



Bureau of Indian Affairs Emergency Management & Tribal Assistance Coordination Group (TAC-G) Overview



Communications

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yR0IWI>
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Emergency Management

- The Chief of the Division of Emergency Management is responsible for policy development and program management of Bureau activities concerning disaster preparedness, planning, response and recovery, and continuity of operations;
- The Division represents the bureau in coordinating interagency emergency management activities related to tribal affairs to include coordinating with and among tribes, Federal agencies, states, and other jurisdictions to enhance preparedness and resilience of tribal communities for disasters and to support response activities during incidents.



Emergency Management

- All Hazards Emergency Response Operations (A-HERO) for the National Response Framework (NRF), including emergency response and recovery.
 - <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/105808>
- Manages and operates the National Emergency Management Tribal Assistance Coordination Group (TAC-G) to support tribes during and after emergencies.
- Coordinates with BIA Regional Offices on their response and recovery efforts to emergencies and/or disasters that affect tribes within their Region.



BIA EM Assignments

- Comprehensive All Hazards Emergency Response Operations (A-HERO)
- Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP)
- National Response Framework (NRF) Tribal Coordination Support Annex & Emergency Support Function (ESF #15)
- Pandemic Flu Preparedness
- National Preparedness System (NPS) Integrated Planning System (IPS) & Comprehensive Preparedness Guide (CPG) Implementation
- Government Emergency Telecommunications Service (GETS) & Wireless Priority System (WPS)
- Emergency management for AS-IA and BIE



TAC-G

- Tribal Assistance Coordination Group (TAC-G)
 - Led by BIA EM
 - Multi Agency Coordination of federal capabilities
 - Presidentially declared disasters
 - Non declared disasters
 - TAC-G consists of federal, state, local, Tribal, and non-governmental organizations.
 - Communication & Coordination
 - Incident specific coordination conference calls
 - Capability based requests for assistance
 - Monthly conference calls



TAC-G

- The TAC-G defines how Indian Affairs (IA), the Indian Health Service (IHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and other federal partners intend to operate during a disaster or emergency on tribal lands.
- Provides operational context to work within an interagency framework that supports the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and respects the application of the NRF.
- It also reinforces support of Emergency Support Function (ESF) #15 (External Affairs) and the NRF Tribal Annex.



TAC-G

- The TAC-G ensures coordination with tribal governments on all aspects of incident management operations and provides a mechanism to work closely with DHS and FEMA to ensure tribal relations actions are carried out in accordance with established Federal Government policies and procedures.



What we do.....

- Coordinate
- Collaborate
- Manage incidents
- Value added
- Respond based on tribal request and/or need...
- Work within the NRF



What we don't do.....

- Take over law enforcement incidents
- Assume command of wildland fire incidents
- Take over Tribal incidents
- Self-Deploy



2013/14 BIA EM Events

- Passamaquoddy Ice Storm
- Karuk Wildfires
- Hoopa Wildfires
- Tuolumne Wildfires
- Havasupai Flooding event
- Navajo Nation Winter Freeze & Flooding
- San Carlos Apache Power Outages
- Skull Valley Post Wildfire Flooding
- Agua Caliente Wildfire After Action Review
- Alaska Spring Flooding
- Hopi Flooding



Emergency Management Team

- BIA EM is a national team, pre deployed to the field
- The Division maintains offices in Nashville, Muskogee, Portland, and Phoenix.
 - Washington DC – Sid Caesar – Division Chief
 - Nashville – Patrick Vacha – Deputy Chief
 - Muskogee - Jerry Keener
 - Phoenix – Josh Allan
 - Portland – Susan King
 - Washington DC – Andrew Goodrich

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Mobile Communication Vehicles



Rapid Deployable Communication Trailers (RDCT) – Single Axle



- Single Axle Trailer Design
- Two (2) 19" Data Racks
- 10KW Diesel Generator
- 110 Gallon Fuel Tank
- Remote Monitoring
- Two (2) Pneumatic Masts
- Scene Light Package
- Surveillance System
- Interoperable Radio Systems
- 1.2m AVL VSAT Antenna
- Cellular System Backhaul
- Custom Graphics Package
- AC & DC Electrical System
- LED Lighting Package
- HVAC System
- Remote Camera Viewing
- Air Transportable (ATTLA)





Tactical Surveillance Trailer (TST)



- Single Axle Design
- One (1) 19" Data Rack
- Diesel Generator
- Manual Mast
- Day/Night Surveillance Camera
- Thermal Camera System
- Cellular System Backhaul
- Custom Graphics Package
- AC & DC Electrical System
- HVAC System
- Remote Camera Viewing





Tactical Communication Vehicles (TAC-C3)



- Chevy 3500 4x4 Chassis
- Full IP Control
- Two (2) 19" Data Racks
- 8W Diesel Generator
- Remote Monitoring
- One (1) Pneumatic Mast
- Scene Light Package
- Emergency Lighting Package
- Surveillance System

- Interoperable Radio Systems
- 1.2m AVL VSAT Antenna
- Cellular System Backhaul
- Custom Graphics Package
- AC & DC Electrical System
- LED Lighting Package
- HVAC System
- Remote Camera Viewing
- Heavy Duty Bumper w/ Winch





Mobile Emergency Operations Center (MEOC)

- Freightliner Chassis
- Four (4) Slide Outs
- One (1) 40U 19" Data Rack
- 20W Diesel Generator
- Two (2) Pneumatic Masts
- Scene Light Package
- Emergency Lighting Package
- Surveillance System
- Interoperable Radio Systems
- 1.2m AVL VSAT Antenna
- Cellular System Backhaul
- Custom Graphics Package
- AC & DC Electrical System
- LED Lighting Package
- HVAC System
- Remote Camera Viewing
- Heavy Duty Bumper
- Roof Platform





Whole Community/Whole Disaster

- Who are your partners?
- Where are resources available?
- Who comprises your EM team?
- Have you identified your capability gaps?
- Are you engaging your community?



Tribal Emergency Management



FEMA





Emergency Management Partners

■ Disciplines

- First Responders
 - Police, Fire, EMS, Search & Rescue.
- Others
 - Public Works, Health Services, Financial Managers, Public Information Officers, Communications Specialist, Graphic Information Specialist (GIS); Engineers



Tribes are Diverse





Tribal Government Organization

- Some Do, Some Don't
 - Tribal Emergency Manager
 - Tribal Public Safety Officer
 - Tribal Police Chief
 - Tribal Fire Chief
 - Tribal Health Officer
 - Tribal Public Works Director
 - Tribal Public Information Officer



- Visit: <http://www.fema.gov/fema-tribal-affairs>
- Training:
<http://www.training.fema.gov/tribal/>
 - FEMA Emergency Management Institute course, IS 650.a, “Building Partnerships with Tribal Governments”
 - Emergency Management Institute (EMI), formal classroom training specific to tribal government



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