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# **ESF-8 Coordination**

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- Regional Emergency Coordinators (REC)
- Federal Coordination for ESF-8 Public Health & Medical Services
- Federal Coordination
- State – Region 4 Unified Planning Coalition



- Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness & Response (ASPR)
- Regional Emergency Coordinators (REC) -11 offices
  - Coordinate preparedness and response activities with state, local, tribal and private sector health officials within their region
  - Serve as a liaison between state, tribal and local health officials and ASPR headquarters in Washington DC during emergency response activities
  - Assume the role of Incident Response Coordination Team (IRCT) Commander during public health emergencies for Federal asset oversight, management and support processes



- ESF-8 Main Federal partners
  - DHS Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
    - ❖ Disaster Operations Directorate
    - ❖ DHS Office of Health Affairs
  - Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA)
    - ❖ Regional Emergency Managers
    - ❖ Area Emergency Managers
  - Dept. of Defense (DoD)
  - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- HHS Regional Structure – 8 Southeastern States
  - Regional Director
  - Regional Health Administrator



- HHS Operating Divisions commonly interfaced with include:
  - Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)
  - Food & Drug Administration (FDA)
  - Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
  - Administration for Children & Families (ACF)
  - Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)
  
- Coordination points
  - Regional Advisory Committee
  - FEMA Regional Interagency Steering Committee (RISC)
  - Federal ESF-8 Regional group
  - Region 4 ESF-8 Unified Planning Coalition



- Command & Control Element for ESF-8 in response
  - Incident Response Coordination Team (IRCT) Field
  - Emergency Management Group (EMG) - Headquarters
  
- ESF 8 Missions
  - Mission Generation                      SEOC/RRCC      Joint Field Office (JFO)
  - Mission Execution                         Incident Response Coordination Team



# Region IV ESF # 8 Unified Planning Coalition (UPC)

## *Developing the Concept*

- Learning from 2004 & 2005 Hurricane Seasons
- Significant Interstate Issues Identified
- Built on an EMAC Foundation
- Makes NIMS/NRF a Reality
- First Meeting March, 2006
- Meet Quarterly (Select Discipline Focus)
- Each State Hosts



## Regional Diversity

- Different Scopes
- Different Structures
- Different Strategies
- Understand and Respect Differences

...Same Goals



## Benefits for the Region

- More Effective, Integrated and Coordinated Response Systems
- Common Response Protocols
- Extensive Pre-Event Planning
- Synergy of Knowledge & Experience
- **Building Strong Professional Relationships**
- Sharing of Resources & Plans



# Region IV ESF # 8 Unified Planning Coalition

## Mission Statement

*Through collaborative all hazards planning and the development of partnerships, the Region IV Unified Planning Coalition will enhance the member states' abilities to prepare for public health and medical response to incidents or events.*



## Member States & Agencies

### Region IV States

- Alabama
- Florida
- Georgia
- Kentucky
- Mississippi
- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- Tennessee

### Federal Agencies

- Health & Human Services
- Veteran's Affairs
- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
- Department of Defense
- Federal Emergency Management Agency



## Accomplishments

- Developed an **Resource Coordination Task Force** to Assist Impacted States During a Disaster
  - Identify & Facilitate the Utilization of Federal, State, and Private Resources
  - Assist Potentially Impacted States in Forecasting Impact Areas, Infrastructure Impacts and Plan to Mitigate these Impacts
  - Gather Daily Situational Status Reports within Region during events



## Key Projects

- Patient Movement & Surge Systems
  - NDMS Evacuations
- Regional Assessment of Capabilities & Processes
  - Post Impact Assessment Teams
  - Standard Tools
- EMS & Pre-hospital Planning
- FEMA Catastrophic Planning
- Long Term Care Systems
- Volunteers & Credentialing



## Key Projects

# Workgroups Have Been Developed to Address Specific Planning Issues

- State Mortuary Response Systems
- Asset Typing
- Pharmaceutical Strategies
- Pandemic Influenza Planning
- Interoperable Communications Systems
- Trauma & Burn Care Planning



# Success Stories

- Kentucky Ice Storm
  - Hospital Augmentation
  - Ambulance Strike Teams
  - Environmental Health Teams
- Iowa Floods
  - Environmental Health Teams
- Heartland Planning Coalition
  - Regions 7 & 8



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