



District Planning Council Program Overview



District Planning Concept

A cooperative effort involving local elected officials, emergency management, emergency responders and local community and civic groups.



District Planning Concept

It brings together multiple jurisdictions, agencies and disciplines to create a District-wide emergency planning, preparedness and response partnership.

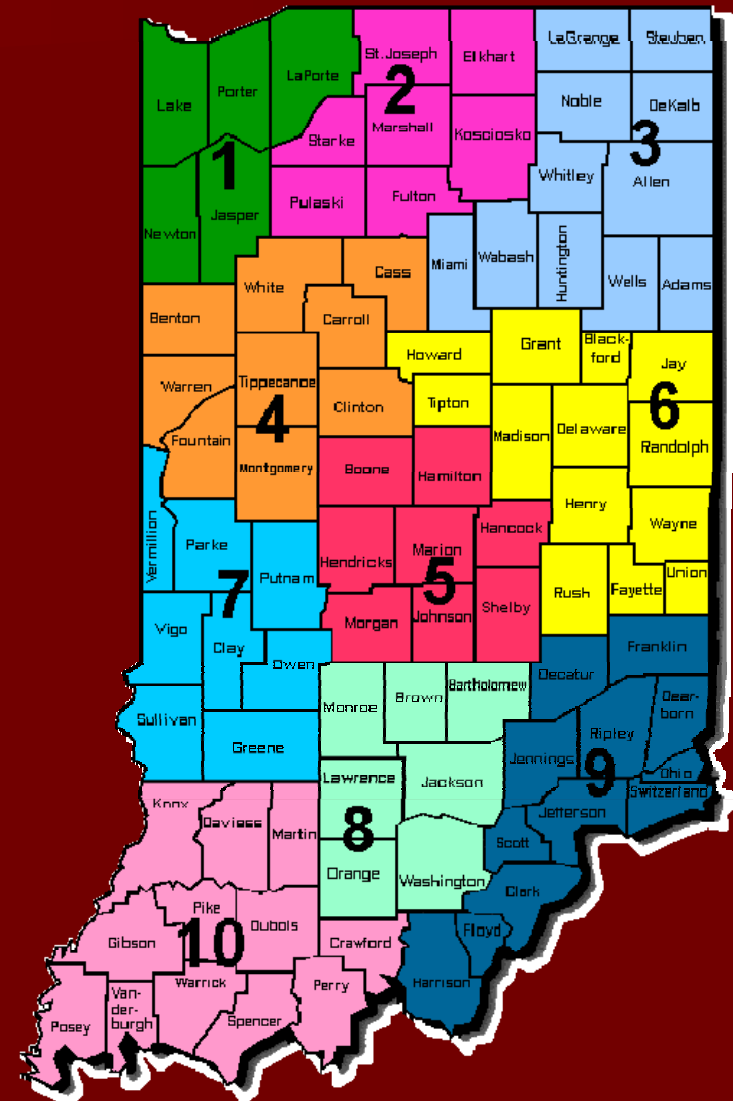


Original Concept Development

- The original concept grew out of recommendations detailed in the Interim National Preparedness Goal which called for expanding regional emergency response capabilities.
- The District Planning Council (DPC) Program is based on federal guidelines and objectives outlined in the Indiana Homeland Security Strategy.
- The overriding theme of both documents is collaboration, coordination and teamwork.

