Department of Homeland Security Center for Faith-Based & Neighborhood Partnerships

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
About the DHS Center for Faith-based & Neighborhood Partnerships

**DHS Center for Faith-Based & Neighborhood Partnerships:**

- One of 12 Centers in the federal government serving as a bridge between government and the faith-based/non-profit community.

**DHS Center for Faith-Based & Neighborhood Partnerships:**

*Build bridges and promote long lasting relationships between faith and community based organizations and emergency managers*
The One Thing I’d Like To Share

Protecting Your House of Worship Webpage
– www.fema.gov/faith-resources

This webpage includes a collection of information on:

- At-A-Glance Guide for Protecting House of Worship Venues
- Trauma, Resilience and Stress Management Resources
- Webinars
- Trainings
- Playbooks to test emergency operations plans for six hazards
Current Areas of Emphasis and Expertise

Protecting Houses of Worship: FEMA and the DHS Center support efforts to increase emergency operations planning for houses of worship. This has included partnerships with government and non-government partnerships.

Promoting Partnerships Between Faith-Based & Community Organizations and the Emergency Management Community: FEMA and DHS Center work to build bridges through workshops, webinars, trainings and technical assistance interested organizations and jurisdictions.

Guide for Developing High-Quality Emergency Operations Plans for Houses of Worship

*June 2013*
Current Areas of Emphasis and Expertise

Combating Human Trafficking: The DHS Center works with DHS via the Blue Campaign and other federal partners, faith-based organizations, academic institutions, professional associations and state, local, tribal and territorial governments on efforts to combat human trafficking.

Trauma Informed Approaches to Emergency Management and Combating Human Trafficking: The DHS Center partners with HHS, SAMHSA and others regarding incorporating trauma informed approaches to support first responders, emergency managers, disaster survivors, victim of human trafficking.
Faith-Based and Community Contributions to Core Capabilities

- **Planning** (All frameworks)
- **Public Information & Warning** (All frameworks)
- **Operational Coordination** (All frameworks)
- **Intelligence and Information Sharing** (Prevention framework)
- **Community Resilience** (Mitigation Framework)
- **Risk and Disaster Assessment** (Mitigation Framework)
- **Mass Care Services** (Response Framework)
- **Public and Private Resources and Services** (Response Framework)
- **Environmental Response / Health & Safety** (Response Framework)
- **Preliminary Damage Assessment** (Response Framework)
- **Economic Recovery** (Recovery Framework)
- **Health and Social Services** (Recovery Framework)
Faith-based Community and Disasters

“From tiny storefront congregations to deep-pocketed denominations, the communities of faith arrived first. In the harrowing hours and days after Hurricane Katrina, when survivors roamed the desolate streets in search of water, food and medicine, church groups...provided dazed residents with their first hot meal, their first clean water, their first aspirin.”

- FAITH IN ACTION Faith-based groups early and enduring Before agencies aided Katrina's victims, religious groups did - and still do.- Amy Worden, Philadelphia Inquirer, August 23, 2006

- **77%** of Americans are affiliated with a religious tradition
- **38%** of Americans would expect to rely on the faith-based community for assistance in the first 72 hours after a disaster

- In terms of numbers, there are approximately **345,000** congregations in the U.S., compared to 105,000 schools/universities. In fact, congregations are second only to retail stores and shops in the United States.

- While 71% of Americans identify as Christian, there are **nearly 200 denominations and religious traditions in the US** with representation from almost every major world religion. This brings social, cultural, ethnic, and linguistic diversity to both urban and rural settings.
Assets Faith-Based & Community Organizations Bring to Emergency Management

- Mission to Serve
- Knowledge
- Presence and Staying Power
- Networks
Whom do individuals expect to rely on?

- Household members: 73%
- Fire, police, and emergency personnel: 51%
- People in my neighborhood: 46%
- Nonprofit organizations, such as The American Red Cross or Salvation Army: 43%
- Faith-based community, such as congregation: 38%
- State and federal government agencies, including FEMA: 34%

Source: FEMA (2013.) Preparedness in America: Research Insights to Increase Individual, Organizations, and Community Action
Engaging Beyond Houses of Worship

Other examples of other organizations we engage are:

- Congregations
- Denominations and Judicatories
- Federations, Networks, Conferences, and Associations
- Schools, Colleges, and Theological Institutions
- Social Service Organizations
- Hospitals and Clinics
- Burial Societies and Cemeteries
- Disaster Human Services Organizations
- Clubs and Youth Groups
- Advocacy and Service Oriented Organizations
- Insurance Agencies
Stakeholder Engagement

Informing
Providing balanced and objective information about new programs or services, and about the reasons for choosing them.

Consulting
Inviting feedback on alternatives, analyses, and decisions related to new programs or services.

Involving
Working with community members to ensure that their aspirations and concerns are considered at every stage of planning and decision-making. We also engage their assets as partners to implement solutions.

