



# AMAS - Levels



## Local to Local

Most critical – especially to “no-notice” events

Should be planned in advance

Ensures rapid response

Must be exhausted before going to next level

## Regional (Emergency Management Regions)

Facilitated by 3 Separate Compacts/Agreements

Should be planned in advance

Must be exhausted before going to next level



# AMAS - Levels



## State-wide Mutual Aid

State Uses Resource Data-base and “reach-back”

Subject to other priorities

Must be exhausted before going to Federal level



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## State – To – State Assistance

EMAC

State-to-State Mutual Aid

Codified by both State and Federal Law

Administered by the National Association of  
Emergency Managers

## Federal Level Assistance

FEMA Action Request Form (ARF)

Used by State EOC to request Federal Teams,  
Resources, supplies and materials



# AMAS Mission



- On Request –

Provide Mutual Aid resources to support incident commanders throughout the state

- Provide trained, equipped and ready teams
- Provide individual resources
- Provide teams, equipment and individual resources to assist other states through the EMAC system



# AMAS Advisory Council



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# Structure



- State level personnel – Two state level coordinators
- Teams: 51 Fire, Rescue, Hazmat, and Law Enforcement
  - State Mortuary Response Team (1 SMORT)
  - State Incident Management Team (1 IMT)
  - Alabama Task Force 1 – Search & Rescue (1 SAR)
  - Search and Rescue Teams
    - Light (7)
    - Medium (10)
    - Heavy (9)
    - Swift Water (6)
    - Hazardous Materials (8)
  - Law Enforcement Teams (8)



## Partnership with the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs - State Emergency Response Program (SERP)



- SERP identifies resources for acquisition through the EMA system.
- Provides:
  - knowledgeable person in each emergency management region to identify appropriate resources
  - resources are then requested through county and state EMA facilities
  - Alabama is a “Pilot State” with the International Association of Fire Chiefs for this program



# Volunteerism Program



- AEMA partners with the Governor's Office for Faith Based Initiatives to promote volunteer response to emergencies
- Follows programs like "Points of Light," "Volunteer America," and "Americorps"
- Designed to provide local responders and administrators with a source of volunteers to assist during emergencies



# EMAC



- The EMAC system provides “State-To-State” Mutual Aid.
- System is codified by both state and federal law.
- The System is administered by the National Emergency Management Association.
- Began as “the Southern Governor’s Agreement.”
- The EMAC Compact was authorized by Congress in 1981.
- Resources are requested through the EMITS system just as you do all resources.
- The decision to seek resources through EMAC is made at state level.
- A “contract” is developed through a 3-part request form – signatures by Authorized Representatives of both states make the provision of the support legal and binding.



# EMAC In Action



- Mutual Aid Teams deployed extensively to AL, MS and LA during Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Gustav
  - Law Enforcement Teams
  - Heavy and Medium Search Teams
  - Swift Water Rescue Teams
  - Alabama Task Force 1 – Search & Rescue
  - Smaller units of Fire Fighters also deployed to supplement affected fire departments.
- Alabama performed more than 700 separate missions in support of Hurricanes Rita and Katrina (including National Guard Missions).