
Pacific Northwest Border Health Alliance Cross-Border Public Health Preparedness Workshop

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Emergency Management Cooperation

- Held 7th Annual meeting last month
- Public Safety Canada renewed focus on emergency management.
- Beyond the Border



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Health Security Working Group

- **Information Exchanges**
- **New partnerships**
- **Critical for national security & stability**



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Mutual Aid

- **Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committees**
- **Existing Compacts**
- **Platforms for planning**



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International Assistance System

- Review offers
- Manage Logistics
- Procure needed resources



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Comparison Chart: System is Working

Post-Katrina

- **151: # of countries and international organizations offering cash and material assistance**
- **200+: # of formal offers of assistance to the USG**

Post-Sandy

- **7: # of countries offering cash, material, and emergency personnel assistance**
- **12: # of formal offers of assistance to the USG**



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International Aid Accepted Since Katrina

- ***Hurricane Gustav:*** China donated \$100,000 to NGOs for home repairs.
- ***2011 SE Tornadoes & Severe Storms:*** Japan donated 8,000 blankets and 150 plastic sheet tarps.
- ***2012 Hurricane Sandy:*** Russia donated 20,000 blankets to FEMA.



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Path Forward for the IAS

- **An update to the July 2013 IAS CONOPS is currently under review.**
- **A final version should be available in July.**
- **Some roles and responsibilities within the federal government may shift.**



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Accepting Skilled Teams: Challenges

Legal:

- Tort Liability
- Workmen's Comp
- Damages Compensation
- Certification and Credentialing



Tactical:

- Processing & Reception
- Command and Control
- Duty to Respond
- Integration vs Augmentation



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