

Summary

The All Hazards Consortium (AHC) is a multi-state, multi-urban area non-profit formed to create new resources and partnerships for member states (NC, DC, MD, VA, WV, DE, PA, NJ, and NY) to support regional multi-state collaboration efforts among all stakeholders from government, private sector, higher education, and non-profit/volunteer organizations.

Background

Formed in 2005 to address the National Priorities for Regional Collaboration & Information Sharing, the AHC provided a conduit to the private sector on specific matters and facilitated multi-state collaboration efforts between the states.

Goals and Objectives

Integrate the private sector owner operators in existing efforts (by sector), continue to serve as conduit to private sector, develop regional projects, focus on three keys areas (catastrophic planning, fusion/information sharing, private sector integration/CIP), formalize all partnerships, develop regional products that can be replicated anywhere..

Description

Its governing Board of Directors provides the Consortium states with a network of leaders from the public and private sectors, higher education, research, non-profit, and volunteer organizations. A Regional Executive Advisory Group brings together the senior leadership from across the region to discuss strategic issues. A pool of regional advisors is comprised of senior level and mid-level management from organizations across the region to discuss both operational and strategic issues. The Regional Working Groups bring all stakeholders together to focus on the day-to-day efforts of the Consortium including planning regional multi-state workshops, producing studies/reports, and planning the overall calendar of events for the Consortium. Over 20 regional meetings and projects have been conducted in the areas of Communications Interoperability, Fusion Centers, Critical Infrastructure Protection, GIS, Ports Security, Catastrophic Preparedness Planning, and Transportation. Regional policies have been developed along with improved coordination of between federal and private sector partners.

Requirements for Success

A neutral convener organization that manages expectations, owns & facilitates the process, is a trusted agent by all parties involved, and understands and conveys the vision behind the effort.

Resources

All Hazards Consortium (AHC) has the following resources available through its partnership resources to help prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters; web resources; grants; tools and templates; and projects.

Training and Exercises

The Consortium hosts and participates in joint training and exercises with the public and private sectors.

Communication Tools

The Consortium uses the following methods of communication with your public/private partners-- Email alerts; In-person meetings; conferences and other events; newsletters; teleconferences; website; media outreach; webinars; reports; and interviews

Links

<http://www.ahcusa.org/>

<http://www.ahcusa.org/AHCAnnualReport.htm>

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