

2022 REPORT

# OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

YEAR IN REVIEW



# About IOEM

The Idaho Office of Emergency Management (IOEM) is a part of the Idaho Military Division. IOEM is the state's emergency management agency tasked by Idaho code with providing assistance to the 44 counties and five Tribes in managing man-made and natural disasters in the state. Key to the agency's role is developing and updating the state's Emergency Operations Plan. This detailed all-hazards plan establishes a framework for managing disasters in Idaho, and develops mechanisms for support to state, local, and tribal emergency managers. The Idaho Response Center (IRC) is housed within IOEM and is a central hub for coordination efforts and situational awareness during a disaster. IOEM ensures that partner agencies are trained and prepared to assist in managing disasters.

## Our Mission

**IOEM GUIDES THE STATE OF IDAHO  
IN EFFECTIVELY PREPARING FOR,  
PROTECTING AGAINST, MITIGATING  
THE EFFECTS OF, RESPONDING TO,  
AND RECOVERING FROM ALL HAZARDS.**

**The four branches are Administration, Operations, Preparedness and Protection, and Grants Management.**

IOEM is accredited by the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP).

IOEM is part of FEMA's Region 10 along with Oregon, Washington and Alaska.



## Message from Director Brad Richy

**As I look back on the past year, it has been a relief to see our state and the citizens of Idaho return to our pre-COVID lives.** After over two years of the IOEM Emergency Operations Center being activated for COVID response, IOEM was able to get back to our fundamental responsibility of emergency preparedness, planning and response activities.

During the transition back to our new normal, June kicked off with IOEM's participation in the FEMA Region 10 Cascadia Rising Exercise, as well as hosting FEMA's National Advisory Council Meeting in Boise. In October, we held our Annual Preparedness and Cybersecurity Conference with over 200 attendees. In addition, throughout the year, IOEM provided training in emergency management to more than 500 people.

2022 was a busy year that stretched our resources and challenged our emergency management staff. I truly appreciate our IOEM team and all the dedicated professionals across the state, as well as our federal partners, whom have worked diligently to respond to the needs of our citizens. As we enter 2023, I am confident these hard-working individuals will continue to make Idaho a safe and great place to live.

# Grants Branch

The Grants Branch leverages state and federal funding to advance the goals of IOEM's Strategic Plan and to support emergency management (EM) programs in Idaho. Fostering preparedness and resilience through investments in the preparedness cycle is the aim of the Grants Branch.

## 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

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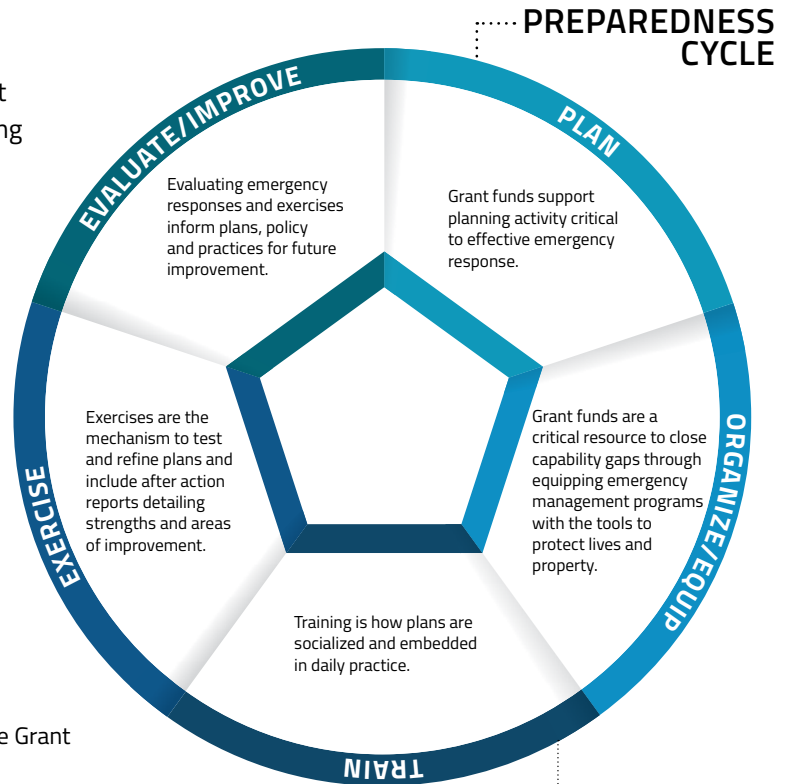
**\$14 million**  
in federal grants awards



