

Regional Emergency Coordinators

Regional Emergency Coordinators (RECs) serve as the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response's (ASPR) primary representatives throughout the country. RECs are assigned regional areas of responsibility that align with the FEMA regions.

ASPR's Regional Emergency Coordinators work closely with State, local, territorial and tribal health officials in each of the country's 10 disaster planning regions and work to increase resilience of public health and medical systems. RECs are experts in federal public health and medical resources and deploy to disaster impact zones to coordinate the engagement of these resources during response, and in preparation for recovery, operations.

Since the inception of the REC program, Regional Emergency Coordinators have held leadership positions in domestic and international catastrophic disasters. They bring a wide range of field experiences with them to the disaster site and advise health and emergency management officials on possible courses of actions that can be employed during a response.

During non-response periods Regional personnel monitor emerging health threats and provide field situational awareness reports to the ASPR and the Director of the Office of Emergency Management. They support national planning initiatives and conduct outreach to public, private, and nonprofit organizations in order to promote public health and medical emergency preparedness. RECs also promote stakeholder awareness of new ASPR products and services related to emergency preparedness and response.

Regional Emergency Coordinators work in the Federal interagency environment as well as across multiple layers of government to help ensure the best health and medical outcomes during disasters.

For more information on the RECs, please visit:

<http://www.phe.gov/preparedness/responders/rec/Pages/default.aspx>

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