers)*
  - *Emergency Operations Centers*
  - *Centralized Dispatch Centers for each agency*
  - *Mapping information*

# Thank You!

- Any questions?