### GRANT SUBRECIPIENTS

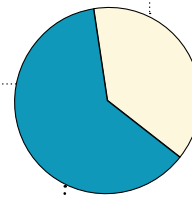
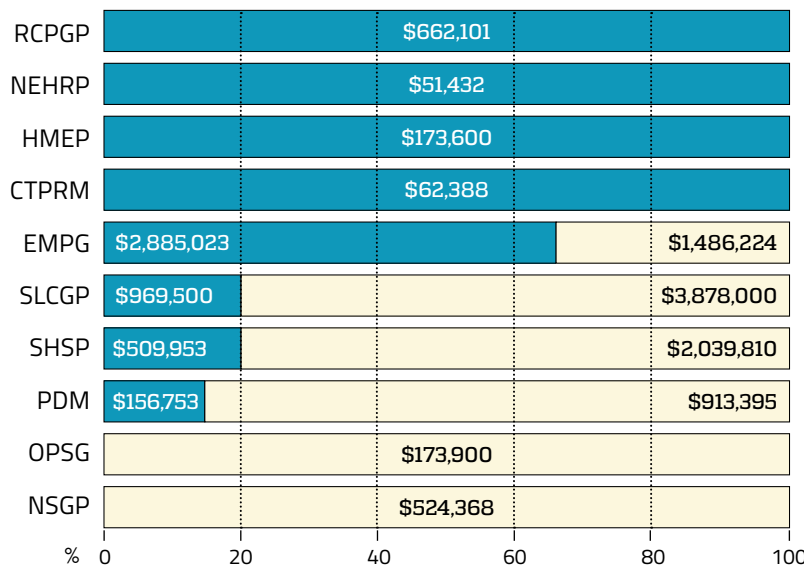
- 64** State Homeland Security Program
- 45** Emergency Management Performance Grant

State-only programs for **CATASTROPHIC PREPAREDNESS, EARTHQUAKE HAZARD REDUCTION, PIPELINE & HAZARDOUS MATERIALS** along with **COOPERATING TECHNICAL PARTNERS** were supported by **\$949,521 in federal grants**.



Grant funds enable activities that align with the preparedness cycle and help maintain Idaho's robust emergency management program.

## FEDERAL GRANTS AWARD SHARE



**38%** of Federal Grant funds were retained by IOEM

**62%** awarded to local jurisdictions (subrecipients)

- Federal Grant Funding at IOEM
- Subgrants passed to subrecipients

- RCPGP:** Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program
- NEHRP:** National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program
- HMEP:** Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Program
- CTPRM:** Cooperating Technical Partners
- EMPG:** Emergency Management Program Grant
- SLCGP:** State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program
- SHSP:** State Homeland Security Program
- PDM:** Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program
- OPSG:** Operation Stone Garden
- NSGP:** Non-Profit Security Grant Program

All grant funds cover multiple fiscal years.



## End of Covid Activation

After more than two years of activation, on April 15th, 2022, Idaho's public health emergency declaration for the COVID-19 Pandemic ended. The Idaho Office of Emergency Management handled the state's response to the pandemic since early 2020.

Throughout the pandemic, IOEM successfully delivered more than three million items of personal protective equipment (PPE). During the first year of the pandemic, obtaining PPE, setting up testing facilities, and educating the public about the virus were the main focus. As the virus continued and a vaccine was developed, IOEM shifted focus to make sure the COVID-19 vaccine was accessible to all Idahoans who wanted it. With the help of St. Alphonsus and FEMA, mobile vaccination units were deployed to more rural areas of the state.

As the vaccine rolled out, the pandemic appeared to slow through the summer of 2021. However, by September of 2021, COVID cases started to rise and hospitals began to become overwhelmed. At this point, Crisis Standards of Care was activated statewide and the mission focus changed to providing support to healthcare facilities.

