

Combining Tribal & Non-Tribal Resources During Disasters

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Caddo County, Oklahoma

- ✓ Anadarko is the County Seat-Population ~6,800
- ✓ Total land area is ~1,290 square miles; ~12 of which is water
- ✓ As of the 2010 Census, total county population is ~30,000; ~40% is American Indian
- ✓ Median Income-~\$27,347; ~30% below the poverty line
- ✓ Since 2007, Caddo County has had the most federal disasters declared in the country (16)

Caddo County, Oklahoma

- ✓ Home to the Kiowa, Delaware, Apache & Wichita (Anadarko), Fort Sill Apache (Apache), & Caddo (Binger) Tribal Complexes
- ✓ BIA Regional & Area Offices & IHS Facilities
- ✓ Riverside Indian School-Nation's oldest federally operated Indian Boarding School & 1 of 4 still open
- ✓ Main industries are tribal government, agriculture and energy
- ✓ 4 municipal Fire Departments & 22 VFD

ARE YOU PREPARED?

Prepared: Properly expectant, organized or equipped;
Ready

“When disaster strikes, the time to prepare has passed.”

“Every person who prepares is one less person
who panics in a crisis.”

“Preparation through education is less costly than
learning through tragedy.”

**“EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IS A
TEAM SPORT!”**

WHAT DO YOU EXPECT?

- Tornadoes
- Winter Ice Storms
- Excessive Heat
- Drought/Flash Flooding
- Wildfires
- Earthquakes
- Politics

ISSUES

- Funding
- Lack of training
- Lack of planning
- Lack of organizing
- Politics
- Community Buy-in

ARE YOU TRAINED?

Incident Command System (ICS)-standardized on-scene **incident** management concept designed specifically to allow responders to adopt an integrated organizational structure equal to the complexity and demands of any single **incident** or multiple incidents without being hindered by jurisdictional boundaries.

National Incident Management Systems (NIMS)-Standardized approach to incident management developed by the Office of Homeland Security

FREE ONLINE

ICS-100- Introduction to ICS

ICS-200-Single Resource & Initial Action Incidents

ICS-700-Introduction to NIMS

ICS-800-Introduction to the National Response Framework

For the decision makers: *16 classroom hours for each

ICS-300-Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents

ICS-400-Advanced ICS for Command & General Staff

ARE YOU TRAINED?

Hazardous Waste Operations & Emergency Response (HAZWOPER)-
40 initial classroom hours & 8-hour annual refresher

CPR/First Aid-Recertification every 2 years

Mental Health First Aid

Active Shooter Response Training

Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP)

G-402-ICS for Senior Executives and Officials

Emergency Management Institute (EMI)- located in Emmitsburg, MD;

When in doubt, contact your state's Office of
Homeland Security.

[Training.fema.gov](https://training.fema.gov)

UTILIZING ICS

ICS IS NOT JUST FOR EMERGENCIES

The ICS system can be used for:

planned events: parades, pow-wows, sporting events,
etc.

or

unplanned events: natural disasters, Acts of God, etc.

ARE YOU ORGANIZED?

- Is your staff trained?
- Does your tribe have a resolution in place to adopt NIMS/ICS?
- Is your paperwork in order? (IAPs, MOAs, MOUs etc.)
- Is your ICS staff in place? (Incident Commander, PIO, Safety, Liaison, Planning, Logistics, Finance, Operations and Intel)
- Do you have an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)?
- Do you have a Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)?
- Do you have any plan at all?
- Do you drill?

**DRILL,
BABY,
DRILL!!***

***But only for emergency preparedness, not for fracking or other Environmentally harmful purposes.**

Unless you are organized with a FEMA approved EOP & HMP **AND** NIMS compliant, your tribe will **NOT** be eligible for federal disaster relief funding.

EMERGENCY OPERATION PLANS

- Identifies Command Staff
- Includes goals and objectives for how your tribe will respond during disasters and emergencies
- Clearly defines your emergency response team's responsibilities
- Identifies any regulations included in your plan
- Include all tribal buildings and enterprises within the plan
- Include sacred and historical sites
- Identifies available resources

WHAT ARE YOUR RESOURCES?

Shelter

Vehicles

Supplies

Funding

Manpower

Sometimes you are the only available resource!

Do NOT offer resources if you cannot come through

“NEVER, EVER, EVER,
EVER, EVER, EVER
SELF DEPLOY!!”

*-Every NIMS Instructor
since the beginning of
time*

TRIBAL DISADVANTAGES

- Unorganized
- Inherent mistrust of the federal government and its programs
- Lack of acknowledgement
- Lack of understanding
- Lack of awareness
- Turnover
- Politics

TRIBAL ADVANTAGES

- Sovereign Nations
- Tribal Leader can contact the President of the United States directly for a federal disaster declaration
- Do not have to wait on the state government
- Funds can be utilized within the tribal jurisdictions which can sometimes cover many counties
- Better understanding of tribal members' needs
- Can organize tribal PDs & FDs

NETWORKING

- Meet with the local agencies and other local tribes
- Always keep your contact list current
- Partner with volunteer and/or charitable organizations
- Know who is trained within your tribal population (Doctors, nurses, first responders, etc.)
- Ask to read other organization's EOP and share yours in an attempt to avoid duplicative efforts or resources
- Know what resources are available from other organizations

JOINING FORCES

- Inter Tribal Emergency Management Coalition (ITEMC)
- Tribal Emergency Response Commission (TERC)
- Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC)
- Inter Tribal Emergency Response Commission (ITERC)
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- State Emergency Management meetings
- Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)
- Oklahoma Emergency Managers Association (OEMA)

JOINING FORCES

- Include tribal members, partners, community stakeholders & other organizations in tribal EM meetings
- Train together
- Keep in contact
- Keep an updated resource list and disseminate to other agencies
- Drill together
- Include everyone!





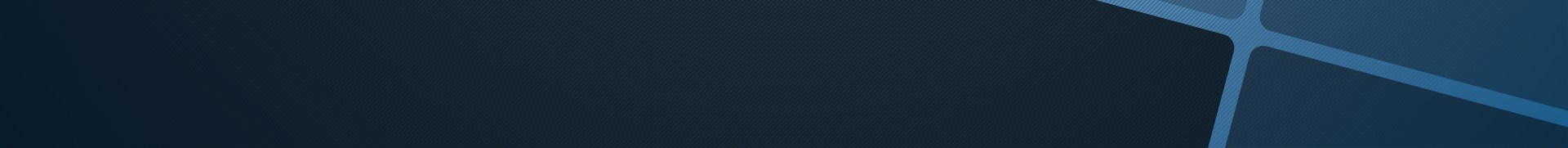


CADDO AG COUNTY
CENTER

FEED SOLD HERE
ADM

FREE
RABIES CLINIC

- Man in black t-shirt and jeans
- Man in black t-shirt and jeans with sunglasses
- Woman in purple t-shirt
- Woman in maroon t-shirt
- Woman in yellow t-shirt
- Woman in blue t-shirt
- Woman in orange hoodie
- Woman in blue t-shirt holding sign
- Man in orange t-shirt and jeans
- Man in green cap and orange t-shirt
- Man in white t-shirt
- Woman in purple t-shirt
- Woman in white t-shirt
- Woman in white t-shirt and pants
- Man in brown jacket
- Woman in black jacket



Preparedness starts with you!

At Home:

- Emergency evacuation plans
- Preparedness Kits- Include at least 72 hours of supplies within your kit
- Memorize family & friends contact numbers
- Know where to go wherever you are!

Questions?

Thank you!!

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