

Emergency Management Assistance Compact

Frequently asked questions:

Q #1: What is EMAC?

A: The Emergency Management Assistance Compact is an interstate agreement which enables entities to provide mutual assistance during times of need. Since being ratified by Congress and signed into law, in 1996, (Public Law 104-321), 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands have enacted legislation to become members of EMAC

Q #2: What does this do for me?

A: It is a mutual aid agreement between member states that provides for reimbursement, liability protection, license reciprocity, and workers compensation coverage.

Q #3: Who can deploy to an EMAC request?

A: Any political subdivision or private fire/EMS may enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Ohio to deploy to an EMAC request.

Q #4: Who makes an EMAC request?

A: The state needing resources will broadcast the request to all member states.

Q #5: How do we receive the request?

A: The request is broadcast through the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Emergency Response System along with all 88 county EMA directors. The county response coordinators and county EMA directors will work together to reply to the request.

Q #6: What is expected of the entities sending resources?

A: The entity public or private is responsible for all cost incurred during deployment - portal to portal.

Q #7: Is reimbursement available for the deploying entities?

A: EMAC is a total reimbursement system. They will reimburse actual wage cost regardless of your classification i.e. full time, part time, and volunteer. If your entity paid you \$1,000 worth of wages they will be reimbursed that amount. Keep in mind the wages must reflect your normal pay schedule.

1. Standard FEMA vehicle reimbursement rates should apply.
2. Wage reimbursement should reflect your normal pay schedule.

Q #8: Does EMAC cover backfill?

A: No

(Backfill is the compensation used to fill a position vacated by a member that has deployed)

Q #9: What will be our work schedule?

A: You should base your cost estimates on a 14-day deployment excluding travel time and 12-hour work days unless otherwise stated or defined in an IAP. If you don't have a specific policy on pay for travel, base your estimates on saddle time.
(Saddle time is time spent on the road to and from deployment)

Q #10: What can we expect during a deployment?

A: Living conditions can change from request time to deployment - anything from sleeping in the open to a tent city. You should expect third world living conditions unless advised otherwise. If at all possible this should be confirmed by boots on the ground at the deployment location.