

The All Hazards Consortium 501c3



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Agenda

- Welcome
- AHC Overview
- Regional White Papers
- Fusion Center Report
- Q & A
- Closing Remarks

**Multi-State
Recommendations
on**

Regional Fusion Centers

Today's Speakers

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AHC Information Sharing & Intelligence Working Group Chair*

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Tom Moran

AHC Executive Director

AHC Overview

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Why / How Did It get Started?

Collaborate

- States needed a framework, safe environment for multi-state collaborations that included input from research organizations, private sector, non-profit organizations and citizens to address all types of hazards

Streamline

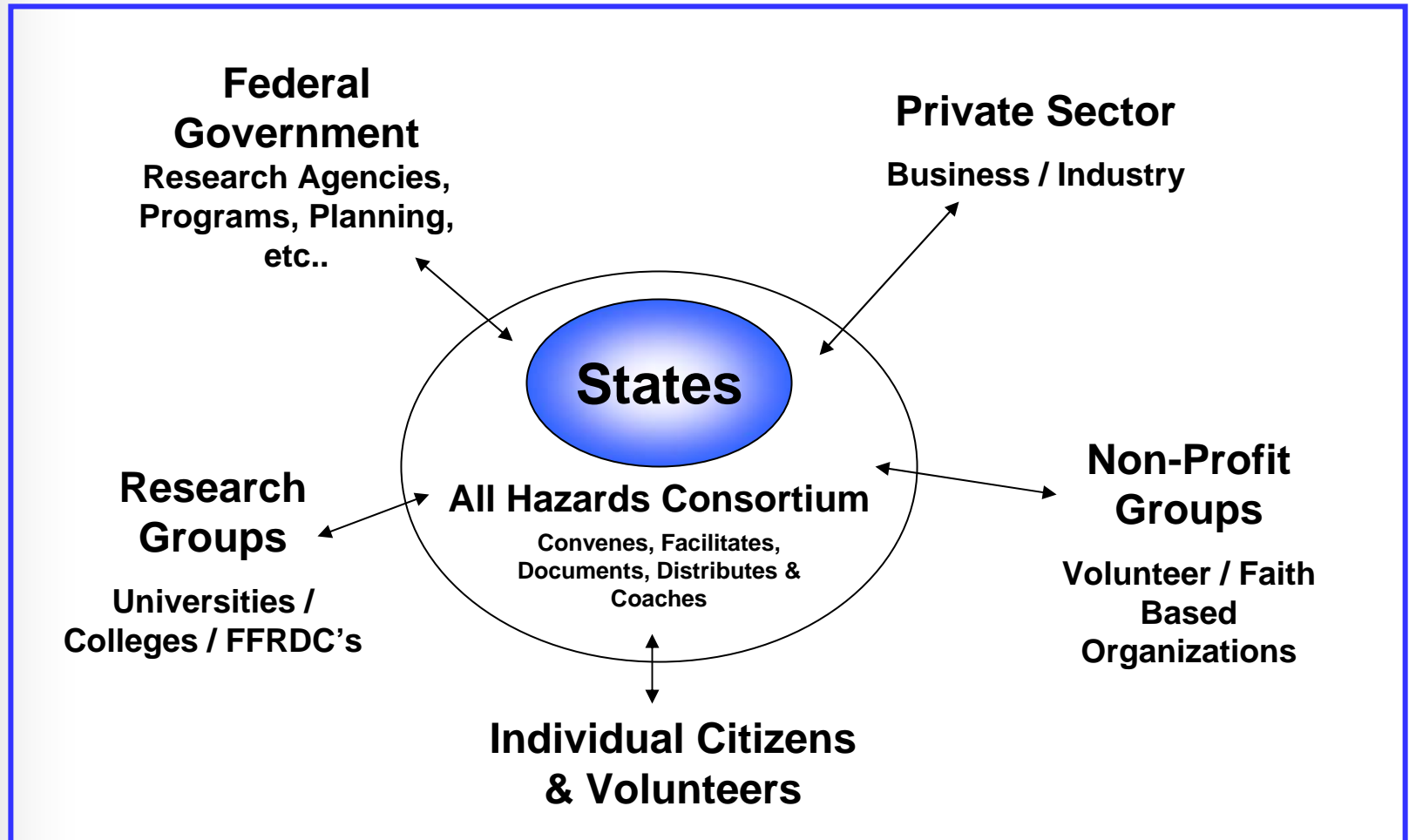
- States needed a streamlined vehicle to develop new homeland security and emergency management capabilities

Funding

- Initially funded in 2006/07 by a UASI grant from the DHS National Capital Region and in-kind donations from both public/private sector

What is the All Hazards Consortium?

