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ND Incident Management Assistance Teams

What are Type III IMATs?

- Specially trained personnel who support local incident management teams
History and Background

• Originated in 1970’s
• Brings a group of highly trained individuals who are able to assist the local incident command structure
• Adopted for all-hazard incidents and planned events

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The Need and Use of Type III Incident Management Assistance Teams

- During complex events, local incident management teams may become overwhelmed.
- ND IMAT teams are being trained to support local jurisdictions.
- All-hazards: fire, hazmat, flooding, mass casualty, tornadoes, or other pre-planned events.
- Deployed when an agency or jurisdiction needs assistance in managing an incident.
- Assist planning or managing pre-planned events.

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IMAT Team Positions

- Command staff
- General staff positions
- Branch directors
- Division/group supervisors
- Unit leader level positions

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ND Type III IMAT Organization

Incident Management Assistance Team Leader

Public Information Officer

Safety Officer

Liaison Officer

Operations Section Chief

Planning Section Chief

Logistics Section Chief

Finance Section Chief

Division/Group Supervisor

Strike Team/Task Force Leader

Technical Specialists

Resource/ Situation Unit Leader

Service/Support Branch Director

Supply Unit Leader

Comm. Unit

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ND IMAT Minimum Qualifications

- NIMS (IS 700 and IS 800b)
- ICS 100, ICS 200, and ICS 300
- Some positions require ICS 400
- Position experience
- Position-specific training
- Ongoing training and exercises
IMAT Oversight

NDDES Regional Policy Network group will be the oversight committee for the IMAT. On that committee are representatives from the following organizations:

– Law Enforcement
– Fire
– Civil Support Team
– ND Department of Emergency Services
IMAT Oversight

- NDDES will reimburse IMAT members for costs associated with training, exercising, and deployment.
Team Activation

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.

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Team Activation

• May be activated at full or partial strength depending on operational considerations.
Current Action Plan

• Develop staffing guidelines
• Develop IMAT administration policies
• Identify IMAT training
• Develop team activation guidelines
• Recruit IMAT members

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What can you do?

We need your help to identify potential IMAT members.

If you are interested in joining our team please contact Brenda Vossler @ blvossler@nd.gov or Joe Lies @ rlies@nd.gov.

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Emergency event occurs
Notification of event and initial request for response called to PSAP.
PSAP dispatches appropriate first responders
Local first responders respond to the incident
Local response protocols are followed and incident command is established

Incident Controlled?
Yes
No Additional Action is Necessary
No

Incident Commander
Uses local and Tribal mutual aids compacts

Incident Controlled?
Yes
No

Authority having Jurisdiction requests IMAT Team through the SEOC
DES Validates Request
Yes
No
NDDES ensures the request for assistance is completed.
The IMAT is activated and dispatched.

No Additional Action is Necessary