



What is EMAC



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- Interstate Compact that Facilitates State to State Mutual Aid
- Ratified by US Congress in 1996
- Signed Into Law in Each Member State
- Administered By NEMA, the National Emergency Management Association



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EMAC Mission

Facilitate the efficient and effective sharing of resources between member states during times of disaster or emergency.





EMAC Vision

EMAC, the cornerstone of national mutual aid.

“The use of EMAC will become institutionalized and automatic within the emergency management community and the various emergency support functions.”





EMAC History

- **1992** - Concept of Emergency Management Compact Conceived by Southern US Governors
- **1993** - Adopted as Southern Regional Emergency Management Assistance Compact
- **1996** – Endorsed by National Governor’s Association & FEMA for Nationwide Use
- **1996** - Ratified by US Congress and Signed into Law



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EMAC is being used

- Multiple Hurricane responses 2004
- Hurricane responses 2003 (Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico)
- September 11th Attack (New York & Washington)
- Space Shuttle disaster 2000
- California Earthquake 1998



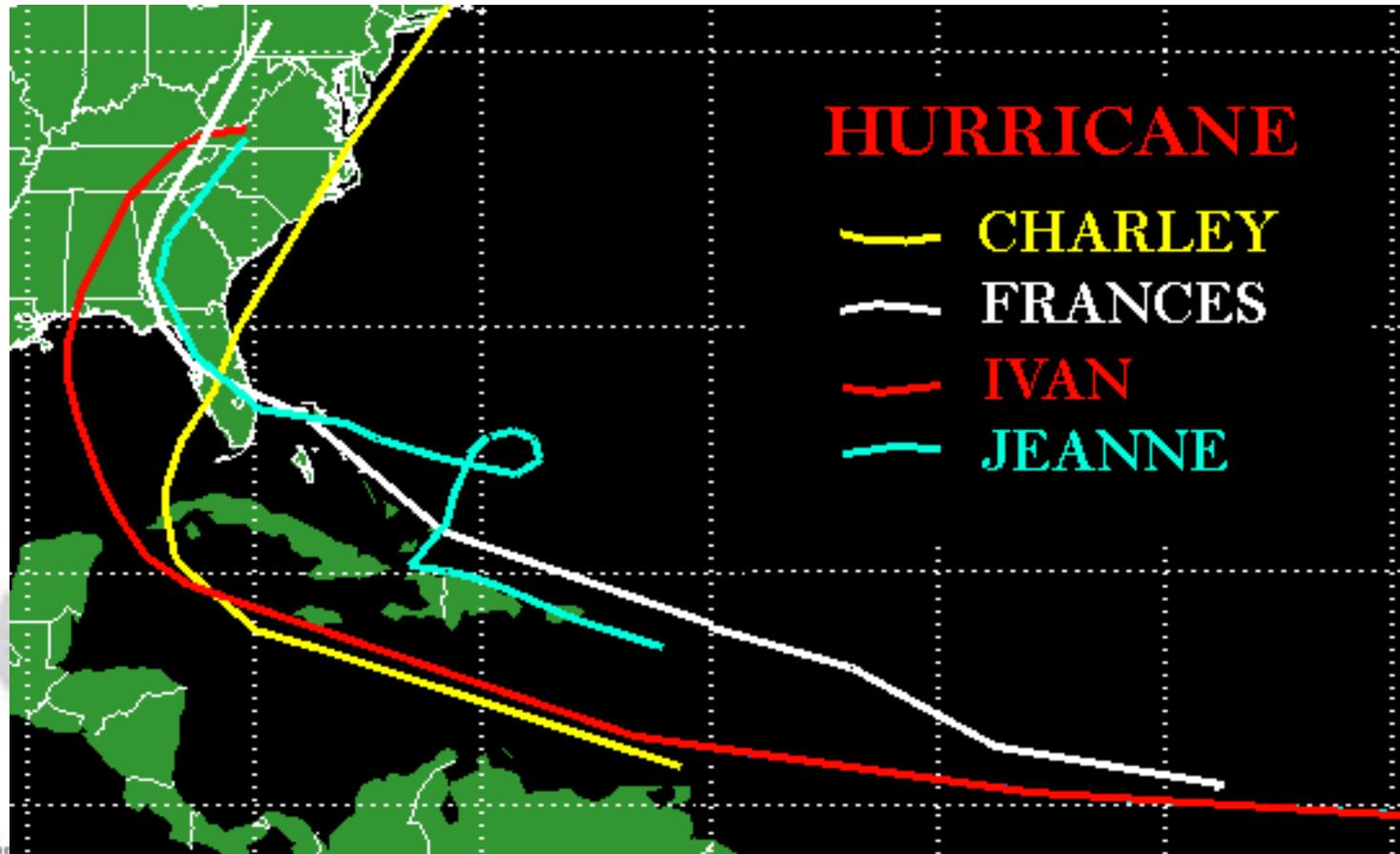
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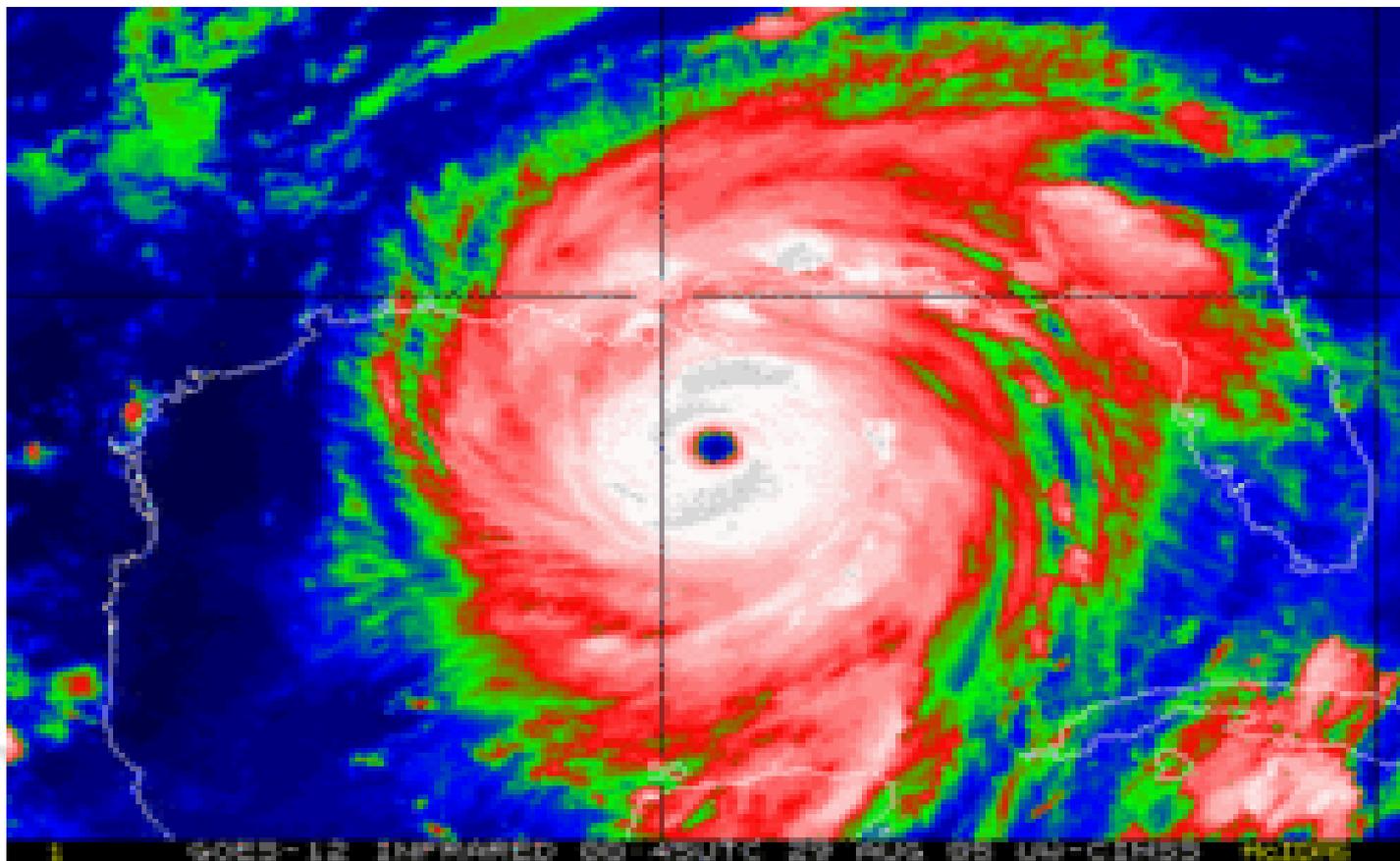
EMAC Makes History

The largest response in EMAC history; More than 800 individuals from 38 member states deployed over a 3 month period.





EMAC Makes History Again



Katrina 2005



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Why is EMAC Successful?