Collaborating
Enabling community members to participate in every aspect of planning and decision-making for new programs or services. Community members actively produce outcomes.

Empowering
Giving community members sole decision-making authority over new programs or services, and lead work to implement solutions. Professionals only serve in consultative and supportive roles.

Numbers of Stakeholders Engaged
Intensity of Engagement

General Public → Key Partners

Adapted from the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) www.iap2.org
Preparedness Pathway for Houses of Worship

Staff and Volunteer Preparedness

Organizational Preparedness

Congregational Preparedness

Identifying a role in community preparedness, response and/or recovery
Why We Do What We Do?
Informing In Action:
Improving Safety and Security of Houses of Worship

By the Numbers

2400+: Faith leaders, community influencers and government practitioners registered for DHS Center and FEMA ICPD 2017 webinars.

600+: Faith leaders and government practitioners engaged via in-person trainings and workshops on improving safety and security for houses of worship.

32,000+: Contacts provided safety and security for houses of worship information via electronic communications

The DHS Center has coordinated with the following partners to amplify engagement:

- Faith-Based Leaders and Community Influencers
- SLTT Emergency Management and First Responder Partners
- IAEM Faith-Based Caucus Members
- National VOAD Preparedness Community Members
- Department of Homeland Security
Consulting In Action: House of Worship Arson Awareness Materials

The DHS Center consulted with USFA to develop evergreen Arson Awareness Week shareable content to help partners increase awareness about how to prevent arson at houses of worship being available year round.

By the Numbers:

700+: Faith leaders, fire service professionals and community leaders registered for Arson Awareness webinars (combined 4/25 and 5/9 registrations)

800+: Faith leaders provided arson awareness safety tips during the International Pastors and Leaders Conference

32,000+: Contacts provided Arson Awareness Prevention Information via electronic communications

This effort is a partnership that includes:

- Faith-based & Community Organizations
- State, County and Local Emergency Managers and First Responders
- United States Fire Administration
- Department of Justice
- Department of Homeland Security
Involving in Action: FEMA Region I:
New England Faith-Based Preparedness Exercise

FEMA Region I Community Preparedness Officer and National Preparedness Exercise Coordinator is partnering with New England VOADs, COADs and Faith based Associations to offer a unique opportunity to work together in a virtual table top exercise.

These Faith-Based leaders and some of their staff will come to the FEMA off site building in Maynard, MA to participate in an exercise and robust discussion about working together in New England.

Partners for this effort include:
- Faith-Based Leaders and Community Influencers
- New England Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster Members
- FEMA Region I Staff
- SLTT Emergency Management and First Responder Partners
- Chaplaincy Organizations
FEMA Region II partnered with NYC Emergency Management and the Center for Faith and Community Partnerships to engage faith leaders from across the city to:

- Discuss the unique needs of houses of worship,
- Encourage participation in emergency preparedness exercises,
- Provide information increasing their organization's ability to perform essential functions before, during and after a crisis,
- Connect attendees with community support resources

FEMA Region II is continuing to refine and implement this model throughout the region.
Empowerment in Action:
FEMA Region IV – Praise and Preparedness

Georgia Emergency Management Agency built upon traditional roles of the house of worship and developed resources that encourage:

- Facility Safety
- Congregant Safety
- Community Involvement

The customizable templates have been shared and adopted by state and national partners (e.g. National VOAD and IAEM)

Praise and Preparedness Partnerships include:

- State, County and Local Emergency Managers
- Georgia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- State, county and local law enforcement agencies
- Network of other Faith-based & Community Organizations
Dr. Jamie Aten, 2016 ICP Award Winner will be hosting the 5th Disaster Ministry Conference in Wheaton, IL.

The purpose of the Disaster Ministry Conference is to equip church and lay leaders to serve amid disasters (e.g., natural disasters, refugee crises, mass shootings, acts of terrorism) domestically and internationally. The event features global leaders in disaster ministry, emergency management, humanitarian aid, public health, and mental health fields.

FEMA Region V works closely with the Wheaton HDI team.
Conducted a table-top exercise using Prepareathon materials.

City of Dallas trained members in Community Emergency Response Team training

Bishop T.D. Jakes is encourage his network to create and update their emergency plans

We’ve reached more than 7,000 faith leaders directly as a result of this partnership in 2017.

The Potter’s House works with a wide variety of organizations, including:

- Dallas Office of Emergency Management
- Dallas Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Department of Homeland Security
- Network of other Faith-based & Community Organizations
Empowerment in Action: FEMA Region VII - Faith Communities in Disaster

FEMA Region VII’s Three Asks

1. Practice and promote individual and family preparedness
2. Complete an emergency operations plan for your facility
3. Leverage your resources to provide a service during disasters

This approach provides an engagement opportunity that works across the disaster management continuum and work with FEMA’s Community Preparedness Officers, Mass Care Specialist and Voluntary Agency Liaisons among others.

