All Jurisdictions should have access to an Incident Management Team (IMT) to support the management of major, complex emergencies, planned events and disasters.

Types of Incidents

- Natural disasters
- Terrorist incidents
- Train derailments, aircraft incidents, and other large/complex accidents
- Public or civil unrest (spontaneous or at planned events)
- Public event requiring the cooperation and joint participation of two or more agencies or jurisdictions

Upon arrival, the IMT’s Incident Commander (IC) and team will meet with the local IC and the Agency Administrator (County Executive, City Manager or Mayor, etc.) to determine what they desire/expect from the IMT, and to obtain any necessary Letter of Expectation. The IMT will then integrate as requested into the current ICS structure.

These teams can respond very quickly once called and come fully equipped with communications, mapping capability, IT, and supplies to operate on their own for a 48 hour period.

Regional Teams can operate for 3 – 7 days and State Teams can operate for 14 – 16 days before transition to another team.

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State Warning Point: 803-737-8500

Websites

USFA: www.usfa.dhs.gov

AHIMT: www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/subjects/incident/imt/index.shtml

Team Center: www.imtcenter.net

NWCW: www.nwcw.gov

SC Forestry Commission: www.trees.sc.gov

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What An IMT Can Do For You
• Provide individuals, or an entire team, with expertise in the following areas:
  - Operations
  - Incident Commander
  - Planning
  - Finance (personnel and equipment cost, etc.)
  - Public Information Coordinator
• Perform specific functions, manage a designated part of an incident, or manage the entire incident through a Letter of Expectation.
• Provide the following to your jurisdiction:
  - Frequent updates on activities
  - Detailed records of incident costs
  - Tracking of resources
  - Documentation of expenditures, claims, labor, and legal issues for the incident
  - A written incident action plan for each operational period that includes objectives, strategies, tactics, current resources, and plans for communications, safety, and logistics for the incident.

Responsibility of Requesting Agency/Jurisdiction
• Provide Letter of Expectation that clearly states team authority and expectations
• Location for team to work
• Office supplies
• Lodging for team members
• Food for team members
• Fuel for team member vehicles

Call Up Procedures
Local/Regional Incident
IC Needs Help
State Incident
- Calls Regional IMT Directly
- or through

Available
Not Available
Not Available

IC requests IMT through
County agency EM

IMT Coordinates with
requesting agency

County EM calls
Regional IMT

County EM calls
SCWP* for Type III IMT

IMT coordinates with
requesting agency

IMT coordinates with
requesting agency

County EM will notify
SCWP* of activation

SCWP will notify all
County EMs of activation

Available
Available

Available
Available

SCWP will notify all
County EMs of activation

* SCWP- State Warning Point, 24 hour phone #, staffed by SCEMD

Regional All-Hazard Incident Management Team
• A multi-agency/multi-jurisdictional team for extended incidents formed and managed at the State, regional or metropolitan level.
• Deployed as a team of 8-24 trained personnel to manage major and/or complex incidents requiring a significant number of local, regional, and state resources, and incidents that extend into multiple operational periods and require a written Incident Action Plan (IAP).
• May manage larger complex incidents prior to arrival of and transition to a State or National IMT.

State All-Hazard Incident Management Team
• A self-contained, all-hazard or wildland fire team recognized at the National and State level, coordinated through the State, Geographic Area Coordination Center, or National Interagency Fire Center.
• All personnel meet the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) training regimen at the Type 2 level for their specific position.
• Deployed as a team of 11-42 to manage incidents of regional significance and other incidents requiring a large number of local, regional, state, and national resources. These Type 2 Teams can manage incidents involving up to 500 personnel per operational period.