

Interstate Mutual Aid Compact (IMAC) and Aid Agreements

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Assistance through Political Subdivisions Vs. Assistance through the State



Issues to Consider

- Who can utilize it
- Who can assist
- Costs
- Liability
- Certificates
- Law Enforcement
- Benefits



Mutual Emergency Management Assistance or Aid Agreements ORC 5502.29

Who: Political subdivisions

Assistance From: Public and private agencies in the State, political subdivisions in adjacent states

For: “preparing for, responding to, and recovering from an incident, disaster, exercise, training activity, planned event, or emergency, any of which requires additional resources”



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Command: Assisting personnel are under their local command and control structure, but operational control of appropriate officials of political subdivision receiving assistance

License/Certificate/Permit: Recognized by receiving political subdivision so long as person is acting within the scope of their license/certificate/permit

Liability: Remain employees/agents of their respective political subdivision

Pension/Disability/Death Benefits/Workers' Compensation:
Remain with the home jurisdiction and are entitled to benefits under Chapter 4123



Intrastate Mutual Aid Compact (IMAC) ORC 5502.41

Who: “Participating” Political Subdivisions that have declared a state of emergency

Assistance From: “Participating” Political Subdivisions or private entities through contract

For: “preparing for, responding to, and recovering from an incident, disaster, exercise, training activity, planned event, or emergency, any of which requires additional resources”
- requests flow through County EMA or designated official

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Command: Assisting personnel are under their local command and control structure, but operational control of appropriate officials of political subdivision receiving assistance

License/Certificate/Permit: Deemed to be licensed or permitted by requesting political subdivision unless limited

- Law Enforcement: Same authority to enforce laws as when acting in their home territory

Liability: Considered agents of responding political subdivision, specifically states government function under 2744.01

Workers' Compensation: Entitled to benefits under Chapter 4121 and 4123

Reimbursement of Costs: Generally reimbursed but provides first 8 hours of mutual aid do not have to be reimbursed



Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) ORC 5502.40

Who: State of Ohio

Assistance From: States and Territories

For: “...managing any emergency or disaster that is ***duly declared by the governor*** of the affected state(s), whether arising from natural disaster, technological hazard, man-made disaster, civil emergency aspects of resources shortages, community disorders, insurgency, or enemy attack.”

- training outside of declared disasters



EMAC

Command: Assisting personnel are under their local command and control structure, but operational control of appropriate officials of state receiving assistance

License/Certificate/Permit: Deemed to be licensed or permitted by requesting state unless limited.

- Law Enforcement: same powers (except that of arrest unless specifically authorized by the receiving state), duties, rights, and privileges as are afforded forces in requesting state

Liability: Considered agents of requesting State, no liability if acting in good faith

Compensation for Injury/Death: Responsibility of State rendering assistance

Reimbursement of Costs: Reimbursed for loss/damage and expenses



The EMAC Process

	Pre-Event Preparation	Activation	Request & Offer	Mobilization, Response & Demobilization	Reimbursement
Requesting State		<p>2. Governor declares state of emergency</p> <p>↓</p> <p>3. Event opened in EMAC Operations System</p>	<p>4. Assistance Requested - Offers Reviewed, Accepted, or Declined</p> <p>↑ ↓</p>	<p>6. Mobilization: Resources leave home state or services engaged</p> <p>↓</p>	<p>10. Reimbursement to Assisting State</p> <p>↑</p> <p>States review reimbursement package</p>
Assisting State	<p>1. All jurisdictions: Develop internal procedures for implementing EMAC - incorporate lessons learned, resource typing, pre-determine cost estimates (mission package), conduct training & exercises with state emergency management</p>		<p>5. Make Offer and Stand Down or Complete Mission Documentation</p>	<p>7. Response: Perform mission or services</p> <p>8. Demobilization: Mission completed, resources sent home, consumed, or services end</p>	<p>9. Audit & Submit reimbursement package</p> <p>↑</p>



Questions?