Mississippi Local Mutual Aid/Multi-State Coordination Support Annex

Coordinating Agency
Mississippi Emergency Management Agency

Primary Agencies
Mississippi Emergency Management Agency

Support Agencies
Mississippi Military Department/Office of Adjutant General
Mississippi State Department of Health
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
Mississippi Forestry Commission
Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks
Mississippi Department of Public Safety
Mississippi Department of Marine Resources
All State Agencies as Deemed Appropriate

Federal Coordinating Agency
TBD Based on Incident

Federal Cooperating Agencies
TBD Based on Incident

Introduction

When the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) is activated as a result of an emergency or incident, it becomes the coordinating center for Mutual Aid (MA) Requests.

Those emergencies or incidents arising from natural disaster, technological hazard(s), man-made disaster(s), civil emergency aspects of resource shortages, community disorders, insurgency, or enemy attack will follow procedures outlined in the Statewide Mutual Aid Compact (SMAC) or Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).

Scope of Operations

General

Emergencies often overwhelm local government capability and transcend jurisdictional boundaries; governmental coordination is essential for the protection of lives and property. This cooperation is also essential for the maximum use of available resources. The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) will comply with the Articles of EMAC per The Emergency Management Law, MS Code Ann. § 33-15 (1972).
Situation and Assumptions

Assumptions

There are several assumptions that must be made concerning the implementation of mutual aid within the state. While the following list is relatively comprehensive, it should not be considered to be all-inclusive.

- Emergencies often overwhelm local government capability.
- Emergencies may transcend jurisdictional boundaries.
- Governmental coordination is essential for the protection of lives and property.
- Coordination is essential for maximum use of available resources and commodities.

Concept of Operations

A Statewide Mutual Aid Compact (SMAC) began in 1965 by MEMA to provide a more effective use of resources in times of disaster. The SMAC provides a way for cities and counties to request and receive help from each other when local resources (personnel, assets, and equipment) are exhausted. SMAC provides a mechanism for assistance to come from different parts of the state. It addresses the issues of liability, compensation, direction and control in a uniform manner. SMAC allows members of the compact to have a mutual aid agreement with both state and other compact members.

The Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) is a national interstate mutual aid agreement that enables states to share resources during times of disaster. Since the 104th Congress ratified the compact, EMAC has grown to become the Nation’s system for providing mutual aid through operational procedures and protocols that have been validated through experience.

Organization and Responsibilities

Local

The Director of emergency management or their respective representative may request assistance directly from another participating party by contacting that party through the SMAC process. The requests may be verbal, in writing, or through the use of the Mississippi State Notification System called WebEOC®.

State

The Executive Director of MEMA will request EMAC assistance after all in-state resources have been exhausted and a Governor’s State of Emergency has been declared. MEMA will employ the use of the Response Section to prepare all necessary and required documentation for prompt and effective utilization of resources through the EMAC request process.
### Support Agencies

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| Mississippi Military Department/Office of the Adjutant General | • Provide necessary military resources to other states per EMAC request based on availability.  
• Other duties as deemed appropriate based on the incident. |
| Mississippi State Department of Health | • Provide necessary resources to other states per EMAC request based on availability.  
• Other duties as deemed appropriate based on the incident. |
| Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality | • Provide necessary resources to other states per EMAC request based on availability.  
• Other duties as deemed appropriate based on the incident. |
| Mississippi Forestry Commission | • Provide necessary resources to other states per EMAC request based on availability.  
• Other duties as deemed appropriate based on the incident. |
| Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries & Parks | • Provide necessary resources to other states per EMAC request based on availability.  
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| Mississippi Department of Public Safety | • Provide necessary resources to other states per EMAC request based on availability.  
• Other duties as deemed appropriate based on the incident. |
| Mississippi Department of Marine Resources | • Provide necessary resources to other states per EMAC request based on availability.  
• Other duties as deemed appropriate based on the incident. |
| All Other State Agencies | • Provide necessary resources to other states per EMAC request based on availability.  
• Other duties as deemed appropriate based on the incident. |

### Review and Maintenance

As a minimum, the state agency contact will coordinate and conduct an annual review of this annex with all support agencies. Additional reviews may be conducted if experience with an incident or regulatory changes indicate a need. Recommendations for change will be submitted to MEMA for approval, publication, and distribution.

### Authorities and References


Statewide Mutual Aid Compact Agreement