EMAC Governance and Operations

- Full time administration staff (National office)
- Follow Formal Business Protocols
- Chair Elected Annually
- Executive Task Force – 2 year terms
- Semi-Annual Meetings
- Transition of Leadership
- Customized technology development

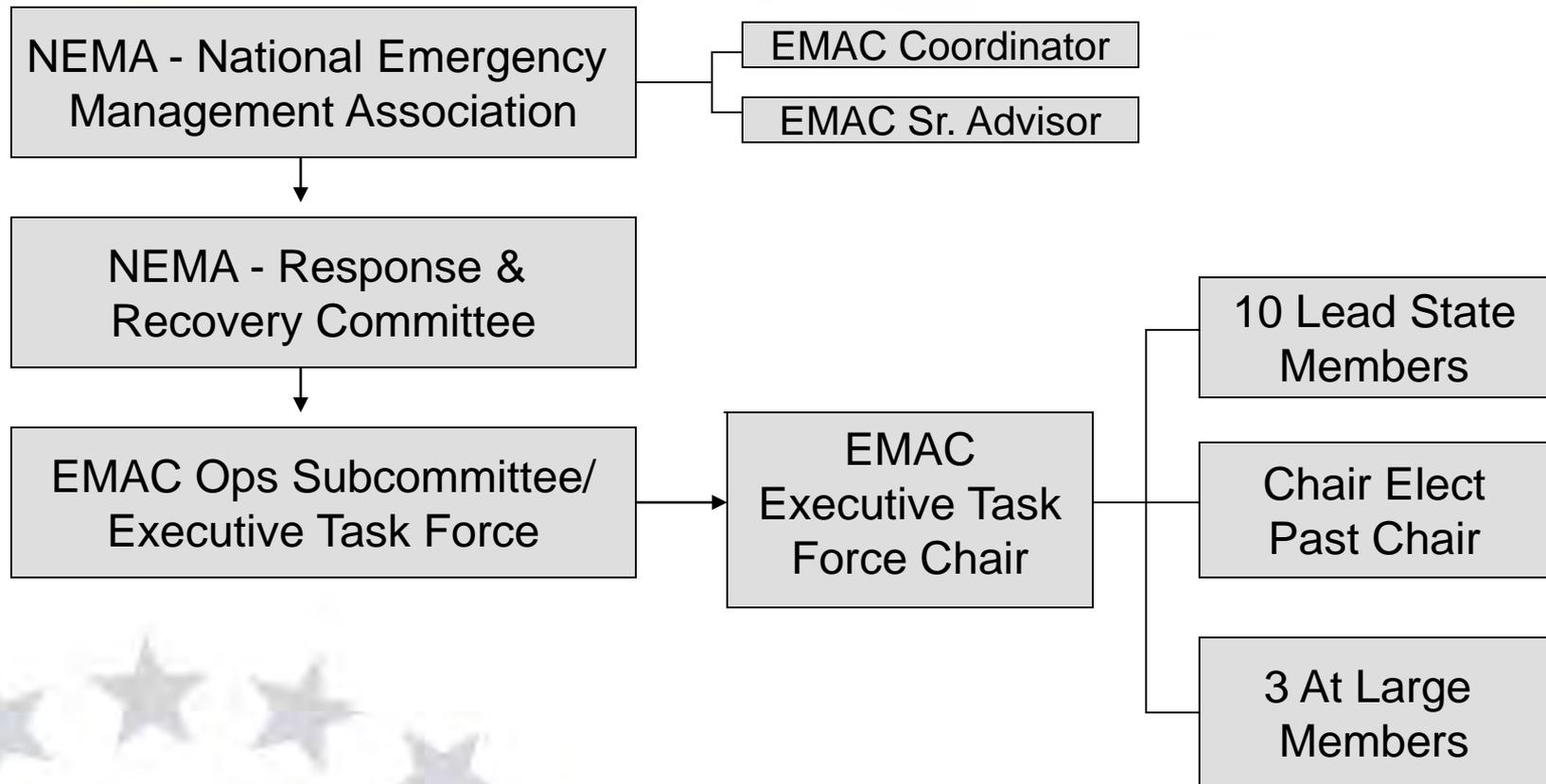


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EMAC Governing Structure



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EMAC Key Provisions

- “...the state rendering aid may withhold resources to the extent necessary to provide reasonable protection for such state.”
- “...licenses, certificates, or other permits...shall be deemed licensed, certified, or permitted by the state requesting assistance.”



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EMAC Key Provisions

- “Employees . . . rendering aid . . . shall be considered agents of the requesting state for tort liability and immunity purposes”
- “. . . any party state rendering aid . . . shall be reimbursed by the party state receiving aid for any loss or damage to or expense incurred . . .” (*requesting state*)





Member State Responsibilities

- Educate Emergency Staff & State Agencies on the EMAC Process
- Train A-Team Members on EMAC Operations
- Develop and Maintain Procedures for A-Team Activation
- Develop and Maintain Procedures for Requesting/Providing Assistance
- Evaluate Procedures Through Exercises



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Operational Response



Hurricane Season 2004

National Coordinating Team Members at FEMA Response Coordination Center, Washington, D.C., Sept. 2004

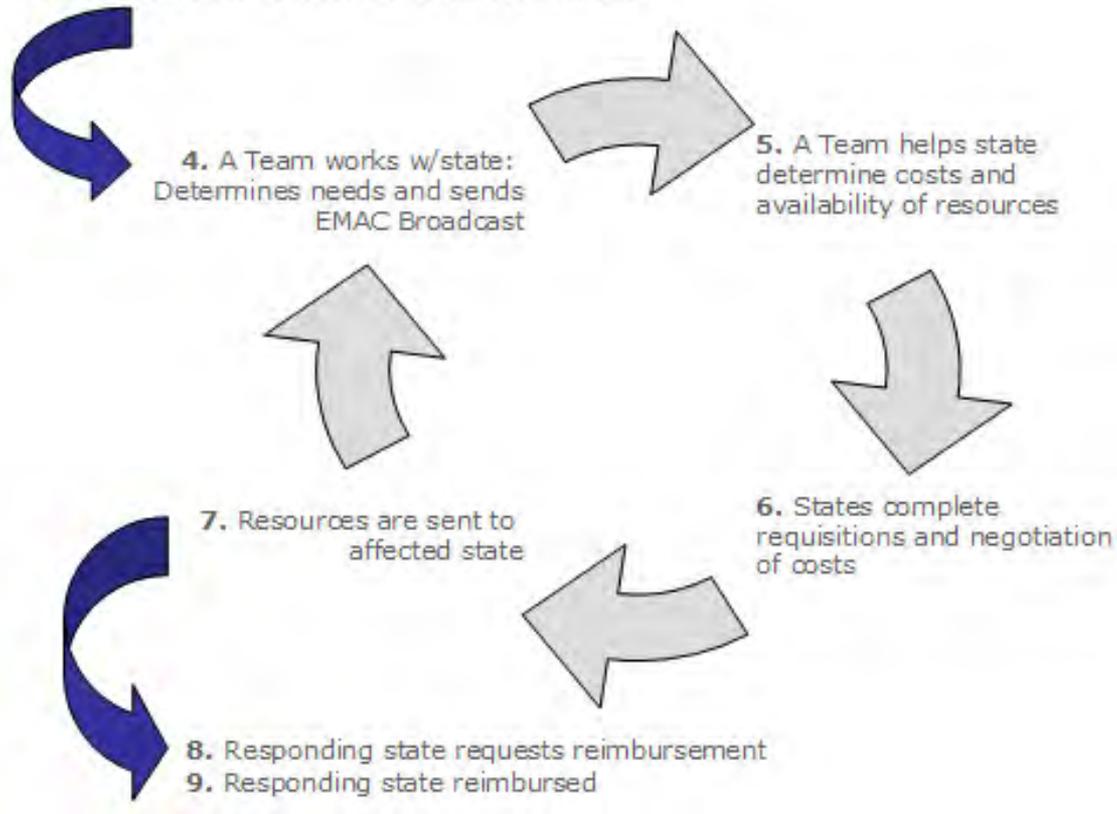


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EMAC Activation

1. Governor issues state of emergency
2. Authorized Representative from the affected state alerts EMAC National Coordinating Group (NCG)
3. Affected state requests A-Team deployment



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US Hurricanes 2004

North Carolina Air National Guard C-130 Aircraft support Florida Keys Special Needs Patients evacuation during 2004 Hurricane Response.



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EMAC OPERATIONAL SPAN OF CONTROL



EMAC Requests

- Formal Procedures & Forms In Place
- Resource Types Specified on Request Form (REQ-A)
- Assistance Negotiated Between States
- Signed Request Form = Written Contract
- Reimbursement Guaranteed
- Compact Provisions Apply

