



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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IDHS Planning Division

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The good news!

FISCAL

- 2005 and 2006 agreements are in the final stage of drafting and will be distributed using EMPG funding due to performance period and timing issues. These agreements should arrive in within the next day or two (really!).
- 2007 agreements are all in the final signature stage. All funding must be disbursed by December 31, 2008. ***Thus deadlines for entering your invoices for reimbursement is October 31, 2008.***
- The 2008 award money has been increased from 300k in 2007 to 512k in 2008. Currently we only have 17 applications submitted. These funds will reimburse for any valid activities from 9/30/08 through 9/30/09. The current deadline for submission is 10/31/2008. Please contact Cindy Riley at 317.234.5959 or oriley@dhs.in.gov with any questions.



Yes, more good news!

- IDHS conducted a grant and iGMS survey to locals and you reported an 80% satisfaction rating – thank you! But, we can and will do better. How?
- New Grant Administrative Manual
- New Grant Agreement
We have reviewed and changed our grant agreements.
The new grant agreement is 9 pages instead of 21 (really!).
- New iGMS user interface
- Customer service, customer service, customer service



A little history.

- Federal: EPCRA/Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA).
- Indiana:
 - IC 6-6-10 Local Emergency Planning and Right to Know Fund
 - IC 13-25-1 Indiana Emergency Response Commission
 - IC 13-25-2 Emergency Planning and Notification
- Originally the IERC established an LEPC of each of Indiana's 92 counties.
- In 2002, the IERC upon the request from Washington and Orange Counties, created the Washington and Orange County emergency planning district which is serviced by one LEPC.



Today.

- 91 designated LEPCs in Indiana, one in each county except Washington and Orange counties who have a combined LEPC.
- Must handle many issues such as emergency planning, evacuation plans, training programs, exercises, communications, meetings, reporting, etc.
- Challenges: turnover, competing priorities and keeping high-functioning members.
- Compliance issues.



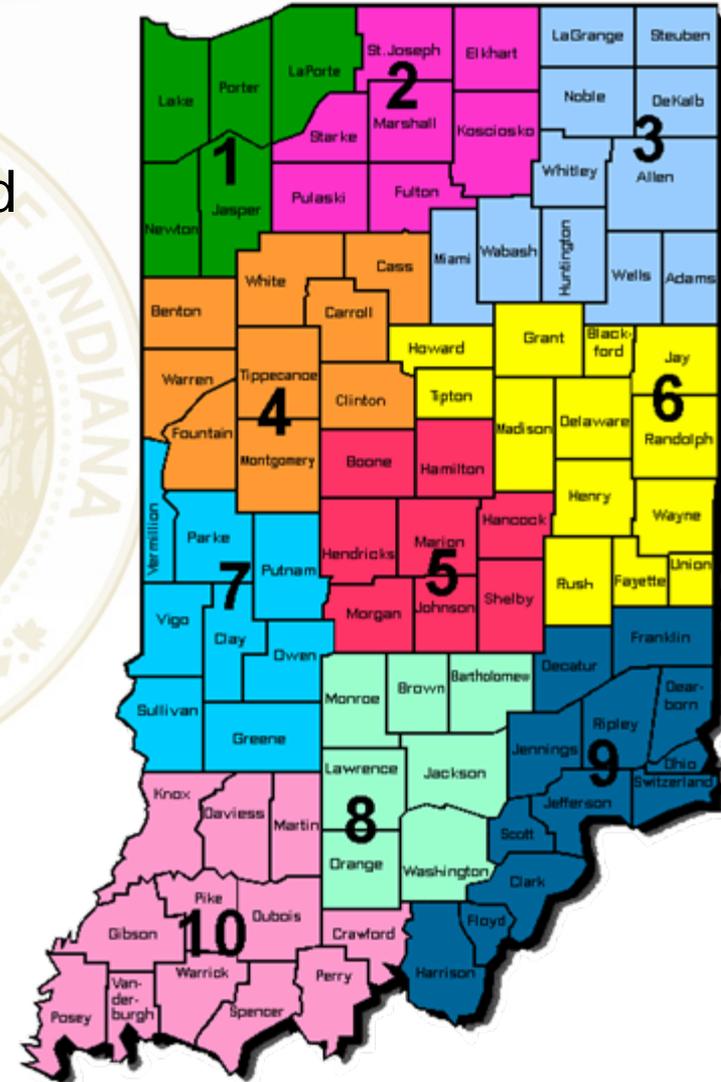
Options.

