

State Emergency Response Management Networks

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We have seen it happen too many times in the past few years, natural disasters occur and the responses appear to be unorganized, fragmented, and not as efficient as it should be in this day and age. There is a multitude of technology available that could be utilized to better coordinate, facilitate communications, and streamline response to better serve and protect those citizens affected by the event. There are multiple resource management systems in place that could link several different agencies together and track responders and resources during these events, as well as provide them with real time data and images as they occur. Some of the questions I will be addressing are: What does your state currently utilize as a resource management network for your commanders, who are tasked with managing the resources that will respond to these types of events? What capabilities does each system have, and does your state have someone exploring new technology available? Florida has experienced many such events in recent years and seems to be ahead of the game on their resource management network. This research will assess the current technology and capabilities of disaster response systems and make recommendations for the development of a single interoperable national system.