

Stakeholder Engagement

The National Hurricane Program (NHP) values stakeholder engagement as an effective and meaningful way to strengthen program tools and fulfill the NHP’s mission. This mission is facilitated by socializing the program and building relationships with those who have a vested interest in or influence on the use and development of NHP tools and technical assistance.

Stakeholders include federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial emergency managers who are the end users of the program’s tools, services, and decision-making support. Stakeholder engagement offers two-way communication for participants to provide their feedback. This feedback influences NHP strategic development.

Interagency Coordinating Committee on Hurricanes

The NHP leads the Interagency Coordinating Committee on Hurricanes (ICCOH). ICCOH is the primary mechanism for coordinating NHP goals, components, and priorities with federal and state partners focused on hurricane preparedness and response. ICCOH includes the three federal partner agencies of the NHP: FEMA, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Hurricane Center (NHC), and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). In addition, ICCOH includes representatives from more than 20 hurricane prone states and territories. ICCOH assists the NHP with its programmatic policy development, stakeholder coordination, technology integration, and future direction. NHP hosts, plans, and coordinates the ICCOH Annual Meeting.

Conference Participation

The NHP participates in the planning and execution of the [National Hurricane Conference](https://hurricanemeeting.com) (https://hurricanemeeting.com). The annual National Hurricane Conference offers a national forum for education and professional training in hurricane and disaster preparedness. It aims to improve hurricane preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation in the U.S. and islands in the Caribbean and Pacific. The National Hurricane Program Manager participates in the National Hurricane Conference Planning Committee, as well as the Evacuation Planning Topic Committee. In addition, the NHP delivers L0311, Hurricane Readiness for Coastal Communities, and HURREVAC training and participates in several sessions.

The NHP participates in state emergency management events, such as the Florida Governor’s Hurricane Conference, as invited. Engagement may include subject matter expert participation in panels, hurricane readiness training, and/or HURREVAC training.



Quarterly Newsletter

In 2022, the NHP launched *The NHP Quarterly Newsletter*. *The NHP Quarterly Newsletter* highlights the important work of the NHP three federal partners and their stakeholders. Once a quarter, the program sends informative resources, technology, and training updates, HURREVAC tools and tips, program news and accomplishments, and important date reminders, among other things. To receive future updates from the NHP, [sign up for FEMA Email Updates \(govdelivery.com\)](#).

Stakeholder engagement plays a vital role in program development and strategic planning. It is one of the seven components of the NHP: Storm Surge Risk Products; Hurricane Evacuation Studies and Evacuation Planning; HURREVAC; Training for Emergency Managers; Hurricane Liaison Team Operational Decision Support; Stakeholder Engagement; and Post-Storm Assessments.

For more information about the National Hurricane Program, visit [Hurricane Planning and Response | FEMA.gov](#) or email NHP@fema.dhs.gov.