- Maintain status quo
- Evaluate options and new opportunities
- Options –
42 U.S.C. 11001(b)
“...the State emergency response commission may designate multi-jurisdictional planning organizations as such districts.”
- New opportunities –
IDHS Homeland Security Districts and District Planning Councils



Homeland Security Districts

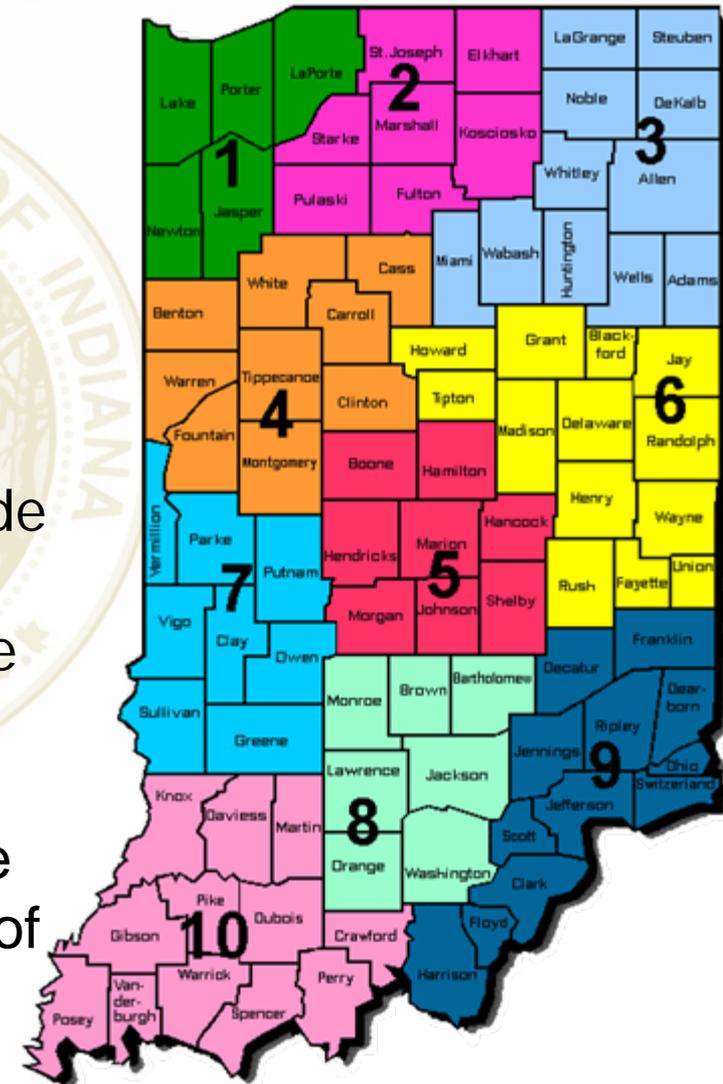
- The Indiana Department of Homeland Security and the Indiana State Department of Health established ten Homeland Security Districts within the State of Indiana.
- Each District is comprised of multiple counties and the numerous local communities within them.
- Each District is unique in character, needs 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 (DPC).
- To develop/enhance multi-discipline and multi-jurisdictional coordination of EMA, law enforcement, fire service, EMS and public health.





District Planning Council

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

Mission

The 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.



DPC: What is 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



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