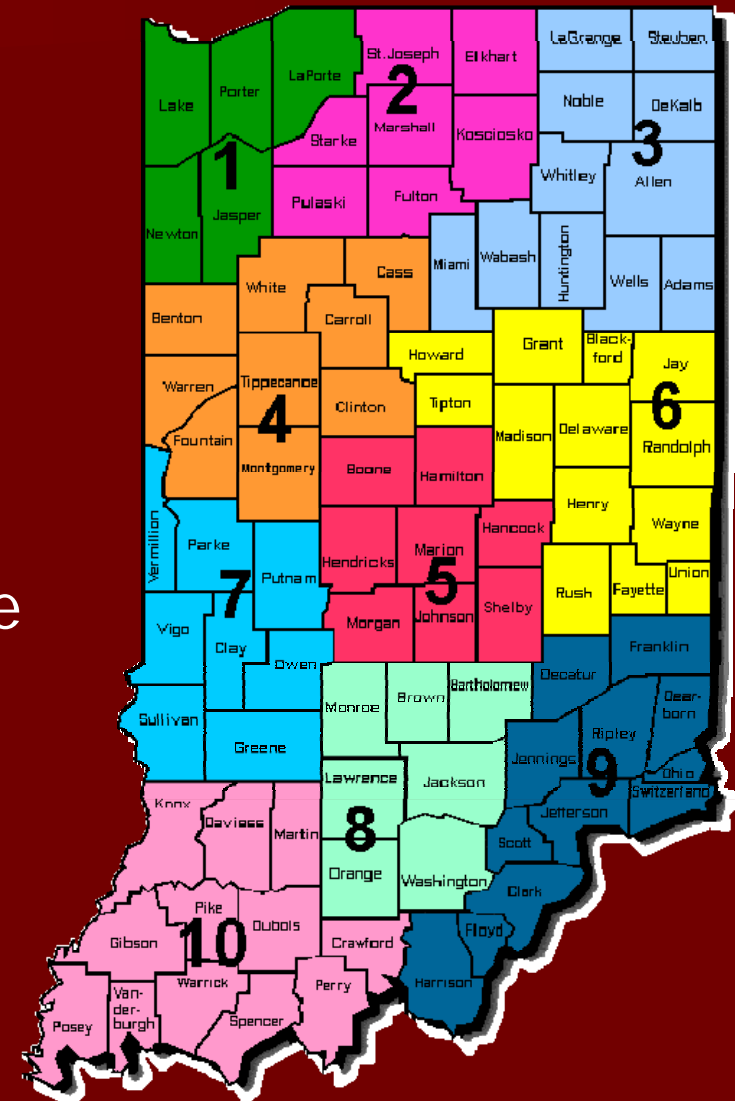
Homeland Security Districts

- The Indiana Department of Homeland Security and the Indiana State Department of Health established ten Homeland Security Districts within the State of Indiana.
- Each District is comprised of multiple counties and the numerous local communities within them.
- Each District is unique in character, needs and capabilities.



Homeland Security Districts

- Each District collectively organizes the activities of multiple disciplines, multiple agencies, and multiple jurisdictions.
- The task of coordinating district-wide emergency planning, preparedness and response activities falls upon the District Planning Council.



District Planning, Preparedness and Response Partnership

- District Planning Oversight Committee
- District Planning Council
- District Task Force



District Structure Comparison

	Executive & Legislative Oversight	Planning & Coordination	Operations & Response
Federal Level	President Congress	U.S. Dept of Homeland Security	FEMA Urban Search & Rescue Task Force
State Level	Governor General Assembly	IN Dept of Homeland Security	Indiana State Task Force
District Level	District Planning Oversight Committee	District Planning Council	District Task Force

District Planning Oversight Committee DPOC

Local Elected Officials From Each County in the District



District Planning Oversight Committee

DPOC

- A District Planning Oversight Committee will be established in each District to provide executive level oversight and support for the activities of the District Planning Council
- The DPOC will serve as the Primary oversight entity for the formal appointment of the Planning Council Members.
- The membership of DPOC will be comprised of the following local officials:
 - The President of the County Commissioners for each county in the District.
 - The Mayor or Town Board President of the most populated city or town for each county in the District.
 - Or other elected officials as deemed necessary by the DPOC, provided that no one county has a majority of members on the Oversight Committee.

District Planning Oversight Committee

DPOC

Responsibilities and Duties

- Agree upon an organizational structure and governance.
- Elect Officers to serve as the administrators of the Committee.
- Formally recognize a District Fiscal and Legal Agent
- Formally appoint members of the DPC.
- Review and approve required plans.
- Ensure DPC is complying with local, state and federal homeland security guidelines.

District Planning Council

DPC

Local emergency managers, emergency responders and representatives from other key agencies and organizations.