IOEM worked diligently to enter into a contract through the General Services Administration with ACI Federal to deploy 600 medical professionals to healthcare facilities in need throughout Idaho. Additionally, 150 Idaho Guardsmen were placed on standby and provided support for non-clinical needs.

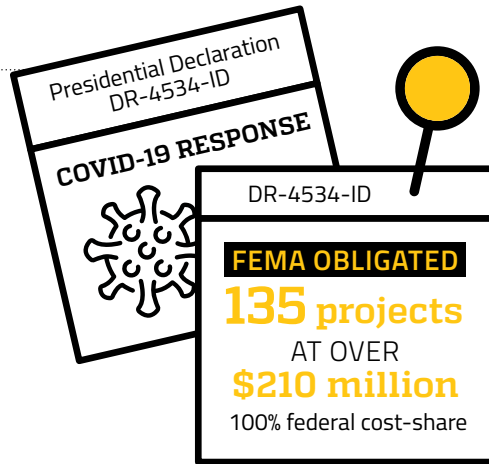
As the stress and strain on the healthcare community continued, IOEM partnered with AmeriCorps to bring support to Idaho. After much coordination with our Public Private Partnership Program, in late October an AmeriCorps team came to Idaho to provide non-clinical support to some of our healthcare providers including St. Luke's in Boise and Central District Health (CDH). The team filled roles in the St. Luke's Boise hospital kitchen which included cafeteria cleaning, working the customer-facing food service line, kitchen prep work, and getting patient meals assembled and up to the various floors. The team also did administrative work for CHD that included filing and sorting approximately eight thousand COVID investigations, completing more than 750 COVID-19 lab closeouts, and other tasks to help support CDH staff.

"The Idaho Office of Emergency Management has been working tirelessly to help offset some of the staffing issues Idaho health care facilities have been experiencing. While exploring the best ways to do this, the opportunity to bring an AmeriCorps team to Idaho presented itself," said Director Richy. "IOEM staff knew this would not only be a great benefit to St. Luke's and Central District Health, but also an excellent experience for the AmeriCorps members."

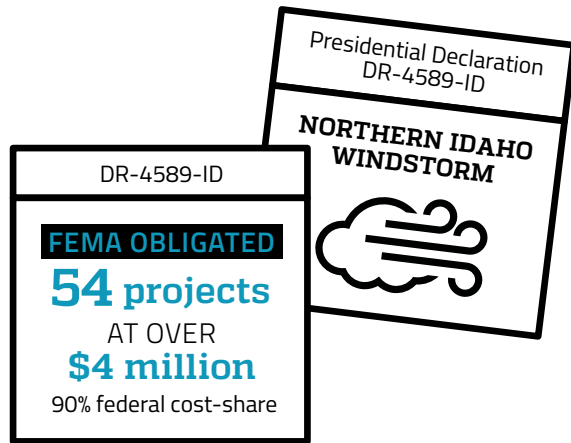
AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) is a national service program that brings full-time members to projects related to natural and other disasters, infrastructure improvement, environmental stewardship and conservation, energy conservation, and urban and rural development.

# Recovery

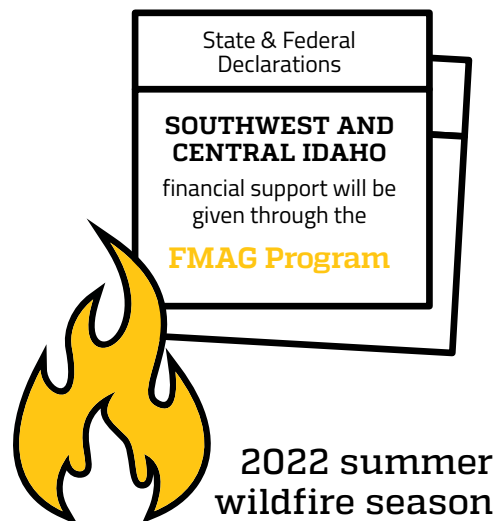
IOEM's 2022 disaster recovery efforts, in partnership with FEMA, continued in support of COVID-19 response activities under Presidential Declaration DR-4534-ID. At the close of 2022, FEMA had obligated 135 projects at over \$210M at 100% federal cost-share. Recovery activities for statewide COVID-19 applicants will continue into 2023 as projects continue through the review, obligation and reimbursement processes.