A new regional collaboration model



The AHC's role is to act as the trusted agent, to develop a process for ongoing conversations & collaboration, and to create an environment for building trust between all stakeholders



The AHC: How Does It Work ?

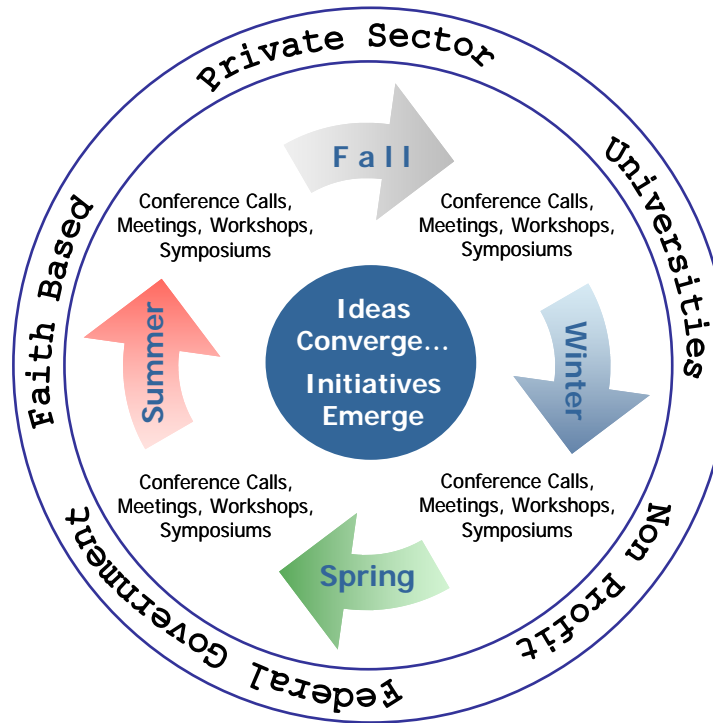
Step 1. The People

The State & Local Government People Who Own the Problem in....

- Transportation & Border Security
- Emergency Management
- Public Health & Medical
- Law Enforcement
- Public Safety Communications & Interoperability
- Grants & Procurement
- Information Sharing & Intelligence
- Critical Infrastructure Protection

Step 2. The Process

Collaborate with Private Sector, Universities, Non-Profits, Federal Government, Other Organizations



Identify Funding Sources

Step 3. The Outcomes

- Relationships & Partnerships
- Regional Collaboration
- Shared Regional Vision & Strategy
- Applied Technology
- Regional Initiatives
- White Papers
- Regional Studies
- MoU's
- Coordinated Procurements

Final Results:
Improved Regional Readiness

Regional White Papers

John Contestabile

**Director of Engineering and Emergency Services
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Chair

AHC Advisory Committee

Why Regional Workshops and White Papers?

Focused on Results for the Stakeholders

- Coordinated planning/ execution efforts between states / feds
- Increased and coordinated funding / resources / policy
- Participation of Private sector, University & Non-Profit groups

Connecting People

- Bring together the regional stakeholders to focus on one common topic

Sharing Information

- Provides regional snap shot of the issues including best practices, governance, policy, funding, technology/tools, etc...

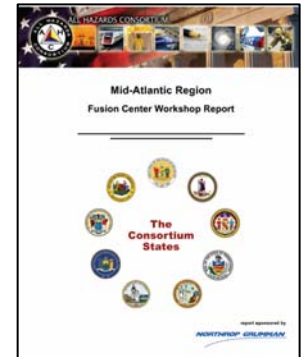
Identifying Common Challenges / Recommendations

- Focus on common multi-state issues/solutions
- Regional consensus of states
- Informs federal, private sector, & research partners

2007 AHC White Papers Produced

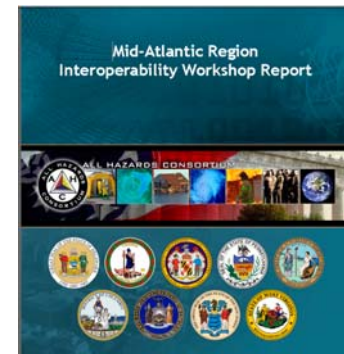
Fusion Center White Paper

- Sponsored by Northrop Grumman
- Released September 2008
- Provides information and recommendations



Public Safety Communications/Interoperability

- Sponsored by Johns Hopkins Univ / Applied Physics Lab
- Via a grant from DHS Science and Technology
- Released October 2007
- Provides information and recommendations



Critical Infrastructure Protection

- Sponsored by CNA Corporation
- A Federally Funded Research Development Ctr
- Scheduled for release December 2007
- Provides information and recommendations



2008 AHC White Papers Planned

Regional Catastrophic Evacuation Preparedness White Paper

- Coming February 20-22, 2008
- Regional Workshop on CATEPREP
- Shepherdstown, WV
- Sponsored by Johns Hopkins Univ / Applied Physics Lab
 - Via a grant from DHS Science and Technology
 - To provide information and recommendations
- See www.ahcusa.org for details



AHC Working Group Chairs

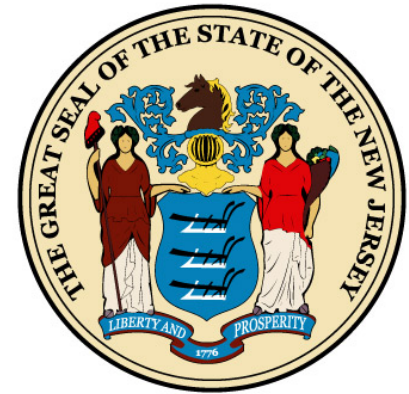
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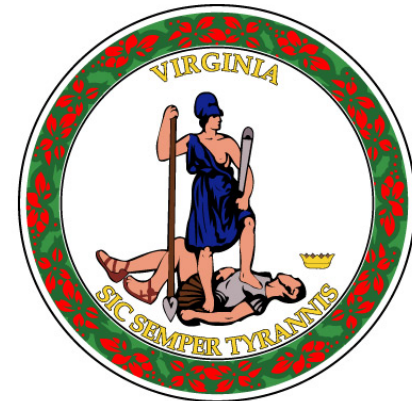


Public Safety Communications/Interoperability

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Commonwealth Interoperability Coordinator

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Critical Infrastructure Protection

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Deputy Homeland Security Advisor

Office of Homeland Security

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Fusion Center Report

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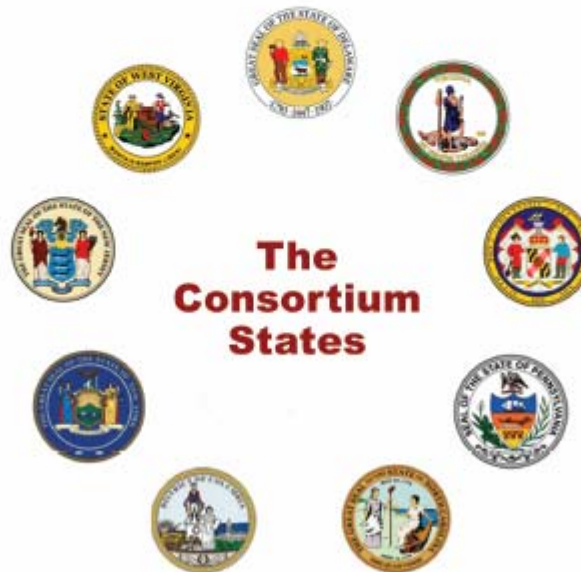
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Mid-Atlantic Region Fusion Center Workshop Report

