

Activity Worksheet: Interdependence Within the Emergency Management Team

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Instructions: This activity presents a structured format with which to explore relationships among emergency personnel in various programs and functional areas. Because a central goal of this course is to promote interrelationships, the effort you devote to exploring interdependence is especially valuable.

1. To begin, choose a role to play (not your own) from the following list of roles:
 - Local fire chief
 - Local executive officer (chief elected official)
 - Chief of emergency medicine at the local hospital
 - State director of emergency services
 - Superintendent of schools
 - Local public information officer
 - Red Cross disaster director
 - Hazardous chemicals safety officer at local plant
 - Vice-president of local utility company
 - Vice-president for operations of major regional rail freight carrier
 - Local police chief

2. Complete the Interdependence Worksheet. The worksheet will ask you to consider the following factors for the role you chose:
 - Emergency responsibilities
 - Possible contacts
 - Resource and information needs
 - Results or accomplishments of specified interactions
 - Possible effects

Guidance: Proceed through your worksheets in order, completing each question before moving on to the next.

Your answers may be general. For example, if you know a function for a person or organization but not the correct title, a description of the type is sufficient. Also, if you are unsure about a contact but think it would be valuable, include it. The value of this activity is in thinking as expansively as possible.

You may not have the detailed knowledge of this role that you have of your own, but you do not need in-depth knowledge for this activity—just empathy, imagination, and appreciation for the general role of that person in all-hazards management.

Use what you know about emergency management to develop answers.

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Your Selected Role/Position:

In what sector do you operate in this position (Federal, State, tribal, local, or nongovernmental)?

Briefly describe your responsibilities (in this position) in relation to:

Mission Area	Your Responsibilities
Prevention	
Protection	
Mitigation	
Response	
Recovery	

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Select five of the contacts you listed on the previous page. For each, name one activity you will undertake involving this contact. Then briefly describe information or resources you will need from that person. Consider needs in all mission areas (Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery).

Contact	Result or Activity	Mission Area	Your Needs
_____	_____	_____	_____
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