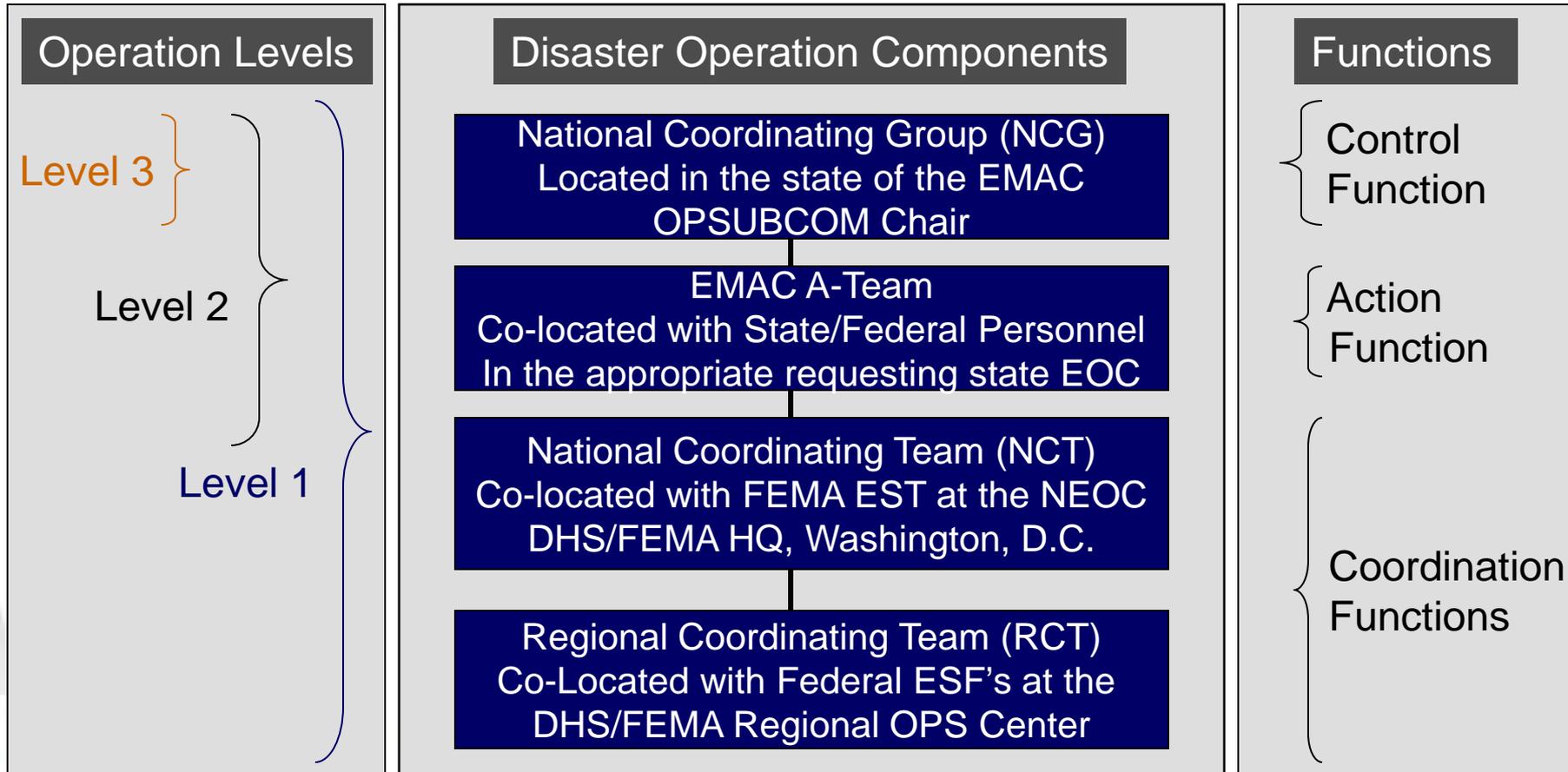


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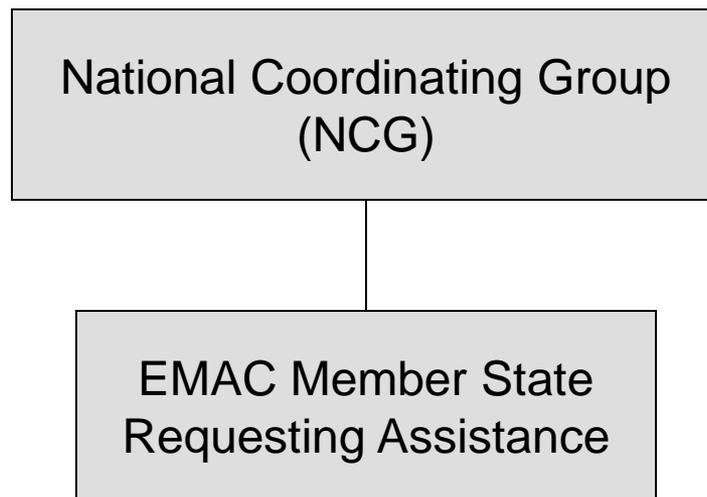