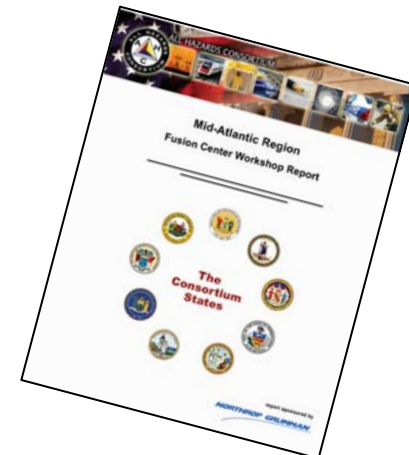


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Fusion Centers

- Who:** WV, VA, DC, MD, DE, PA, NJ & NY
- When:** Feb 2007
- What:** States provide briefs to each other on common questions/issues. Facilitated break out sessions help to drive out common needs, best practices, opportunities to partner, etc..
- Where:** Regional Operations Intelligence Center
New Jersey State Police Headquarters
West Trenton, New Jersey
- Why:** Regional Snapshot of Fusion Center efforts, needs and requirements, best practices
- WP Sponsor:** Northrop Grumman
- Released:** September 2007

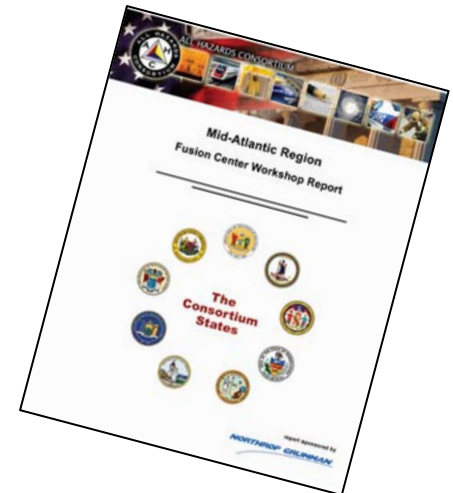


Recommendations

21 Total Recommendations in the areas of:

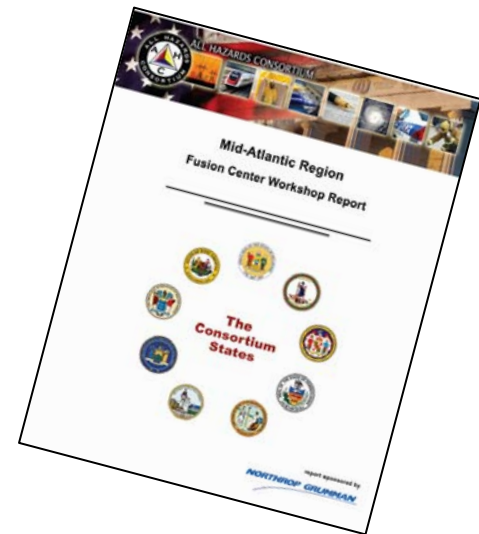
- Fusion Center Interoperability (3)
- Common Analyst Criteria (3)
- Regional Requirements/Collaboration (5)
- Reconcile Federal Security Clearances (1)
- Continuity of Operations Capability.(3)
- Collaboration/Planning (5)

A few examples....



Examples

- #1. Achieve interoperability among fusion centers... Identify a suite of best practices; Craft agreement for member states to sign agreeing to adhere to best practices; Acquire DHS funding for bridging technology for the states.
- #4. Reconcile federal security clearances for state and local personnel. States co-sign a letter to the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) outlining the problem and their recommendations.
- #5. Develop regional continuity of operations capability.. Establish model minimum criteria for back-up operations of fusion centers; Establish baseline emergency operations level for states to adopt; States sign MOU agreeing to provide identified space and other support for at least one additional state.
- #6. Continue the Ongoing Collaboration/Planning Process... Produce a regional strategic plan with deliverables; Identify information or data sources that can be shared among the Stakeholders; Conduct an annual regional fusion center workshop.



Regional Perspectives

Maryland

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Virginia

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Questions??

Next Steps

Download the Fusion Center White Paper

- Visit www.ahcusa.org to fill out request

Call into the AHC's Webinar Tomorrow (Dec 11) at Noon

- Register at www.ahcusa.org

Read 2006 All Hazards Annual Report

- Download it from www.ahcusa.org under "Resources"

Attend February 20-22 Regional Workshop in WV

- Watch for details at www.ahcusa.org

Closing Remarks

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