National Tribal Emergency Management Council:
Building Systems Through Partnerships
Poll Question: Emergency Management Programs

Of all the Federally Recognized Tribes and Alaska Native Villages, how many have emergency management programs?

A. All
B. Almost all
C. About half
D. Less than a quarter
The primary mission of the NTEMC is to build internal infrastructure and capacity. The NTEMC accomplishes this mission by building partnerships, developing comprehensive emergency planning documents, and working together to share resources, knowledge, and skillsets. We assist in coordinating training and exercises and provide a network of expertise that is culturally relevant and sensitive.
In 2003, 8 Tribes in Northwest Washington formed the Region I Tribal Homeland Security Sub-Committee, to address emergency management and Homeland Security issues.
NW Tribal Emergency Management Council (NWTEMC) – A Brief History

In 2008, the NWTEMC Tribes formally incorporated and became a 501c3 organization to help all Tribes throughout FEMA Region X (Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Alaska).

In 2010, FEMA headquarters personnel requested of the NWTEMC Board of Directors to consider working with Tribes in other FEMA Regions. The National Tribal Emergency Management Council was created.
501C3 Non-Profit Organization

- Governing Board
  - Charter
  - By-laws

- Tribal Governments

- Greater Strength in Numbers
  - Politically
  - Shared Resources
  - Shared Personnel and Expertise
NTEMC is more than just Emergency Management

Emergency Support Functions (ESFs)

- ESF1 Transportation
- ESF2 Communications
- ESF3 Public Works and Engineering
- ESF4 Firefighting
- ESF5 Emergency Management
- ESF6 Mass Care, Housing, and Human Services
- ESF7 Resources Support
- ESF8 Public Health and Medical Services
- ESF9 Urban Search and Rescue
- ESF10 Oil and Hazardous Materials Response
- ESF11 Agriculture and Natural Resources
- ESF12 Energy
- ESF13 Public Safety and Security
- ESF14 Long-term Community Recovery and Mitigation
- ESF15 External Affairs
The NTEMC has created sub-committees for every emergency support function (ESF) in the National Response Framework. Each sub-committee is staffed with subject matter experts that have created specific projects to focus their attention to. One of our best examples of this to date has been under ESF 2, Communications, in which the NTEMC has delivered and graduated hundreds of ham radio operators, networking them under the National Tribal Amateur Radio Association, (NTARA) a sub-committee of the NTEMC.
The National Tribal Amateur Radio Association (NTARA) is a National Organization comprised of licensed amateur (ham) radio operators from many of the 573 Tribal Nations across the United States, and other licensed operators who are interested in learning about Indian Country. The purpose of NTARA is to further amateur radio into Indian Country for the purposes of emergency management and to provide an additional form of communications to communities which may have limited communications already. Find us on Facebook.
Educating Future Emergency Management Leaders

NTEMC is also doing great work in the realm of education, formally networking with many Universities and Colleges under the guidance of our education sub-committee.

- University of Washington
- Grand Canyon University
- University of Pittsburgh
- Louisiana State University
- University of Hawaii
- Evergreen and Pierce College HSEM
What Exactly Do We Do?

WE SHARE INFORMATION, RESOURCES, SKILLSETS and BEST PRACTICES

- Assist in development of Emergency Management Plans (e.g. CEMP, HMP, COOP, SARA TITLE III) and grants writing
- Assist one another in raising awareness of Homeland Security issues and mandates
- Educate our communities
  - Preparedness Programs
- Train our responders
  - Response and Recovery
- Build teams
  - Medical Reserve Corps and Community Emergency Response Teams
What Do We Do? (continued)

- Provide a communications network for Tribes, Regional, State, and Federal Homeland Security and Emergency Management programs
- Provide a link for access to resources to enhance and supplement Tribal EM and Homeland Security programs
- Provide templates for plans
  - e.g. CEMP, COOP, PAN FLU
- Maintain essential databases
  - Volunteers, resources, shelters, critical infrastructure, etc.
- Maintain multiple Web sites and Social Media platforms as a conduit for sharing information
  - www.nwtemc.org; www.ntemc.org; facebook, twitter
- Meet monthly to address updates and action items
- Host an Annual National Tribal Emergency Management Conference
Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness

- Provide resources for Tribal clinics to develop Public Health Emergency Management plans (Pan Flu Plans, COOP, etc.)
- Coordinate initial efforts for emergency planning with State, Regional and local Public Health partners
- Educate local partners on issues such as:
  - Quarantine
  - Isolation
  - Jurisdiction & Sovereignty
- Promote Tribal Public Health Law
- Tribal legal Preparedness Best Practices Toolkit
- Provide training and educational opportunities and resources
- Develop Medical Reserve Corps Units
COVID-19
Work with agencies to develop Tribal Critical Infrastructure profiles

Much of critical infrastructure is located on or near Tribal Nations

Share information and intelligence essential for ensuring safer communities, Tribal lands, and the security of our homeland

