



Catastrophic Response Planning Activities in Alaska



- **Background:**
 - FEMA Region X All-hazards Plan (2011-2012) – All-hazards analysis used as justification for an Alaska-specific Annex
 - FEMA Region X Alaska Response Annex (2012-2014) – Concept of operations for response to 1964 Alaska earthquake scenario; concept of support for logistics
 - ALASKA SHIELD 2014 – Catastrophic earthquake scenario; large exercise/several stakeholders
- **Current and Way Ahead:**
 - FEMA Region X Tribal Response Annex (2014-2015) – Analysis of Alaska Native Villages (threats/culture); multiple courses of action developed for support
 - Phase II (2016-2018) – Further refinement and tribal socialization
 - FEMA Region X Alaska Response Annex Update (2020) – Joint with NORTHCOM Alaska Playbook



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- Current and Way Ahead (*cont'd*):
 - VISTA DENALI Senior Leader TTX – July 2016
 - NORTHCOM-led exercise with many partners: NORTHCOM/ALCOM, State of Alaska (DHS&EM), DHS, FEMA, DHHS, TRANSCOM, PACAF, Municipality of Anchorage
 - Scenario: 9.2 magnitude earthquake southeast of Anchorage
 - Four key findings that mirrored ALASKA SHIELD 2014 lessons learned
 - FEMA Region X, in coordination with FEMA HQ, NORTHCOM, TRANSCOM, and State of Alaska DHSS/federal DHHS, is leading efforts to address these findings/gaps



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- VISTA DENALI TTX Four Key Findings:
 - Movement Coordination Center/Movement Control Group
 - OPR: FEMA HQ and Region X in coordination with other federal/state stakeholders
 - MCC/MCG pre-decisional guide in draft; FEMA HQ Logistics Management Directorate (LMD) is seeking input from regions/states; LMD will start editing draft based on comments received in May timeframe
 - The MCC resides at the NRCC, and the MCG will deploy to the RRCC, JFO, or other location as directed; must ensure Alaska equities are met via an efficient movement coordination effort (national and local)
 - Conduct a Transportation Feasibility Study
 - OPRs: NORTHCOM/TRANSCOM (FEMA HQ and Region X)
 - FEMA successful in scheduling for summer 2018; regional brief from FEMA HQ Plans & Exercises concerning required pre-work to occur May/June 2017
 - Will address all modes of transportation, ultimately developing a Resource Phasing Plan – basically a Time-phased Force Deployment Data (TPFDD)



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- VISTA DENALI TTX Four Key Findings *(cont'd)*:
 - Reception, Staging, Onward Movement, and Integration
 - OPR: FEMA Region X in coordination with FEMA HQ Field Operations Directorate (FOD) and other federal/state stakeholders
 - Linkage to transportation feasibility study and movement control efforts; consideration of mission assignments is also a part of this effort
 - The FEMA Personnel Mobilization (RSOI) Guide came out February 2017, and a Personnel Mobilization SOP is in development by FOD; these documents and the draft Region X RSOI Plan will provide guidance/foundation on which to plan for an Alaskan event
 - Medical and Patient Movement
 - OPR: State DHSS with federal DHHS/DoD medical planners
 - Evaluation of Alaska patient movement is underway; timely medical/patient movement is a major issue for Alaska
 - Gap currently exists prior to arrival of federal patient movement assets
 - Alaska DHSS is actively leading this effort with goal of producing a State Medical and Patient Movement Plan by 2018



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- **Associated Notes:**
 - Critical that private sector integration and recovery efforts be addressed in all VISTA DENALI findings/analyses (what must be done to get the private sector up and running as quickly as possible?)
 - Critical to engage partners and key stakeholders in all working groups/analysis efforts (ESF partners, state agencies, and local jurisdictions as warranted)
 - FEMA HQ and Region X offering to conduct a Logistics Capabilities Assessment Tool (LCAT) for the State in preparation for the Transportation Feasibility Study in 2018
 - Close coordination with other response planning efforts (e.g., DHS Regional Resiliency Assessment Program/follow-on transportation workshops, DoD Pre-drafted Mission Assignment efforts)
 - Update on progress of efforts to be presented at the Alaska Regional Interagency Steering Committee (RISC) in June