FEMA Region VII Faith Communities in Disaster Program Partners Include:

- State Government Emergency Management Agencies
- Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Department of Homeland Security
- Network of other Faith-based & Community Organizations
The conference provides resources to help faith leaders fine-tune safety and security plans. The host of the conference recognize protecting your Children’s Ministry, youth department, risk assessments/assessment management, minimizing civil liability or preparing the church for services or events – it is all of paramount importance.

From the small community fellowship to the urban-focused mega-church, this conference offer strategies and solutions in a positive learning environment that will allow you to discover innovative ways to address your unique safety needs.
Texas Hurricane Harvey (DR-4332) Update

Fact Sheet

Housing Inspections Completed

439 Thousand

106,710 people helped at a Disaster Recovery Center

733 people in 5 shelters

23,427 Hotel Rooms

21,008 families checked into hotels

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Hurricane Maria Update – Puerto Rico

**Update Hurricane Maria**

- The amount of debris could fill YANKEE STADIUM 7x’s
- 4 Naval Vessels
- More than 700 Air Drops
- 3.6 million gallons of water
- 42,000 Tarps Distributed
- 439 Number of Blue Roofs
- 134 Generators Installed
- More than 16,500 Federal Civilian Personnel & Military Service Members

**FEMA Response in Puerto Rico**

- 6100 Patients Seen at Hospitals
- 61% Telecommunications Restored
- 65%+ Running Water (PRASA)
- 3.6 million gallons of diesel fuel
- Largest usage Temp Power Mission in History
- One of the largest federal medical response missions in the U.S.

**Delivered Per Day**

- 742 Thousand Liters of Water
- 600 Thousand Meals Provided
- 100% Postal Service
- 100% Airports Open
- 100% Seaports Open (or open with restrictions)

**Other Details**

- 97,500 lbs Pet Food
- 1 Baby Born USNS Comfort
- Medical Care 100 Patients Cared for USNS Comfort
- More than 74 Volunteer Organizations
Hurricane Maria Update – US Virgin Islands

More than 1,500 DoD personnel are providing basic patient care.

More than 1,500 HHS medical teams work with DOH to provide public health and medical care support.

12 personnel from the CDC are working with the USVI Department of Health on water-borne disease vector control issues.

Mobile air traffic control tower and instrument landing system (ILS) installed at St. Thomas and St. Croix airports. Airstrip opening capabilities established.

Virgin Islands WP&U estimates that power will be restored on the grid to 90% by the end of December.

524 million in FEMA Public Assistance grants to bring 300 linemen (currently 349 on island) to help with the emergency repair of transmission and distribution lines.

USACE installed more than 882 blue roofs across the USVI.

More than 2,800 students returned to school across the territory. USACE completed 20 school assessments and installed 35 FEMA generators into schools.

75,000 cubic yards of debris removed to date. FEMA obligated $111.2 million in expedited funding to support cleanup and debris removal.

Disaster survivor assistance teams met with more than 12,000 survivors and registered nearly 6,000.

More than 29,000 survivors registered for assistance.

More than $3.1 million in Individuals and Households Program assistance approved.

Small Business Administration approved $4.6 million in loans.

ALL FIGURES AS OF 10/19/2017
Process for Donating Goods

DISTRIBUTION CHAIN

Move & Transport

Staged

Picked Up By Local Municipalities

Delivered to Survivors

Federal family and partners transport and stage life-sustaining commodities (e.g., meals, water, tarps) for delivery to all municipalities. Local leadership then distributes to survivors.

Commodities are taken to one of the three federal Incident Support Bases in Puerto Rico.

Incident Support Bases push forward commodities to the government of Puerto Rico and territory staging areas around Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands.

Leadership from the municipalities pick up commodities from staging areas and issue them to survivors.

Mayors/local officials in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands support commodity distribution.

Millions of meals and millions of liters of water, and tens of thousands of tarps have been transported to the islands.
Data and Resources

Data Sources:
• Salvation Army Human Needs Index
• Center for Disaster Philanthropy
• Columbia University National Preparedness Data
• Disaster Data.gov
• FEMA Data Feeds
• FEMA National Household Survey Data

Data Sources:
• National Household Survey
• Pew Forum Religious Landscape
• Association of Religion Data Archives
• Sources of Data on Social Determinants of Health
• American Community Survey
• Hartford Institute for Religion Research

Emergency Preparedness Guidance:
• Guide for Developing High Quality Emergency Operations Plans for Houses of Worship
• Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning Local Guide
• Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning State Guide

Toolkits and Trainings:
• FEMA Course IS-505: Religious and Cultural Literacy and Competency in Disasters
• Community Preparedness Toolkit
• Community Recovery Management Toolkit
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