



State of Indiana Mutual Aid

Indiana Mutual Aid Response Plan (IMARP)

Mutual Aid Net Software

The Indiana Fire Chiefs Association is teaming up with Indiana State Fire Marshal, Jim Greeson, and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security to complete a resource inventory and data-collection initiative known as the Indiana Mutual Aid Response Plan (IMARP). More specifically, the partnership is focused on assessing the various types and quantities of resources located throughout the state and inventorying them into one central database, Mutual Aid Net software, provided to all fire departments free of charge.

Why is this initiative important to every fire department in the state of Indiana? The data collected for the IMARP will be used at the State Emergency Operations Center's (SEOC) ESF 4 and ESF 9 desks during emergencies. More specifically, it will allow the SEOC to have an accurate picture of the resources available to a department should it exceed local mutual aid provisions or require different or additional resources from several counties away to properly respond to an incident. The goal is to develop a comprehensive list of resources located in the state, warehouse them in a central location, and share them with communities in times of need.

Representatives from the Fire Chiefs Association and IDHS will be working their way through the state, district by district, to meet with county fire chiefs associations, EMS agencies, and other local entities with access to information on available resources. Their goal: educate the public safety service on the benefits of IMARP and assist and/or facilitate the entry of the data into the software program.

Here is one example of how mutual aid can benefit local communities:

A community in northern Indiana suffered from a large fire that drained the town's water system. The community called all of the mutual aid water tankers that they were aware of; however, the nearby communities could not meet their immediate needs. The affected community needed at least 20 additional tankers, preferably large volume tankers. They contacted the state EOC watch desk which contacted the Indiana Fire Chiefs Mutual Aid Section (IMARP/ESF4). The responding ESF4 was able to tap into Mutual Aid Net and send the needed number of tankers. Unfortunately, there were most likely tankers closer to the incident but they were not listed and, therefore, the ESF4 could not quickly contact those departments to request support. Because the water was needed immediately, the ESF4 simply requested support from the departments who had tankers listed. Had all of the departments in the neighboring communities and counties submitted a resource list, the ESF4 could have requested the support of tankers in much closer proximity to the incident; thus, provided the community in need with water much sooner.

With your help, we strive to gather information so that no matter who calls us—from any corner of the state—they will receive the closest, most appropriate resources as quickly as possible. We understand if you only have an engine, grass rig, and a tanker, you may not be able to afford to give mutual aid without stripping your community of its most basic necessities. Sharing of resources or otherwise providing aid is not a requirement of this program. However, we ask that you still assist us in inventorying the resources you have, while indicating that you are not available for assisting in the mutual aid on a statewide basis. It is important for us to know what

resources you have in place should your community need of additional support—we will immediately know from which point you are starting and what we need to send to you from surrounding areas.

If you are part of a county fire chiefs association, private ambulance service, or government agency, contact one of your corresponding district representatives for support in entering the data into Mutual Aid Net.

Listed below are a district representatives throughout the state:

- **District 1**
 - Angela Cloutier acloutier@dhs.in.gov - Phone 317-519-6721
- **District 2**
 - Ted Bombagetti tbombagetti@dhs.in.gov - Phone 317-232-3830
 - Chief Dan Sink dannysink@goshencity.com - Phone 574-533-7878
 - Chief Timm Schabbel tls@clayfd.com - Phone 574-272-2144 Indiana MABAS President
- **District 3**
 - Richard Dolsen rdolsen@dhs.in.gov - Phone 317-753-3723
 - Chief Les Marckel marckel@decaturfire.us - Phone 260-724-8909
- **District 4**
 - Sharon Gerlach sgerlach@dhs.in.gov - Phone 317-695-1540
 - Chief Kevin Ply kply@purdue.edu - Phone 765-494-6910
- **District 5**
 - Ben Esterline besterline@dhs.in.gov - Phone 317-694-1510
 - Asst. Chief Gerald George ggeorge@avonfd.org - Phone 317-272-2155
 - Chief Tony Logan tlogan@cityofshelbyvillein.com - Phone 317-392-5189
- **District 6**
 - Mike Schantz mschantz1@dhs.in.gov - Phone 317-605-2212
 - Chief Jamey Burrows Burrows.CUTFD@gmail.com - Phone 765-208-1156
- **District 7**
 - Jerry Sears jsears@dhs.in.gov - Phone 317-695-3557
 - Chief Keith Holbert keithholbert@vigocountyfire.com - Phone 812-533-1774
- **District 8**
 - Jesse Minnick JMinnick@dhs.IN.gov - Phone 317-605-6377
 - Chief Brad Lucas sfdhq@comcast.net - Phone 812-522-2598
- **District 9**
 - Doug Cooke dcooke@dhs.in.gov - Phone 317-605-2804
 - Chief James Richey jrichey@scottsburgfire.com - Phone: 812-595-0662
 - Chief Ben Sieverding versaillesfirerescue@frontier.com - Phone: 812-621-1150
- **District 10**
 - Tonda Dixon tdixon@dhs.in.gov - Phone 317-402-6603
 - Chief Tim Smith tsmith@vtfire.org - Phone 812-882-4261

Additional Representatives:

- IDHS Local Government Support Branch Chief - Kathy Dayhoff-Dwyer kddwyer@dhs.in.gov- Phone 317-409-5759
- State Fire Marshal Jim Greeson – jgreeson@idhs.in.gov - Phone 317-232-2226
- IFCA Section Chairperson (IMARP) Brian Lott blott@greenfieldin.org- Phone 317-325-1505

Resources being collected:

- Firefighting Apparatus
- Emergency Medical
- Incident Management Teams
- Hazardous Materials Teams
- Technical Rescue Teams
- Swift / Water Rescue
- Communications / Command

To complete the form, click here: http://www.indfirechiefs.org/department_form_imarp

To log into Mutual Aid Net, click here: www.mutualaidnet.net

After you have completed your form and it is sent in, and the data is entered, you can log in;

- **Username:** your email address
- **Initial Password:** Password! (You will immediately be prompted to create a unique password for your agency)

If you have problems logging in feel free to contact:

Mutual Aid Section Chairperson Brian Lott

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Phone 317-325-1505