Resources for Tribes using the National Incident Management System (IMS) approach to COVID-19 response

Since March 2020, Tribal nations have mounted pandemic responses by enacting Tribal emergency response plans. These plans typically include protocols delineating measures and necessary precautions in emergencies such as the COVID-19 pandemic. Tribal Leadership can activate Emergency Operation Systems (EOC) and Incident Management Teams (IMT), which play significant roles in providing logistical support, centralizing operations, facilitating communication, and coordinating emergency response resources.

What is an Incident Management System (IMS)?

An Incident Management System (IMS) plans and oversees all levels of pandemic response, working with Tribal, state, and federal organizations and the private sector to prevent and respond to incidents. An IMS can help coordinate a response to COVID-19 and support relief efforts across all sectors within a community. This document provides resources for establishing and maintaining an IMS from various national organizations.

EMI Tribal Curriculum Course

https://training.fema.gov/tribal/

This course aims to help tribal communities understand the principles of NIMS. It seeks to guide the development and implementation of comprehensive Tribal emergency management systems. Upon completion of the course, you will be able to develop organizational structures, operational procedures, and procure resources for effective emergency operations.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response: Tribal Recipients Fact Sheet

https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20201030/coronavirus-covid-19-fema-assistance-tribal-governments

Based on the nationwide emergency declaration on March 13, 2020, Tribal governments can request assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This factsheet provides additional information about FEMA's assistance to tribal governments as either Recipients or Subrecipients during the nationwide COVID-19 emergency. Read more about the Federal government's Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response for additional information.

Local and Tribal integration

https://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/nims/eop-sop_local_online.pdf

This document outlines several ways local and Tribal Emergency Operations Plans and procedures can be modified in accord with NIMS concepts and terminology. This document has five focus areas: the EOP's relation to other Federal Guidance, NIMS adoption, a checklist of Emergency Operations Plan components, NIMS definitions and acronyms, and the NIMS Incident Command System (ICS).

An overview of Incident Management Teams

https://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/imt/imt_overview.html

All-Hazard Incident Management Teams (AHIMT) play an essential role in the management of, and response to, local/regional/national emergencies, natural disasters and public events, such as the COVID-19 pandemic. An AHIMT is a comprehensive resource (a team) to either enhance ongoing operations through provision of infrastructure support, or when requested, transition to an incident management function. This document provides an overview over the AHIMT structure.