Work with member Tribes to develop critical infrastructure plans, conduct assessments, propose mitigation projects and write grants
Resources and Publications

The Native Family Disaster Preparedness Handbook

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- Floods
- Wildfires
- Tornadoes
- Hurricanes
- Winter Weather
- Suicide Prevention
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The National Tribal Emergency Management Council (NTEMC) is proud to partner with Heritage Publishing & Communications, Inc. to introduce "The Red Guide to Recovery - A Step-by-Step Guide to Disaster Recovery." This NTEMC publication is the first of its kind written to assist Native American and Alaska Native communities in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from disasters. The Red Guide to Recovery provides a comprehensive overview of the steps required to effectively manage and respond to disasters, and allows communities to develop and implement recovery plans that are specific to their needs and cultures.

Our primary goal is to become more resilient by developing better response plans and overall capacity. Our primary goal is to ensure that the Red Guide to Recovery is a vital tool that provides our Native communities with the information they need to prepare for and respond to disasters as well as recover from disasters in advance. We urge you to read this manual, and we invite you to visit the NTEMC website and contact us if you would like to review this guide. The Red Guide to Recovery is a guide to recovery that is based on the principles of all-hazards planning and is aligned with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the United Nations' Global Compact on Climate Change and Disaster Resilience.
NTEMC was proud to announce that this year would have been our **2020-7th Annual National Tribal Emergency Management Conference**

to be held September 28-October 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 2020. Pre-Conference Training would have been available on the dates of September 28 and 29, followed by two and a half days of great presentations. Our staff is working diligently to bring you the best speakers and educators in the field, but in a virtual format this year. We are looking forward to seeing everyone September. Our greatest appreciation to Dennis Crotti, Linda Clark and the Soboba Nation for their warm welcome and offer to host this year's big event.

[www. ntemc.org](http://www. ntemc.org)
Three Best Reasons to Join Our Team at NTEMC

1. Membership Is Free

We believe that Public Safety and Public Health are Trust Responsibilities of the Federal Government, and therefore, do not charge dues or membership fees to be a part of our organization. Although this makes sustainability difficult at times, we do not believe that our Tribal Nations should have to pay for what the Federal, State and Local Partners are receiving in the way of grants and technical assistance. Therefore, we continue to work hard on bringing grant dollars into the individual Tribal Nations, training opportunities to our Tribal Lands, and Technical Assistance to Indian Country that continues to help build our emergency management and homeland security programs, free of charge.
Three Best Reasons to Join Our Team at NTEMC

2. We are not a Response Organization

We believe very strongly in our mission:
To provide guidance and tools for member tribes to develop sustainable and all-hazard approaches to Emergency Management and Homeland Security, through an approach that emphasizes both inter and intra jurisdictional cooperation to maximize resources in mutual aid, training, exercises, planning, and equipping.

There are many groups out there that want to come into the Tribe and be the Incident Commanders, the Incident Management Team, and the First Responders. We want to continue to help our Tribal Nations remain in the driver’s seat of their own incidents, and the best way that we can assure this is to continue our work in the areas of sharing information, training, elevating skill sets, promoting education, providing resources and sharing best practices.
Three Best Reasons to Join Our Team at NTEMC

3. We are driven to provide efficient public service through partnerships

All inclusive:
All Native American Tribes and Alaska Native Villages. Federally Recognized, non-Federally Recognized, State Recognized Tribes, Urban Indian Populations. Tribes teaching Tribes. Tribes sharing with Tribes. Tribes learning from Tribes. Tribes helping Tribes. We have created a team of Tribal Subject Matter Experts that collectively have more than a century of knowledge, teachings and wisdom, based in culture and respect. We promote teamwork and partnerships.

Three Best Reasons to Join our Team (cont.) Sourcewell and our Corporate Partners

- Sourcewell and Corporate America:
  - The NTEMC has partnered with Sourcewell, a national municipal contracting agency, and hundreds of American Corporations, committed to serving our Members purchasing needs. Contracts are competitively solicited on a national level and delivered through a local dealer, in advance of emergencies and natural disasters.
Strengthening Tribal Sovereignty Through Partnerships
The true meaning of sovereignty is not to tell us what to do, but to provide us with the information needed to make informed decisions for ourselves and our people. Many of us come from small Tribal Nations. Many of us do not have emergency management or homeland security. We don’t have the same funding, the experts, the training or the resources that the Federal, State, and Counties have. But what we do have is thousands of years of experience surviving disasters. We have the ability to do great things. We can plan, prepare, learn, and share. We can all work together. We may need to seek out those who can help us; our fellow Tribes, our Federal, State and local partners, many of you who are listening and viewing this presentation today. It will be through working together, building relationships and sharing knowledge with each other, that will make us stronger. And, in the end, our investment today will help us to save more lives tomorrow.

Final Thoughts from an NTEMC Tribal Elder
Questions?

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