2022 saw the continuation of recovery support for the 2021 Northern Idaho Windstorm (Presidential Declaration DR-4589-ID). By late 2022, 54 projects were obligated at over \$4M. A cost share change in early 2022 saw the federal contribution increase from 75% to 90%, providing increased funding available to those eligible state, local, tribal and private non-profit applicants for approved projects. Reimbursement operations, led by IOEM, will continue into 2023, as well as ongoing project activities developed through Public Assistance (PA) mitigation opportunities.



IOEM Recovery continues to support the reimbursement of eligible costs incurred during the 2022 summer wildfire season. Fire activity across the state led to multiple declarations. In August, the Four Corners and the Ross Fork Fires threatened parts of the southwest and central areas of Idaho, and led to state and federal declarations for each. These declarations will provide federal and state financial support to eligible applicants through FEMA's Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) Program. Recovery operations will continue into 2023 as the applicants provide the documentation necessary to support reimbursement of costs incurred for eligible fire management and emergency protection activities.





# Cascadia Rising National Level Exercise: Idaho Demonstration of Capabilities

Emergency management officials across the state took part in the State of Idaho Demonstration of Capabilities, a large-scale exercise June 14th through 15th. **The exercise scenario is meant to simulate the catastrophic impacts of a Cascadia Subduction Zone magnitude 9.0 earthquake and tsunami.**

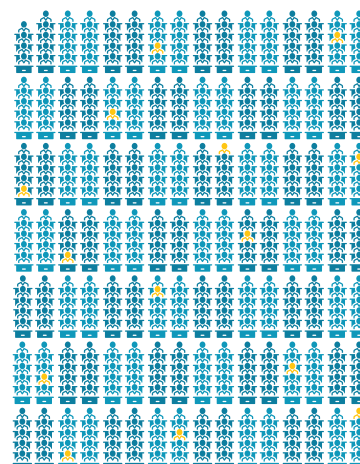
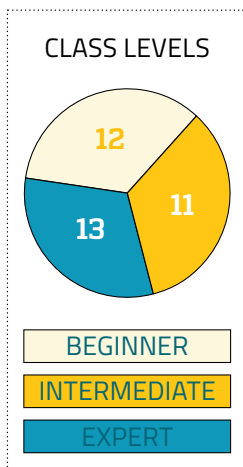
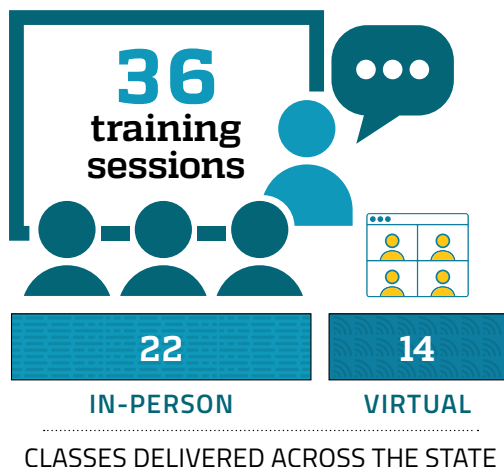
“While Idaho is not inside the expected physical impact area, we are testing our ability to support our neighbors should a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and tsunami happen,” said Idaho Office of Emergency Management Director Brad Richy. “This exercise is part of an ongoing effort to maintain an optimal level of readiness to provide assistance as quickly and efficiently as possible to support our neighbors and their communities.”

Nearly 150 people, including federal, state, and private sector partners, participated virtually and in person at the new Idaho Response Center (IRC) located at the State of Idaho Chinden Campus.

This exercise allowed emergency management officials to test the capabilities of the IRC and use the lessons learned from it to better prepare for real life disasters and emergencies.

## 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

## Training and Exercise



**559 personnel trained**

# Mitigation

The Mitigation Section of IOEM works with all 44 counties and five Tribes throughout the State of Idaho to ensure that each jurisdiction has a plan to reduce and minimize the long-term risk associated with man-made and natural hazards and disasters. IOEM also assists the state and jurisdictions with grants for plans and projects.

