



Comprehensive Preparedness Guide (CPG) 502

Comprehensive Preparedness Guide (CPG) 502: Considerations for Fusion Center and Emergency Operations Center Coordination, identifies and provides guidance on considerations through which fusion centers and emergency operations centers (EOC) can work together to share information on an on-going basis, during both steady and incident states. This guide was developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in partnership with the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Intelligence and Analysis and the Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative (Global), with significant input from key state, local and federal partners, non-profit organizations and other groups active in the emergency management, law enforcement, homeland security and fusion center communities.

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CPG 502 focuses on the critical partnership and the exchange of information between fusion centers and EOCs. The guide does not provide a "one-size fits all" approach to fusion center and EOC coordination. Rather, it outlines the information sharing roles of fusion centers and EOCs while identifying the planning and coordination considerations each entity must take into account. This guide outlines considerations for the following as they pertain to fusion centers and EOCs: Familiarization with Capabilities, Needs and Requirements; Establishing Partnerships; Determining Processes; and Training, Workshops and Exercises.

In addition to outlining the planning steps, CPG 502 provides templates and case studies for fusion center and EOC coordination. Appendix B of CPG 502 provides a template for a Memorandum of Understanding to serve as a guide for describing how the fusion center and the EOC interface. The case studies provide best practices on collaboration between fusion centers and EOCs, geospatial resource need considerations and examples of partnerships within an EOC.

Relation to the Baseline Capabilities for State and Major Urban Area Fusion Centers

The process of creating guidance for the operation of fusion centers has evolved through the development of the Baseline Capabilities for State and Major Urban Area Fusion Centers. The document identifies the baseline capabilities for fusion centers and the operational standards necessary to achieve each of the capabilities. CPG 502 supports the implementation of the Baseline Capabilities for state and Major Urban Area Fusion Centers by providing further guidance to state and major urban area fusion center officials on implementing an all-hazards approach, as well as establishing relationships with response and recovery officials.

Fusion Center Baseline Capability: All-Hazards Approach

An all-hazards approach refers to preparedness for terrorist attacks, major disasters and other emergencies within the United States. Within the context of the fusion process, some fusion centers have defined their mission to include an all-hazards approach. While the application of this approach varies, it generally means the fusion center has identified and prioritized types of major disasters and emergencies, beyond terrorism and crime that could occur within their jurisdiction. For this approach, fusion centers also gather, analyze and disseminate information that would assist the relevant responsible agencies (e.g., law enforcement, fire, public health, emergency management and critical infrastructure) with the prevention, protection, response or recovery efforts of those incidents. A fusion center can use an all-hazards approach but not address every possible hazard in its operations. Part of the annual risk assessment a fusion center develops (or supports development of) should identify which hazards a state or region should prioritize within its homeland security planning process, as well as provide the fusion center with the prioritization needed to develop relevant Information Requirements.

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