

Madison County Mutual Aid Support Annex

Coordinating Agency

Madison County Emergency Management Agency

Primary Agencies

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Support Agencies

All County Departments/Agencies as deemed necessary

State Coordinating Agency

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency

State 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

Introduction

Mutual Aid can be written or oral agreements between and among agencies/organizations and/or jurisdictions that provide a mechanism to quickly obtain emergency assistance in the form of personnel, equipment, materials, and other associated services such as Incident Management Teams. The primary objective is to facilitate rapid, short-term deployment of emergency support prior to, during, and/or after an incident.

Purpose and Scope

Emergency Mutual Aid response and recovery activities are generally conducted at the request and under the direction of the affected local government. The general flow of mutual aid is from field to Madison County Emergency Management, and then to the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) as appropriate. Some emergency responses are led by designated State agencies. Such agencies have jurisdiction at the State level of those emergencies or disasters.

Situation and Assumptions

Situation

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.

Assumptions

There are several assumptions that must be made concerning the implementation of mutual aid. 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

SMAC

Intrastate mutual aid will be coordinated in accordance with the Statewide Mutual Aid Compact (SMAC). The purpose of this agreement is to provide mutual aid between participating parties within the State. The provision of mutual aid under this agreement requires an Emergency or Disaster Declaration by the governing authority of any political subdivision that is a participating party to the Compact. This agreement also provides for reimbursement of costs by the requesting party to the assisting party.

- The Mayor or Administrator for jurisdiction, County Executive of impacted county or Governor of impacted state can proclaim or declares a state of emergency.
- Impacted jurisdiction, county or state assesses resource needs and identifies shortfalls for which assistance will be requested.
- Activate local or state mutual aid agreements.
- Responding county or jurisdiction provides requested resources
- Responding county or jurisdiction maintains a detailed accounting of deployed resources and bills requesting agency in accordance with mutual aid agreement
- Requesting county or jurisdiction reimburses responding county or jurisdiction

EMAC

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.

- Proclamation of emergency by Governor if not already done.
- State-to-state Assistance, Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) is activated.
- Mississippi's EMAC Coordinator, Designated Contacts and Authorized Representatives are responsible for the coordination of requesting out of state resources and the deployment of state resources.
- State Emergency Management personnel (EMAC A-Teams, Designated Contacts, or Authorized Representatives) help to find resources and determine cost and availability.
- Madison County Emergency Management provides requested information to complete the EMAC Form REQ-A Section II to the State EMAC Coordinator.
- Resources are sent to the requesting state from the assisting state (i.e. mobilized and deployed).

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- When mission is completed, resources return to home location (i.e. demobilized and are available for redeployment).
- Deployed personnel provide receipts, records and documentation and work with home jurisdiction to develop and review reimbursement package(s).
- Reimbursement package sent to state.
- Assisting State sends completed reimbursement package to requesting State for reimbursement.

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®.

The Madison County Emergency Management Director in conjunction with the County Administrator is the person empowered to obligate county resources and expend county funds for mutual aid purposes. The Madison County Emergency Management Director can delegate this authority to other EM officials within the agency if they possess the same obligating authority as the Director. The Emergency Management Director or his/her designee is the person empowered to actively negotiate and come to an agreement on the extent of aid offered or accepted.

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

Agency	Functions
All County Agencies or Departments as deemed necessary.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide necessary resources to other counties per SMAC request based on availability.• Other duties as deemed appropriate based on the incident.

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Review and Maintenance

As a minimum, the Madison County Emergency Management contact will coordinate and conduct an annual review of this annex with input from necessary support agencies. Additional reviews may be conducted if experience with an incident or regulatory change indicate a need. Recommendations for change will be submitted to the Madison County Emergency Management Director for approval, publication, and distribution.

Authorities and References

- The Emergency Management Law, MS Code Ann. § 33-15 (1972)
- Statewide Mutual Aid Compact Agreement