NORTHWEST WASHINGTON INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM (NWIMT)

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WHAT IS AN IMT?

Incident Management Teams (IMTs) are designed to ASSIST local emergency services and SUPPORT unusually large, complex, or long-term emergency incidents, when REQUESTED.
WHAT IS AN ALL-HAZARDS IMT?

• Team of Emergency services personnel
• From all disciplines – to handle all hazards
• TRAINED for Command and General staff functions
• Part of the National Incident Management System (NIMS)
DISCIPLINES INCLUDE:
- Law Enforcement
- Public Works
- Fire / Emergency Medical Services
- Hazardous Materials
- Public Health
- Emergency Management
- Health Care
TYPES OF IMT’S

Type 1 = National
Type 2 = State
Type 3 = Regional
Type 4/5 = Local

NWIMT is a Regional (Type 3) team that will provide services to the following Counties: Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom

The NWIMT is one of 9 pilot teams that are national assets. Because of this, deployment could take place to other areas of the U.S.
What types of incidents would be appropriate for a response from NWIMT?

- Floods
- Train Incidents
- Severe storms
- Volcano
- Earthquake
- Wildland Fires
Terrorism - a real possibility

Washington has been targeted!
SERVICES
OF AN IMT

- Assist in control and containment of the incident
- Provide logistics support to the incident (food, sanitation, housing, transportation, facilities, base camp setup, etc.)
- Provide communications plans and systems
- Provide time records for personnel and equipment

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SERVICES
OF AN IMT
(CONTINUED)

• Provide safety measures for the incident
• Provide operational support and expertise
• Arrange for additional manpower and equipment that might be needed
• Provide conduit for Public Information
WHY A TEAM FOR NORTHWEST WASHINGTON?

- We have been in existence since 2007
- Local/regional jurisdictions need capability to handle large emergencies within National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- Additional emergency support needed for entities within the region
- Expenses and resources need to be shared
- Regional approach is aligned with homeland security and other grant funding mechanisms
GOAL OF NWIMT

• Be a readily available, competent regional team to support NW Washington upon request that can respond to “all hazards” incidents with up to 34 members skilled in the various disciplines
CURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE

• 9 member Board of Directors
  • Representatives from Fire, Police, Public Works, Public Health, Emergency Management, IT, Finance/Administration and EMS
  • From agencies throughout the region
  • Provide policy direction
• Two standing teams rotating on a weekly basis
• Plans and Logistics Trailers
• Over $200,000 of equipment purchased with grants and team budget and revenues from state mobilization
CURRENT STATUS

- Inter-local agreement, bylaws and operating guidelines adopted
- Website created [www.nwimt.org](http://www.nwimt.org)
- 18 agencies have signed Inter-local
- Seeking additional jurisdictional partners from throughout the NW Region
- Team trains quarterly
- Assigned geographic area of responsibility for wildfire response
STAFFING NWIMT

• Tremendous training opportunity for individuals & their agencies
• Obligation to deploy staff and provide insurance during incident when NWIMT agrees to deploy
• Team members come from member agencies
• Agencies may be asked to pay some training costs
COSTS

• Costs and revenues will be shared by all Members
• Budget approved annually
• Formula for cost sharing
  • Based on per-capita population for cities, counties & tribes at .05 per capita / year
  • Based on agency operating budget for special districts
    • <1 million = $250/year
    • >1 million = $500/year