## GRANT PROGRAM DEFINITIONS

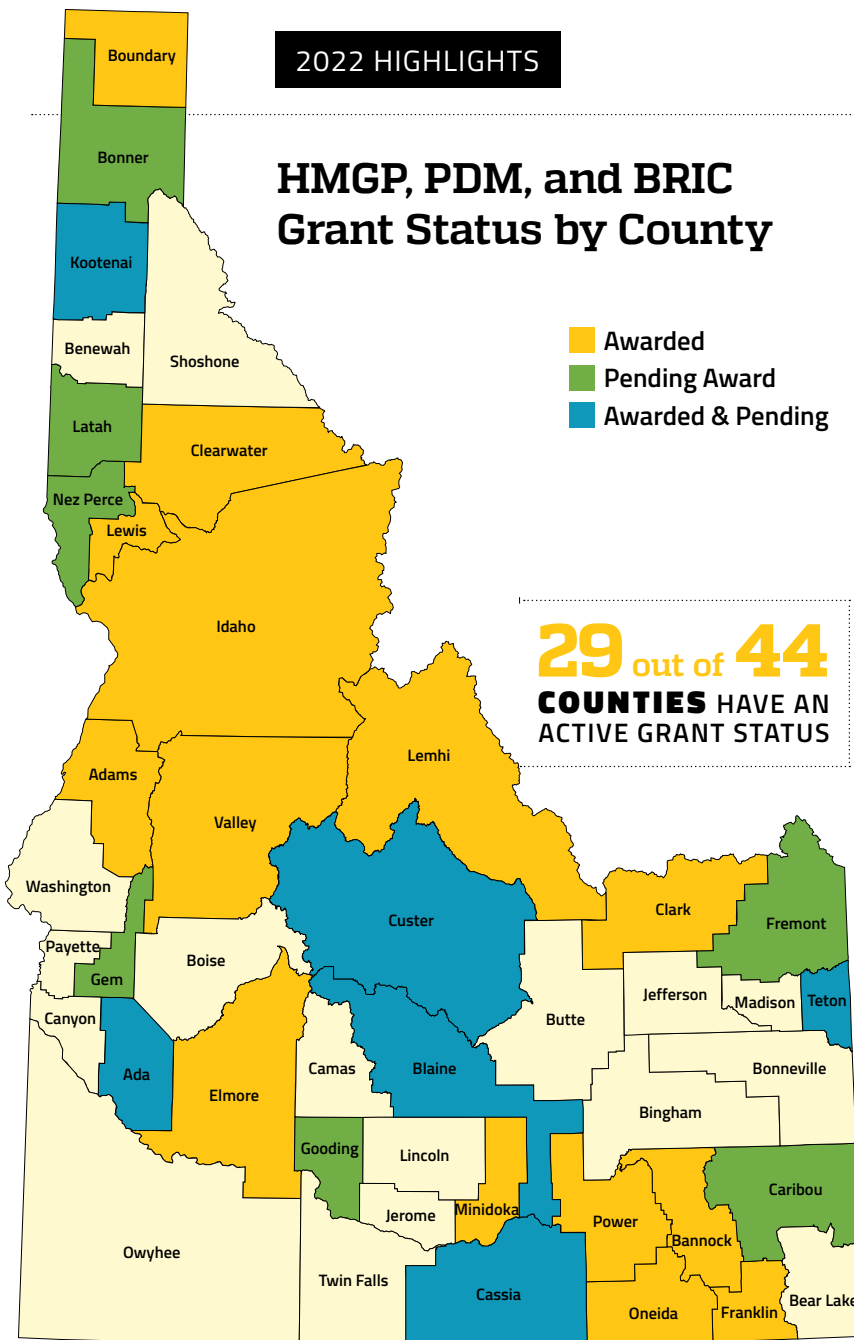
**Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)** provides funds to states, tribes, and territories to perform long-term hazard reduction after a major disaster.

**Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM)** program provides grant funding to help plan and direct hazard mitigation projects before a disaster.

**Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)** program aims to categorically shift the federal focus away from reactive disaster spending and toward research-supported, proactive investment in community resilience.

## 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

### HMGP, PDM, and BRIC Grant Status by County



COUNTY	\$K	STATUS
Ada	\$173.2	Awarded
Ada	\$4,387.9	Pending Award
Adams	\$32.9	Awarded
Bannock	\$89.9	Awarded
Blaine	\$906.6	Awarded
Blaine	\$436.9	Pending Award
Bonner	\$3,406.2	Pending Award
Boundary	\$31.2	Awarded
Caribou	\$37.2	Pending Award
Cassia	\$72.2	Awarded
Cassia	\$1,257.9	Pending Award
Latah	\$393.6	Pending Award
Minidoka	\$571.4	Awarded
Lemhi	\$397.3	Awarded
Clark	\$39.7	Awarded
Custer	\$156.2	Awarded
Custer	\$76.0	Pending Award
Clearwater	\$68.6	Awarded
Elmore	\$43.7	Awarded
Franklin	\$102.0	Awarded
Fremont	\$376.3	Pending Award
Gem	\$350.0	Pending Award
Gooding	\$310.0	Pending Award
Idaho	\$445.6	Awarded
Kootenai	\$84.3	Awarded
Kootenai	\$453.9	Pending Award
Lewis	\$76.0	Awarded
Minidoka	\$802.6	Awarded
Nez Perce County	\$1,130.0	Pending Award
Nez Perce Tribe	\$41.3	Pending Award
Oneida	\$21.4	Awarded
Oneida	\$1,412.4	Pending Award
Power	\$30.9	Awarded
Teton	\$2,825.0	Awarded & Pending
Valley	\$400.0	Awarded
Valley	\$935.8	Pending Award

# IOEM & FEMA Partnership

## Delanie at FEMA HQ

An IOEM emergency planner completed a six-month detail with the Federal Emergency Management Agency after being selected to participate in the agency's first ever exchange program.

Delanie Edmunds is one of only four people from across the country to be selected to participate in this new program.

She worked at FEMA Headquarters in Washington D.C. from July through December 2022.

During her time with FEMA, Delanie acted as a liaison representing the state perspective in activations, tours and trainings, and the daily operations of FEMA HQ's Operations Division. Most notably she worked on the Hurricane Fiona and Ian responses in the National Response Coordination Center (NRCC). She also coordinated with the three other FEMA Exchange Personnel to continue our mission of exchanging information and ideas.

These six months have been full of invaluable experience and knowledge that Delanie is bringing back to the state of Idaho, and IOEM is incredibly proud of all she has accomplished.

"Delanie has proven to be an exceptional emergency planner dedicated to helping communities in Idaho prevent, manage and recover from disasters," said IOEM Preparedness and Protection Branch Chief Ben Roeber. "We are beyond excited for her to have this well-deserved opportunity working alongside FEMA leadership and seeing the impact of her contributions from a different governmental perspective."

The exchange program offers state, local, tribal and territorial emergency managers and government officials the opportunity to work hand-in-hand with FEMA senior leadership.

The program also provides a new avenue to strengthen FEMA's partnerships with state, local, tribal and territorial emergency managers to increase community resilience against disasters.



**DELANIE**  
was selected as  
**1 of only 4**  
**program participants**  
in the United States

6 month detail  
at FEMA HQ in  
Washington D.C.

**DELANIE EDMUNDS**  
IOEM Emergency Planner



**DEANNE CRISWELL**  
FEMA Administrator

## National Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT)

The National Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) came to Boise in October to meet with the State Emergency Response Team (SERT). This gave IOEM SERT members the opportunity to learn more about the support the IMAT can bring to Idaho during a disaster. IOEM staff and the IMAT broke off into groups by section and discussed what they bring to the table and how they'd work together during an incident.

The IMAT is a full-time, rapid-response team with dedicated staff able to deploy within two hours and arrive at an incident within 12 hours to support the local incident commander. The team supports the initial establishment of a unified command and provides situational awareness for federal and state decision-makers crucial to determining the level and type of immediate federal support that may be required.



