



Seattle Metropolitan Incident Management Team (IMT)

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What is an Incident Management Team?



An AHIMT is a regional group of multi-jurisdictional, multi-disciplinary personnel trained to manage and coordinate complex emergency incidents.

Typically the AHIMT is comprised of very experienced, highly-trained first responders from fire, police, EMS, public health and utilities, providing the Incident Commander with a comprehensive view of the event.

What is an IMT ?

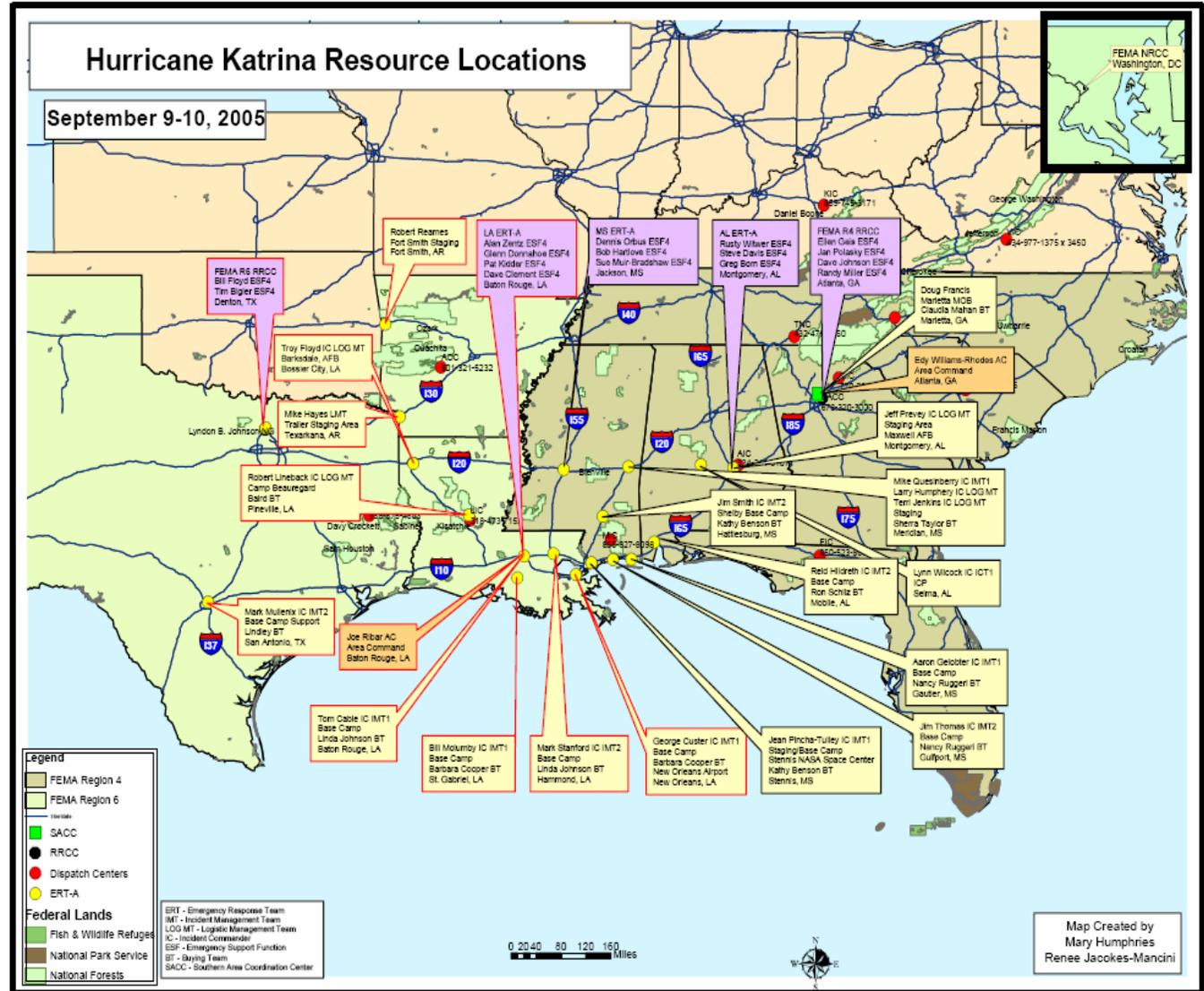


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- An IMT is made up of the Command & General Staff members in an ICS organization.
 - Team staffing is pre-designated
 - Ensures each member has the necessary training and experience
 - Group trains as a team
 - Types of IMT Teams
 - **Type 1** National/State Team – National Significance
 - **Type 2** National/State Team – State Level – Regional Significance
 - **All-Hazards** Regional, UASI or Metropolitan Area – extended incidents
 - **Local** Local team single or multi-jurisdictional, single discipline

How have IMTs been used ?



- During the Katrina Disaster the following were used:
 - Type One Teams
 - Type Two Teams
 - Multiple Type Three Teams



Why an IMT ?



- To provide specially trained & experienced command personnel for an all hazards approach to the multiple hazards our county faces:
 - Earthquake
 - Snow/Wind/Rain Storms
 - Wild fires
 - Large scale Events
 - Unusual Occurrences

“Of all the resources that assisted at the [World Trade Center bombing on 9/11], the IMTs were the most successful.”

*- Chief Frank Cruthers, FDNY
Wildland Firefighter, July 2007*

Who is the IMT ?



