

Emergency Management Partnership Examples

The following list provides only a few examples of emergency management partnerships at various levels. Look in your area for other examples.

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National

- **Business Emergency Operations Center (BEOC) Alliance:** The BEOC Alliance functions as a private-sector advocate in emergency management functions (preparedness, prevention/mitigation, response, recovery). Services include but are not limited to periodic symposia and threat briefings, information sharing, exercise design to include modeling and simulation, business continuity, critical infrastructure interdependencies, and collaborations (strategic, tactical, and operational). The founding entity of the BEOC Alliance is the New Jersey Business Force, which is a business unit under the Alliance.
- **Business Executives for National Security (BENS):** BENS, a nationwide, nonpartisan organization, is a channel through which senior business executives can help enhance the Nation's security. BENS members use their business experience to help government leaders implement solutions to the most challenging national security problems. BENS is expanding these public-private partnerships into all aspects of homeland security—helping to guard against cyber attack, tracking terrorists' financial assets, securing the Nation's ports, and preparing State and local governments to deal with catastrophic events or terrorist attacks.
- **Citizen Corps:** Citizen Corps is the grassroots movement to strengthen community safety and preparedness through increased civic engagement. Citizen Corps is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, but implemented locally. Communities across the country have created Citizen Corps Councils as effective public-private partnerships to make their communities safer, more prepared, and more resilient when incidents occur.

Regional

- **All Hazards Consortium (AHC):** The AHC is a multi-State, multi-urban area nonprofit 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 nonprofit/volunteer organizations. It focuses on three key areas: catastrophic planning, fusion/information sharing, and private-sector integration into critical infrastructure security and resilience efforts.

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- **ChicagoFIRST:** ChicagoFIRST is a nonprofit association of private-sector critical infrastructure firms in the Chicago area that collaborate with one another and with government at all levels on homeland security and emergency management issues in order to promote the resilience of its members and the Chicago business community.
- **Dallas/Fort Worth First (DFW First):** DFW First is a regional coalition created to support homeland security critical infrastructure partnership initiatives involving the financial services and banking sector. The DFW First “Beyond the 4 Walls” campaign is designed to align a financial institution’s business continuity and emergency preparation processes with outside agencies responsible for first response activities.
- **Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER):** The PNWER is a regional organization created by the States of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, and Washington and the Canadian provinces and territories of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Northwest Territories, and the Yukon. PNWER, through its Pacific Northwest Center for Regional Disaster Resilience, works with key public and private stakeholders to create and implement workable solutions to local and regional infrastructure vulnerability and other related needs. PNWER accomplishes this by raising awareness of infrastructure interdependencies, providing training and education, and developing tools, technologies, and approaches that build on existing capabilities and can be utilized across the United States, Canada, and the international community.

State

- **Arizona:** The State of Arizona’s Division of Emergency Management (ADEM) has incorporated business, corporations, and enterprises that have a stake in protecting critical infrastructure into the State Emergency Response and Recovery Plan. The private-sector entities that meet the criteria of critical infrastructure sectors and their associates are encouraged to join Arizona’s efforts in the mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery of incidents and events. ADEM directs situational awareness information to its critical information partners via an electronically distributed information bulletin.
- **Missouri:** The Missouri Public Private Partnership (MOP3) Committee is a voluntary coalition of Missouri’s private- and public-sector leaders, who share a commitment to strengthening the capacity of the State to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. MOP3 partners work to reduce the impact of emergencies on their communities by pledging resources and offering support services. The committee promotes the application of best business practices; partnering on planning, training, and exercise development; fostering participation in intelligence/information fusion; and providing a private-sector platform to address issues and concerns for homeland security initiatives.

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- **Utah:** At the forefront of Utah's public-private partnership is the Private Sector Homeland Security Coordinating Council. Membership includes representatives from the private sector, nongovernment organizations, and local/State/Federal government. Be Ready Utah's "Ready Your Business" focuses on preparing businesses for potential emergencies and disasters. This preparation includes the most essential elements, including a 12-step program for basic business continuity planning.

Tribal Nation

- **Indian Health Program:** Emergency preparedness in California is unique in that over 170 indigenous tribes (representing about 20% of the 500 tribal groups in the United States) are represented by the 627,562 American Indians throughout the State. The California Area Office of the Indian Health Service (IHS), the California Indian Health Program (IHP), and the California Emergency Preparedness Office, in collaboration with the Native American Alliance for Emergency Preparedness (NAAEP) is creating capacity among its healthcare providers across California's Indian Country to respond appropriately to natural and manmade threats and health emergencies.

Major Urban Areas

- **Dallas, TX:** The Dallas Emergency Response Team (DERT) is a public-private partnership for collaboration and communication between local government and the business community. The DERT partnership focuses on communications before, during, and after emergencies, exercising disaster plans, and sharing training opportunities for anyone seeking to become better informed and better prepared.
- **New York, NY:** The Public/Private Initiatives Unit at the New York City Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is dedicated to partnering with the private sector to increase the resilience of the city's business community and to ensure that private organizations have all the information they need before, during, and after an emergency. OEM's Public/Private Initiatives Unit is dedicated specifically to managing and improving the agency's relationships with and programs for private-sector organizations in New York City.
- **San Diego, CA:** The ReadySanDiego Business Alliance (BA) is a coalition of businesses that can contribute resources, participate in preparedness activities, and assist in disaster response and recovery activities. The BA addresses issues specific to business needs with support from the Office of Emergency Services. The BA incorporates private and nonprofit sectors in its planning processes.

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- **Fairfax County, VA:** Fairfax County's Office of Emergency Management has developed a partnership with several organizations to develop a Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan. Partners include local nonprofits, businesses, boards, authorities, commissions, jurisdictional neighbors, and regional, State, and Federal partners. The purpose of the Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan is to provide Fairfax County with a single reference for guiding policy and action during recovery from a significant natural or human-caused disaster.
- **Santa Rosa County, FL:** SAFER Santa Rosa County is a humanitarian association of independent organizations that may be active in all phases of disaster. Its mission is to foster efficient, streamlined service delivery to people affected by disasters, while eliminating unnecessary duplication of effort, through cooperation in the four phases of disaster: preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation.