

# Emergency Management Assistance Compact

Frequently asked questions:

## **Q #1: What is EMAC?**

A: The Emergency Management Assistance Compact is a nationwide mutual aid agreement that is enacted in Ohio as ORC Section 5502.40. All 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands are all members. It is a mutual aid agreement between member states that provides for reimbursement, liability protection, and license reciprocity.

## **Q #2: Who can deploy to an EMAC request?**

A: Any political subdivision or private fire/EMS may be called by the Ohio Emergency Management Agency regarding an EMAC mission request from another state. Political subdivisions choosing to respond with resources will enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Ohio to provide assistance. That political subdivision should be prepared to make a detailed cost estimate that can be included in the mission request

## **Q #3: Who makes an EMAC request?**

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

## **Q #4: How do we receive the request?**

A: The request is received by the Ohio Emergency Management Agency and then 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 #5: What is expected of the entities sending resources?**

A: The political subdivision is responsible for the costs upfront, which are then submitted for reimbursement from the State of Ohio. Pre- and post-deployment costs are not eligible for reimbursement.

## **Q #6: Is reimbursement available for the deploying entities?**

A: Yes. All costs agreed upon in the Requisition-A are reimbursed. Estimates should be carefully prepared.

## **Q #7: Does EMAC cover backfill?**

A: No. (Backfill is the compensation used to fill a position vacated by a member that has deployed)

## **Q #8: What will your work schedule be?**

A: You should base your cost estimates on the deployment period identified by Ohio EMA, which includes travel days. Work schedules will be set by the requesting state & will be determined upon arrival.

## **Q #9: What can we expect during a deployment?**

A: Living conditions & other special notes will be provided by Ohio EMA based on the mission request. Although sometimes austere, conditions are usually good. Changes sometimes occur & those should be coordinated with the requesting state & Ohio EMA.