



Response Federal Interagency Operational Plan

The Federal Interagency Operational Plans (FIOPs) are the Federal government's concept of operations documents. They go into depth on how Federal agencies work together. The Response FIOP describes how Federal agencies coordinate efforts to save lives and protect property and the environment and meet basic human needs after an incident has occurred. It is one of the five documents in the suite of FIOPs. Each covers one preparedness mission area: Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response or Recovery.

This FIOP builds on the National Response Framework, which provides context for how the whole community works together and how response efforts relate to other parts of national preparedness.

Integrated Response

The Response FIOP is an all-hazards plan – it outlines delivery of Federal support to address the impacts of natural or manmade incidents. Response activities take place immediately before, during, and in the first few days after a major or catastrophic disaster.

This FIOP describes how the Federal interagency will work together to improve coordination and integration of incident management communications; provide a proactive and integrated Federal response to catastrophic incidents; maximize the integration of incident-related mission areas; and maximize efficient utilization of shared resources. In the case of an imminent terrorist threat and suspected act of terrorism, response activities, as appropriate, will be coordinated with the operational coordination structures outlined in Annexes to the NRF and the Prevention and Protection FIOPs to achieve integration and unity of effort.

Response Core Capabilities

Core capabilities are the distinct elements needed to achieve the National Preparedness Goal. There are 14 Response core capabilities listed below as they appear in the Response FIOP:

- Planning
- Public Information and Warning
- Operational Coordination
- Critical Transportation
- Environmental Response/Health and Safety
- Fatality Management Services
- Infrastructure Systems
- Mass Care Services
- Mass Search and Rescue Operations
- On-Scene Security and Protection
- Operational Communications
- Public and Private Services and Resources
- Public Health and Medical Services
- Situational Assessment

The National Response Framework presents each core capability and lists several critical tasks associated with each. For a full list of critical tasks, download the Framework at <http://www.fema.gov/national-planning-frameworks>.

Updates to the ESFs

Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) are the primary, but not exclusive, Federal coordinating structure for building, sustaining and delivering the Response core capabilities. The ESFs have been updated to describe the scope of the support functions rather than the primary department or agency – and – to reflect the core capabilities to which they most closely align.

- ESF #5 – Renamed Information and Planning
- ESF #7 – Renamed Logistics
- ESF #14 – Previously Long Term Community Recovery, is now covered in the National Disaster Recovery Framework

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About the FIOPs

The Federal Interagency Operational Plans are part of the National Planning System, which includes, but is not limited to: the National Planning Frameworks; the FIOPs; Federal department and agency operational plans to implement the FIOPs; and comprehensive planning guidance to support planning efforts.

The FIOPs build upon the National Planning Frameworks, which set the strategy for how the whole community builds, sustains and delivers the core capabilities identified in the National Preparedness Goal. The Goal is: “A secure and resilient nation with the capabilities required across the whole community to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk.”

The Mitigation FIOP, Response FIOP and Recovery FIOP were released in July 2014. The Protection FIOP will be released at a later date to ensure it aligns with emerging national protection policy. The Prevention FIOP is Unclassified and For Official Use Only (FOUO)/Law Enforcement Sensitive (LES), Restricted Access.

Each of the FIOPs:

- Explains the purpose of the document, including the scope of mission area and planning assumptions and critical considerations used to develop the FIOP
- Provides a detailed concept of operations for Federal entities to integrate and synchronize national-level Federal capabilities to support the plans at all levels of government
- Defines the mission area’s core capabilities, along with examples of critical tasks and responsibilities, including

resource, personnel and sourcing requirements

- Summarizes the organizational structures and operational roles and responsibilities
- Describes how integration of the mission areas helps the Federal Government synchronize operations
- Provides information that state, local, tribal and territorial governments can use to revise their operational plans
- Uses concepts from existing preparedness efforts, such as the National Incident Management System

Intended Audience

While engaging the whole community effort is critical to successful integration, the FIOPs are directed towards Federal agency operations. Local, state, tribal, territorial and insular area governments are encouraged to coordinate with Federal departments’ and agencies’ coordinating structures and use this FIOP as a guide for operational planning.

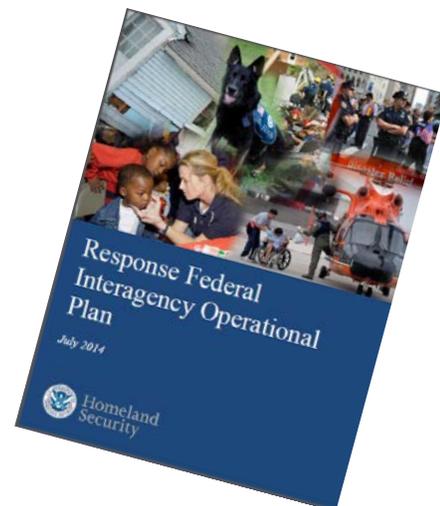


Exhibit 1: Cover of the Response FIOP

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