

## IMAT Staffing

Two IMATs have been formed, one in eastern North Dakota and one in western North Dakota. Four individuals will be appointed and trained for each position, two for each team.

## IMAT Training

Team members at a minimum must have completed IS 700, IS 800b, ICS 100, ICS 200, and ICS 300 or have the ability to complete those courses in two years. In addition they must have experience related to the position and complete position specific training and participate in training sessions and exercises. Position specific courses are currently scheduled at various locations in the USA including the Emergency Management Institute.

## TEAM ACTIVATION

When may the IMAT Team be Activated?

- Activated by a request by the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)
- When the incident is complex and local resources are limited
- When incident command resources are unavailable or diminished

## TYPE III IMAT AND YOUR JURISDICTION

In summary, large-scale, complex, or widespread incidents, and pre-planned events often overwhelm the incident management capabilities of local emergency services organizations.

The deployment and use of a Type-III IMAT assists in the management of such incidents by strengthening command, control, and coordination using locally or regionally available highly trained incident management personnel. When activated the team transitions in and assists with the management of an incident or planned event.

### ***What can you do?***

If you or someone you know is interested in joining our team or if you want more information, contact NDDDES at [nddes@nd.gov](mailto:nddes@nd.gov) or 701.328.8100.

IMAT information may also be viewed at the NDDDES website:

[www.nd.gov/des/homeland/imat/](http://www.nd.gov/des/homeland/imat/)



# North Dakota Incident Management Assistance Teams (IMATs)



*Ensuring a safe and secure  
homeland for all North Dakotans*

## TYPE III IMAT PURPOSE

IMATs are a necessary piece in emergency and disaster response in North Dakota.

The IMATs have the resources and capability to support an impacted community and assist in incident management. The team members consist of the incident command positions including:

- Incident Management Assistance Team Leader
- Public Information Officer
- Safety Officer
- Liaison Officer
- Operations Section Chief
- Planning Section Chief
- Finance/Administration Section Chief
- Logistics Section Chief
- Service/Support Branch Director
- Division/Group Supervisor
- Resource/Supply Unit Leader
- Strike Team/Task Force Leader
- Technical Specialist
- Communications Unit Leader
- Resource/Situation/Demobilization Unit Leader

## TYPE III IMAT OVERVIEW

Recent disasters have sometimes stretched the response capabilities of local jurisdictions to the breaking point. Spring and summer floods, numerous hazardous material spills, tornadoes, lengthy power outages, wild land fires, and other events that occurred in recent years have had a catastrophic impact on affected communities overwhelming resources.

There will continue to be events of such magnitude that local jurisdictions' response agencies will be overwhelmed. In addition, with the volunteer nature of North Dakota's response forces, the event managers may become disaster victims limiting their ability to respond.

### **Mission**

To collaborate with state agencies and local jurisdictions, including tribal nations, to maintain two Type III IMATs with response capabilities that will enhance emergency preparedness and response for all hazards through a regional approach.

## TYPE III IMAT MOBILIZATION

The mobilization guidelines have been approved by the Oversight Committee whose purpose is to oversee and approve the development of policies and procedures to include: team member recruitment, selection, training and evaluation, team activation, mobilization and demobilization as well as individual/agency expense and reimbursement policies.

The Regional Emergency Response Policy Network is the sponsoring IMAT organization. The Network represents a variety of response disciplines from large and small communities statewide. Participants are experts in their respective emergency response disciplines. The mission of the Network is to assure uniform response guidelines are implemented on a regional and statewide level in terms of interoperable operating procedures, equipment, and protocol. The Network serves in an advisory capacity to NDDDES to ensure IMAT mobilization guidelines, training, exercising, and deployment procedures and activities are in the best interest of the citizens of North Dakota.