EMAC Span of Control





EMAC Level 3 Operation

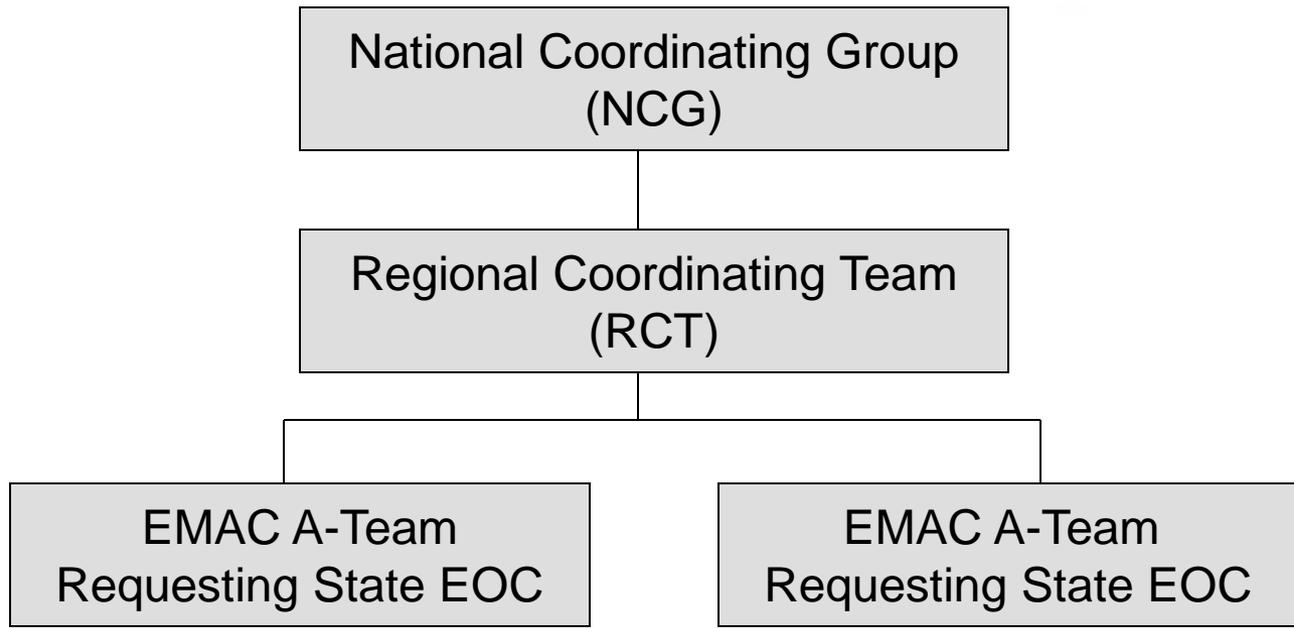


Example: Single State / Single Region Event





EMAC Level 2 Operation

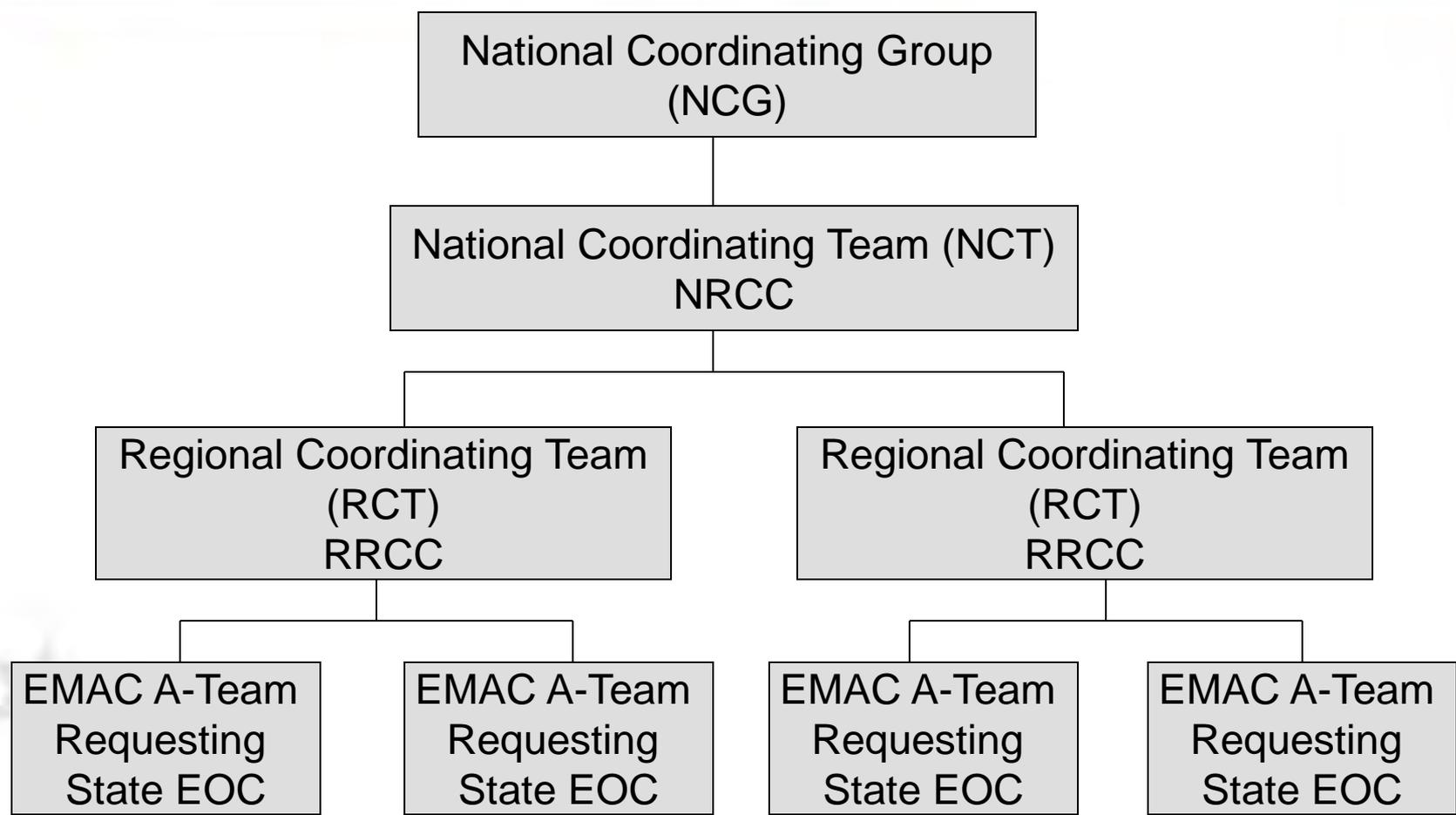


Example: Single State / Multi-State / Single Region Event





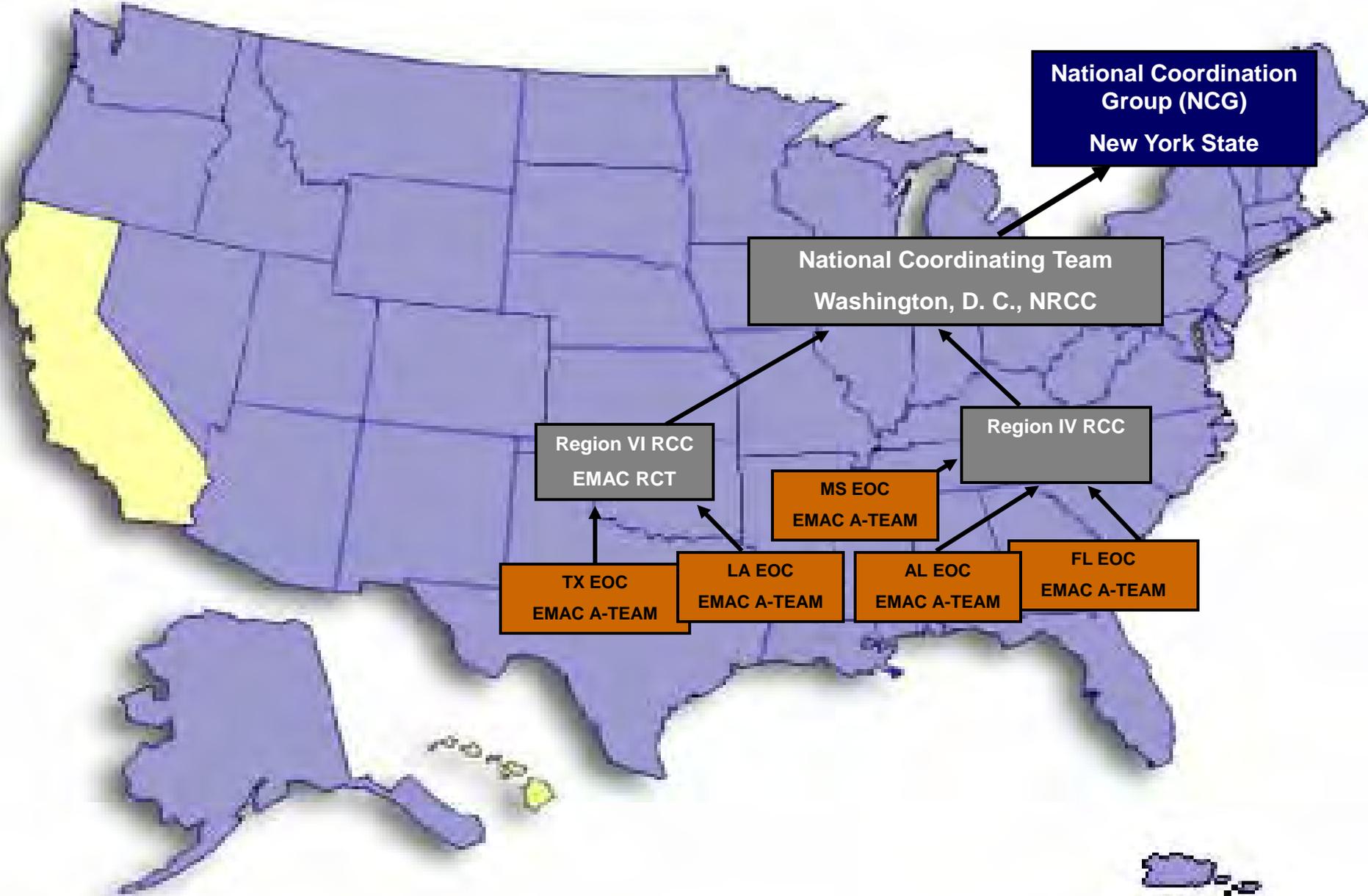
EMAC Level 1 Operation



Example: Multi-State / Multi-Region Event



Example of Level 1 Operation





EMAC Operational Units

- National Coordination Group
- A-Team
- Regional Coordinating Teams
- National Coordinating Team



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National Coordination Group

- Collateral Responsibility of the Chair of the Operations Sub-Committee
- Point of Contact During Normal Non-Event Periods
- Activates EMAC Operational Process on Short Notice
- Provides Oversight of EMAC Operations



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A-Team

- Deploys at Request of Impacted State
- Operates from Impacted State's EOC or Command and Control Center