- Comprised of regional partners from multiple disciplines & jurisdictions
- Oversight provided by King County EMAC



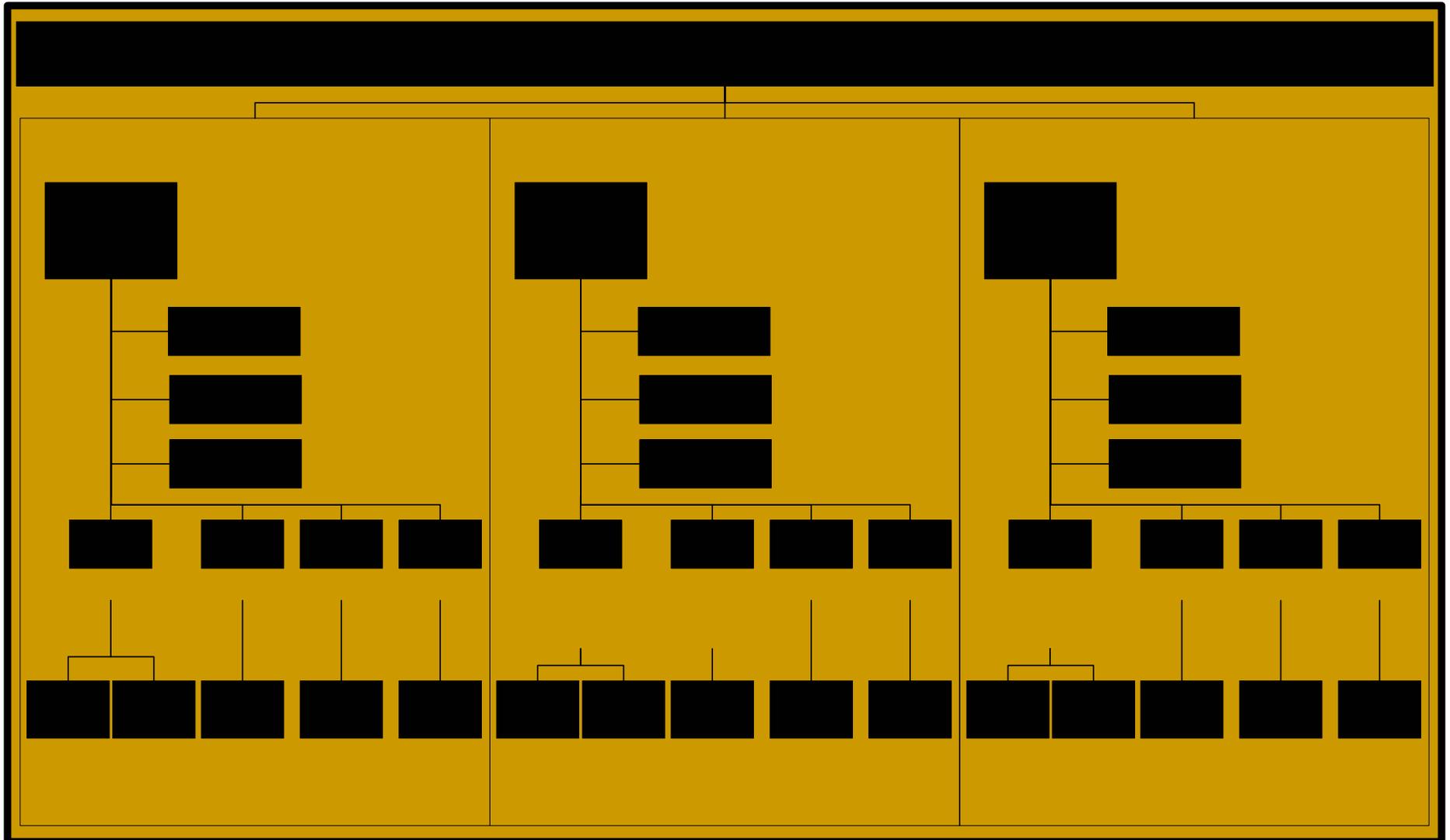
Who is the IMT ?



- Highly trained personnel that have:
 - Completed classroom training
 - Participated in exercises
 - Shadowed experienced teams during activation

Training	Course Hours	Number of Attendees
ICS 300/400	40	300+
Command and General Staff	40	100+
AHIMT	56	75+
Shadowing Type 1 and 2 wildfire teams	Variable Texas Wildfires: 10 days Mill Valley Fire: 3 days Tripod Fire: 4 days	12

Who is the IMT ?



Where is the IMT Located ?



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- Team members are decentralized throughout the county
 - Activated via a request from an agency/jurisdiction
 - The “Up” team is called upon to respond to the request.
 - Decentralized team ensures one agency is not “hit” with losing their command personnel

When is the IMT used ?



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- The IMT can be activated when:
 - Size of the incident exceeds local capabilities
 - Multiple jurisdictions or agencies are involved
 - Factors are present that increase complexity of incident response: e.g. geography, hazards, population, etc.
 - IMT can also be used in preparing for a large or complex pre-planned event
 - Improved coordination
 - Reduce redundancies

How is the IMT activated ?



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- Agency/Jurisdiction calls the KCECC Duty Officer
 - KCECC Duty Officer will initiate the IMT activation process
 - The on-call Incident Commander will call in for a briefing
 - Determine if team response is appropriate
 - Determine which team members are needed
 - Agency Administrator and IMT Incident Commander must sign a Delegation of Authority prior to transfer of command

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