





EOC. The mission of the A-Team is to implement I-EMAC on behalf of the requesting state/province by coordinating and facilitating the provision of assistance from other member states in accordance with the I-EMAC articles and the procedures set forth in the Operations Manual. The A-Team may be comprised of two or more persons but whose team composition is wholly dependant on the requesting state/province and the requirements of the disaster event.

**11.0 EMAC Tabletop (TTX) Exercise:** The 3 hour long interactive TTX was conducted Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the TTX was to provide an opportunity to apply EMAC/IEMAC procedures, concepts, and lessons from EMAC and A-Team training to enhance understanding of the EMAC Program. TTX was delivered in three modules 1. Pre Event Preparation 2. Activation, Request and Offer, and Response and 3. Reimbursement. Hot wash items include: Communication between the US & Canadian Weather Services; next spring hold a flood risk work group meeting; Improve information sharing (Sitrep Distribution); resource request sharing information; common operating picture; establish coordination group with partners from the North port of entry; resource typing; coordinating element of asset distribution/need/tracking/demobilization of assets; public outreach on IEMAC – notify public on what IEMAC is and how its used; and research reimbursement process for cross country border asset (if Legal WG hasn't already done so).

**12.0 Report from Each Jurisdiction:** Each Jurisdiction Director gave a summary of what has been going on in their jurisdiction with staffing, lead changes, financial matters, disasters, and upcoming exercises/events. Key comments listed below:

**NB** – Continue to promote and develop MA- SAS; completed first year of 2 year pilot project for heat alerts and identify people potentially affected; in final stages of reimbursing individuals from a December 2010 rain event; Point Lapreau still offline.

**PEI** – No major events since last meeting; December storm had some issues that are still being assessed; 911 is migrating to single point with implementation final June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Training program proven successful even with limited funds; Emergency Operations course has been very successful; The Royal couple are planning visit to several provinces in June and July – information on where is currently protected. PEI plans to activate its EOC and remain activated during the royal visit; the Exercise Planning group and Public Safety Canada are designing a simulated failure of the Confederation Bridge; the Planning group is also planning to test the transport Canada Contingency Plan.

**ME** – Border Interoperability demonstration program grant was approved. Multiple counties are involved and will establish a series of towers to increase signals/cache for cross border/joint use frequency radio communication; large response to a Canadian aircraft incident in northern Maine; MEMA's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Preparedness conference was a great success. Director McAleer would be happy to share information on what was done if anyone is interested; No major disasters reported; MEMA is heavily financially secured on Homeland Security Grant money and that is expected to be cut at least 20%; have until January 2013 to complete the required narrowband upgrade; Received grant money from NOAA for coastal evacuation route signs and signs are going up now. There have been a few negative comments due to the public not being properly informed.

**NL** – Igor recovery continues. 100 million dollars of uninsured damage and 65 million in insured damages; E911 proposals are currently being evaluated by executives; Fire & Emergency Management schools next session begins in June; expecting to hire additional staff in the near future.

**NS** – Major structural change of EMO Nova Scotia as the office has officially been taken over by the Department of Justice and reorganization is in process; Andy Lathem is scheduled to take over the Executive Director role in addition to his EMO Director role; legislation changes are expected but the Minister and Deputy Minister are supportive of Emergency Management; EOC has been activated 7 times since the last meeting because of some significant events with uninsurable costs of 18.75 million; CBRNE Hazmat full scale exercise scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup>, will share the outcome at the next meeting; 911 – advanced public alert messages are possible now.



**RI** – Possible transfer of Emergency Management to the Office of Public Safety rather than military as it now sits; additional planning staff coming on board soon; looking for new office space; and the current adjunct general scheduled to retire in June.

**MA** –EMA director Kurt Schwartz now permanent; MA Governor looking to merge Emergency Management and Homeland Security; between 12-26-10 and 2-6-11 the jurisdiction received record snowfall and the EOC was operational most of that time, escaped major flooding because of slow thaw period; January snow event resulted in presidential declaration for public assistance (snow removal); February snow storm resulted in almost 300 roof and building collapse from heavy snow; Participated in the Vermont Yankee exercise; events in Japan's nuclear power plant events brought increased awareness resulting in inspection of all plants; planning initiatives, shelter planning and additional staff in the future.

**VT** – Mike O'Neil is now the EM Director as well as the Director of Public Safety. At the time of the meeting this jurisdiction was experiencing flooding Lake Champlain roughly 3' over flood stage, affecting approximately 500 homes. FEMA was on site for public and individual assistance as 7 of 14 counties are eligible for assistance due to heavy rains and record snowfall; EOC is almost complete; FEMA evaluated exercise of Vermont Yankee Nuclear plant scored very well; Vermont will host the next meeting November 14-17 in downtown Burlington.

**NH** – Quiet winter, escaped major flooding but did have an issue with some minor flooding at a wastewater treatment plant and clean up for that continues; cyber security and IED's projects; Seabrook Station exercise series to start soon; Received Homeland Security port security grant for critical infrastructure in Portsmouth (Shipyard?) port; Evacuation study project underway; and Deputy Director Kathy Doult will retire by the end of 2011.

**QC** – Guy Laroche is new director, with him also comes new structure, clear mandates, and a new EOC; 3 major events, to include a severe winter storm, 10" rainfall event and most currently flooding affecting over 3000 homes affected the jurisdiction; upgrading their WebEOC system; asks that their 24/7 line be utilized more often, especially after regular business hours, rather than email.

**13.0 Operations Manual:** Available at [www.iemg-gigu-web.org](http://www.iemg-gigu-web.org)

#### **14.0 WORKING GROUP SUMMARIES**

- **NO Working Group breakout sessions**

**15.0 Strategic Planning:** Began the process of developing a new strategic outlook for future goals and objectives. The Administrative Working Group did an environmental scan for IEMG and identified strengths, weaknesses, challenges and opportunities. Four basic areas of focus were identified 1. Communications 2. Exercise/training, 3. Update operations manual and 4. Other. Finally the focus was on three main goals 1. Operationalize the IEMG Compact 2. Information Sharing and 3. Programs and Marketing. These documents will be cleaned up and sent to the board for conference call to be scheduled sometime in June. Representatives that were present at the meeting will bring back information to their directors and advise them the direction the group is taking.

**16.0 Presentations:** Paul Peddle (NL) gave presentation on Hurricane Igor and Response and the group was offered a Tour of Quebec Provincial Operations Center.



**17.0 Additional IEMG Information:**

Fall Conference 2011: The Annual Fall conference will be held in Burlington, VT November 14-17, 2011. The agenda will be focused on Strategic planning.

Board Conference calls will be scheduled. First one is scheduled for June 29, 2011.

**18.0 Appendix**

- Attendees list