District Planning Councils

Mission

- Primary mission of a District Planning Council is to coordinate the emergency planning and preparedness activities of multiple governmental entities within each of the 10 Indiana Homeland Security Districts.

District Planning Councils

Purpose

- Promote communication and coordination by providing a forum for all local agencies and organizations to discuss district-wide emergency preparedness and response issues.
- Assess District preparedness and conduct strategic and operational planning.
- Develop an effective District training and exercise program.
- Coordinate District grant funding, resource allocation and resource management activities.

District Planning Councils

Membership and Composition

- Each county in the District would be represented by three voting council members.
 - EMA Director
 - Member appointed by the mayor of the largest city or town.
 - Member appointed by the president of the county commissioners.
- The number of personnel on the DPC could be expanded.
- No one county shall have a majority.
- If possible, no one discipline should hold a majority on the DPC.
- Additional non-voting members could participate in DPC activities by serving on subcommittees and working groups.

District Planning Councils

Membership and Composition

- Law Enforcement (Municipal Police, Sheriff, Town Marshal, Campus)
- Career and Volunteer Fire Services
- Emergency Medical Service
- Emergency Communications / 911 Centers
- Volunteer, Civic, Faith-based Organizations
- LEPC Members
- Mental Health and Social Services
- Public Health and Local Hospitals
- Public Works, Highway, Street Departments
- Environmental Management
- Local Businesses / Chamber of Commerce
- Schools and Universities
- Farming Cooperatives and Veterinary Associations
- Public Utilities / REMC's

District Task Force

DTF



- The District Task Force (DTF) will support local emergency response agencies with technical assistance, specialized equipment and personnel.
- The District Task Force will consist of specialized groups representing multiple emergency response disciplines.

District Task Force

These Specialized Groups Would Include:

- Incident Management & Support
- Search & Rescue
- Hazardous Materials
- Mass Casualty
- Force Protection



District Task Force



- The DTF would be a ***District*** asset.
- Staffed and managed by local emergency responders.
- Operated through the coordinated effort of many jurisdictions within a District.
- State grant funds will be available to support Task Force training and for the purchase and maintenance of Task Force equipment.
- Deployable to local, regional and statewide incidents.
- Could also deploy nationally as part of IN State Task Force .

