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# FEMA Mission

**FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards.**

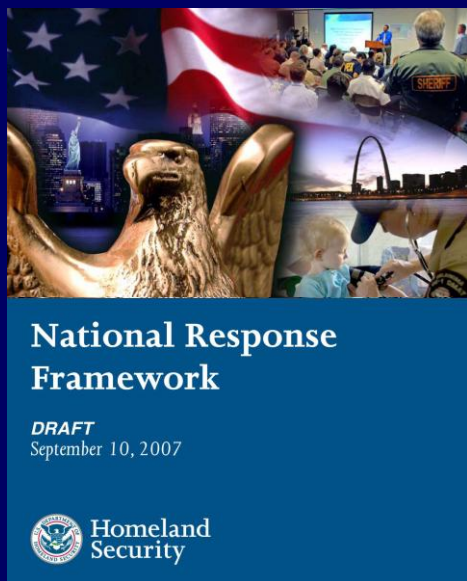


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# FEMA Region 6 Structure



# Building Relationships & Partnerships Through Collaboration



- FEMA is **part** of the team.
- FEMA is not a first-responder organization.
- FEMA operates under the **Incident Command System**, the **National Incident Management System** and the **National Response Framework**.
- Continued excellent relationship and partnership with all our Region 6 partners.

# Whole Community Key Concepts

- **Understanding and meeting the true needs of the entire affected community**
- **Engaging all aspects of the community (public, private and civic) in both defining its needs and devising ways to meet them**
- **Strengthening the assets, institutions and social processes that work well in communities on a daily basis to improve resiliency and emergency management outcomes**



# Private Sector Emphasis

- **FEMA is emphasizing involvement of the private sector in all of the agency's activities.**
- **Private Sector has been integrated into the External Affairs Division.**
- **All 10 FEMA Regional offices have a private sector liaison who works with state partners.**
- **FEMA Region 6's Private Sector Liaison is Winston Barton; he can be reached at (940) 536-7135.**



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# Maximum of Maximums

- **Catastrophic planning** initiative for disasters that go beyond the capabilities of government solutions
- Bring outside resources to the table
- Better engage volunteer and non-profit partners and the private sector
- Go big, go fast, go smart!



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# Top Ten Disasters in the U.S.

Event	Year	FEMA Funding
Hurricane Katrina (R6 states only)	2005	\$28.8 Billion
Attack on America-WTC (projected) (NY)	2001	\$9 Billion
Northridge Earthquake (CA)	1994	\$7 Billion
Florida Hurricanes (Charley, Frances, Ivan, Jeanne)	2004	\$6.3 Billion
Hurricane Ike (TX,LA)	2008	\$4.4 Billion
Hurricane Rita (TX,LA)	2005	\$3.8 Billion
Hurricane Georges (AL,FL,LA,MS,PA,VI)	1998	\$2.3 Billion
Hurricane Gustav (TX,LA)	2008	\$2.2 Billion
Hurricane Andrew (FL,LA)	1992	\$1.8 Billion
Tropical Storm Allison (FL,LA,MS,PA,TX)	2001	\$1.3 Billion



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# Major Disaster Declaration Process

- **Local Government Responds**
- **State Responds**
- **Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments**
- **Governor Requests Major Disaster Declaration**
- **FEMA Evaluates/Recommends to White House**
- **President Approves/Denies Request**



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# Hurricane Preparedness

- **Coordination with two risk states: Louisiana and Texas**
- **Joint exercises and drills continue in preparation for this current hurricane season**
- **Host-state coordination established**
- **Pre-staging of federal resources in both Louisiana and Texas**
- **Emphasis on Individual, Family & Community Preparedness**



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# **New Response & Recovery Concept in Region 6**

## **Interstate Emergency Response Support Plan (IERSP)**



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# Benefits of IERSP

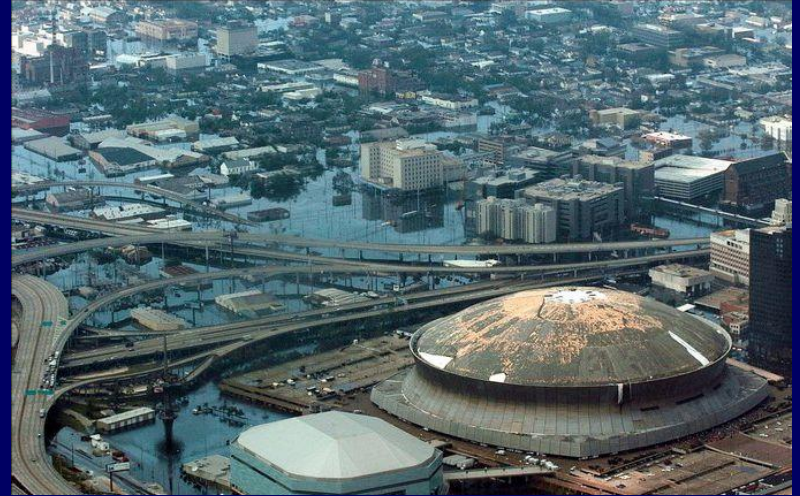
- **Faster, better, smarter**
- **Better understand the needs of Region 6 states in a catastrophic incident**
- **Better understand available resources in each state**
- **Plan to meet specific missions**
- **Open communication**
- **Build relationships among ESFs in the states**
- **State IERSP liaisons located in the impacted State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for effective coordination**



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# Lessons Learned & Implemented Post-Katrina

- **More strategic approach to pre-positioning of Federal assets**
- **Pre-scripted mission assignments to other federal agencies for response (Over 200 presently signed)**
- **Importance of standardizing and implementing unified command structure**



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# Lessons Learned & Implemented Post-Katrina

- **Executing Temporary Housing Solutions:**

- **Providing reimbursement for evacuees to remain in hotels/motels**
- **Providing reimbursement for intermediate housing through local jurisdictions**
- **Supporting Texas' initiative for voluntary self-relocation**
- **Establish temporary housing (Base Camps) for emergency managers & first-responders**



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# Lessons Learned & Implemented Post-Katrina

- **Need for a well-coordinated host state concept to be in place**
- **Defense Coordinating Officer/Defense Coordinating Element in place**
- **Increase in-state sheltering capacity**
- **Increased staffing and training**
- **Increased emphasis on joint planning for catastrophic events among federal, state and local partner agencies as well as with the private sector and tribal nations**





# Lessons Learned & Implemented Post-Katrina

- **Emphasis on engaging non-traditional partners**
- **More emphasis on recovery, not just response**
  - **FEMA programs too complex; FEMA is working to make the process less complex.**



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# Questions?



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