- Serves as Liaison Between Responding States, Other EMAC Assisting States and the Impacted State
- Coordinates Assistance Requests Between Impacted State and Other Member States



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Regional Coordinating Team

- Deploys at the Discretion of EMAC Chair and FEMA request
- Operates from FEMA Regional Coordination Center
- Interfaces with National Coordinating Team and A-Teams in impacted States in the region
- Compiles Information & Prepares Sit Reps on EMAC Activities in Region
- Reimbursement by FEMA



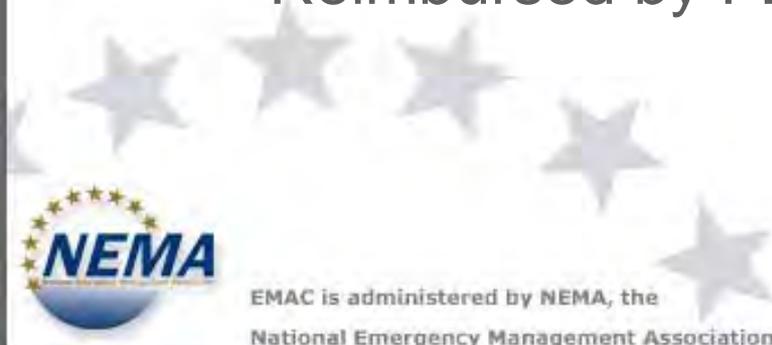
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National Coordinating Team

- Deploys at the Discretion of EMAC Chair and mutual consent of NCG/FEMA
- Integrated with Emergency Support Functions in FEMA National Response Coordination Center
- Interfaces With Regional Coordinating Teams and National Coordination Group
- Prepares National Sit Rep of All EMAC Activities
- Typically Includes a National Guard Liaison
- Reimbursed by FEMA



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How Can you be Involved in EMAC?



Want to be part of EMAC?

- Must be a government employee
- Contact HSEM EMAC Coordinator
- Have approval from local authority
- Be able to deploy in short notice for up to fourteen days in the field
- Be able to work in Minnesota EMAC Operations center for multiple days and long hours



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HEALTH COMMUNITY ISSUES

- Licensing & Liability
 - Compact Addresses Issues
- Resource Typing/Standards
 - Standard Description of Assets/Qualifications
- Common Operating Procedures
 - National Health Response SOP



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Why IS EMAC Effective?

- Administrative Oversight and support staff
 - Formal Business Protocols
- Solves problems upfront
 - Reimbursement
 - Licensure
 - Liability
- Continuity of Operations
 - Standard Operating Procedures
- Continual Improvement
 - Critiques/Training/Exercises





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