District Organizational Structure

DPOC

Mayor or
Town Board President

County
Commissioner

DPC

Mayor
Appointee

EMA
Director

County
Commissioner
Appointee

DTF

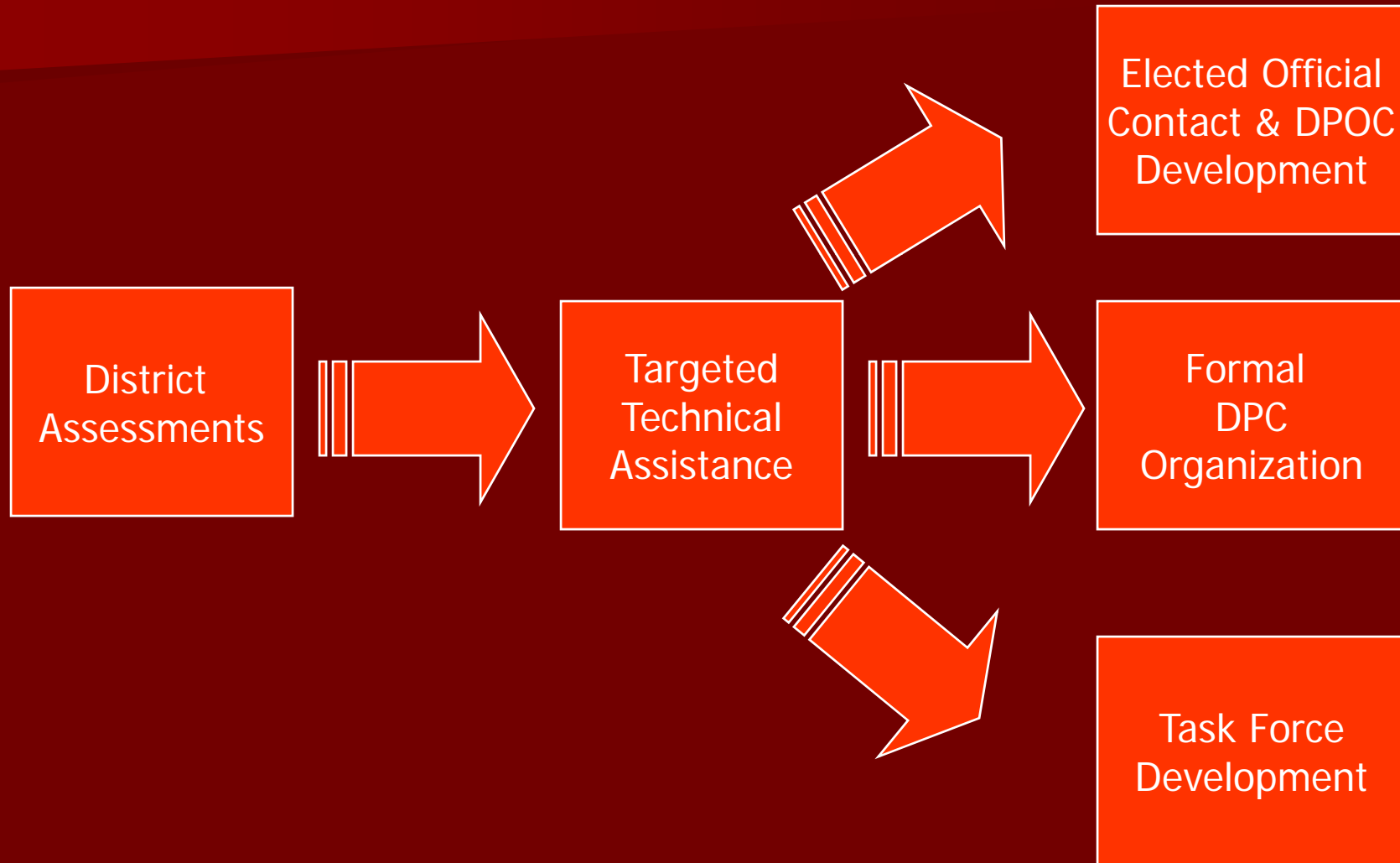
Task Force
Leader

Team Leader

Team Leader

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What's Next?



What's Next

- District Planning Council Needs and Capabilities Assessment
 - Will determine what progress each District has made in their organizational process.
 - Identifies what types of technical assistance is needed in each District to accomplish program goals.
- Targeted Technical Assistance
 - Specific types of assistance to address specific challenges and problems (i.e. organizing DPC membership, developing bylaws, increasing elected official participation, etc)

Reason for Formal Organization

- District organizations must have a formal status to receive public dollars.
- Districts receive formal status through the creation of a District Planning Oversight Committee (DPOC) comprised of the elected officials who represent member counties.
- The members of the District Planning Council (DPC) are empowered to act on a regional basis through receiving a formal appointment by the elected officials on the DPOC.

Reason for Formal Organization

- The DPOC and DPC adopt bylaws and rules of procedure. These ensure that the allocation of funds and the settlement of disputes are determined in an orderly manner.
- The selection of a Fiscal and Legal Agent provides an audit trail.

Benefits

- Improved coordination beyond standard mutual aid agreements.
- Increased capability from additional specialized equipment.
- Reimbursement and liability issues agreed upon prior to an incident.
- Improved organization in response and resource management during an emergency.
- Promotes District advocacy and support.
- Improved ability to capture grant funds and manage grant programs.

The Ultimate Goal

- Promote Teamwork and Cooperation
- Effectively Prepare for and Respond to Disasters
- Support and Protect Our Neighbors



Summary

- Disasters have no borders.
- Scope of disasters can not be predicted. External assistance might not be immediately possible in many disasters.
- The District Planning Concept creates a District wide partnership involving multiple jurisdictions and disciplines.
- It's basically what you do already, just in a formal structure.
- This is the right thing to do to protect the public.