



The [National Emergency Management Association](#) (NEMA), represents the emergency management directors in the 50 states, U.S. territories and District of Columbia who are responsible to their governors and others for all hazards emergency preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery. Over half of emergency management directors also serve as the state homeland security advisor.

NEMA administers the [Emergency Management Assistance Compact](#) (EMAC), the nation's interstate mutual aid system that legally allows states to share resources during gubernatorial declared emergencies and disasters. The compact provides vital protections to assisting states and personnel including tort liability, workers compensation, licensure and reimbursement.

EMAC was ratified by Congress in 1996. All 50 states are signatories to the compact as well as the District of Columbia, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

EMAC Members responded to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. Support continues today in the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

Since August 20th, over 16,200 personnel have been deployed through EMAC in support of governor declared emergencies. This extends beyond hurricanes to wildfires in the West and the active shooter incident in Las Vegas.

Hurricane Maria: VI

- 83 personnel deployed
- 4 Assisting States

Hurricane Maria: PR

- 3,986 personnel deployed
- 35 Assisting States

Hurricane Irma: Florida

- 3,910 personnel deployed
- 40 Assisting States

Hurricane Irma: VI

- 1,612 personnel deployed
- 19 Assisting States

Hurricane Irma: Georgia

- 4 personnel deployed
- 3 Assisting States

Hurricane Harvey: Texas

- 5,268 personnel deployed
- 36 Assisting States