## National Advisory Council (NAC) Meeting

FEMA's National Advisory Council (NAC) held its mid-year meeting in Boise from June 7th through 9th. This event brought some of the nation's highest ranking emergency management officials, including FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell and U.S. Fire Administrator Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell, to Boise. During this meeting the Equity Work Group, Workforce Subcommittee, Climate Subcommittee, and Readiness Subcommittee provided a work progress report. Moreover, the meeting included a FEMA leader panel discussion and wildfire panel discussion, in addition to a conversation with the Administrator of FEMA regarding the future direction of work.

The NAC is made up of emergency managers and emergency responders from all over the country representing different levels of government and the private sector. Collectively, these members advise the Administrator on all aspects of emergency management to ensure input from and coordination with state, local and tribal governments and the private sector on federal plans, programs, and strategies for all hazards. IOEM Director Brad Richy was reappointed to this council in November 2021.



BRAD RICHY IOEM Director



# Annual Preparedness and Cyber Security Conference

The Idaho Office of Emergency Management brought back the Annual Preparedness and Cybersecurity Conference (APCC) for the first time since 2019.

The APCC, which was delayed two years due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, is an education, outreach, and training event for local and state emergency managers, County Commissioners and Tribal Council Members, and cybersecurity professionals.

Conference topics included emergency preparedness, disaster recovery, mitigation activities, cyber preparedness/defense and more. **The featured keynote speakers brought decades of experience and shared dozens of stories related to emergency management and cybersecurity. They included:**

**BROCK LONG** former FEMA Administrator, coordinated the federal government’s response to over 144 Presidentially declared disasters and 112 wildfires, including three of the Nation’s most devastating hurricanes and five of the worst wildfires ever experienced. During this time, nearly \$44 billion of disaster activity occurred under the various federal recovery programs.

**MIKE SPRAYBERRY** former Director of North Carolina Division of Emergency Management, led the State of North Carolina’s response and recovery efforts for 19 state declared disasters and 13 federally declared disasters, including catastrophic Hurricane Florence, now known as North Carolina’s “Storm of Record.”

**FRANK JOHNSON** former city Chief Information Officer with a Master of Science degree in computer science from The Johns Hopkins University, now focusing on helping others in all aspects of cybersecurity.

In addition to presentations and panel discussions with the keynote speakers, sessions included opportunities to network with IOEM employees, learn about resources the state and volunteer organizations provide, and how to best prepare your county or jurisdiction for any emergency or disaster.

Previously, the Annual Preparedness Conference and the Cybersecurity Conference were two different events. This year, IOEM combined them into one preparedness event.

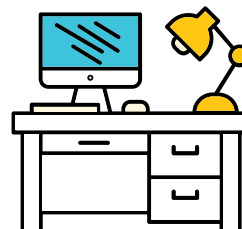


# Idaho Response Center

The Idaho Response Center (IRC) located at the State of Idaho Chinden Campus is complete. This space allows for all state agencies to co-locate and manage a disaster event. At 21,622 square feet containing 132 work stations, the IRC is large enough for key experts from every agency to support response to a disaster or emergency while safely social distancing. The advanced audio-visual capability allows each emergency support function to be able to display vital information for their group and have the capability to easily share it with everyone in the Idaho Response Center. This will allow for a common operating picture giving the State Emergency Response Team the information needed to make decisions to ensure the state capability is sent where it is most beneficial.



 **21,622** square feet



**132** work stations

# Looking Ahead

Now that you've seen some of IOEM's accomplishments in 2022, here are a few things you can expect to see in 2023:

IOEM is working on a series of active shooter seminars which will examine how businesses can better prepare, respond and recover from active shooter and other mass casualty events. These 90 minute, monthly seminars are also geared to help the private sector with the complexities of short, medium and long term recovery. It will include subject matter experts from government and the private sector and will be made available to a national audience.

The mobile Disaster Response Center (DRC) is now ready to be deployed in the event of an emergency. This is a dedicated workplace that acts as a central location for emergency preparedness and crisis management teams while responding to an incident on scene. The DRC will make it easier for the county and state to come together.



Mark your calendars for the Annual Preparedness and Cybersecurity Conference! IOEM will be holding the conference the week of October 23rd, 2023. More info to come...



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