

New Mexico Intra-State Mutual Aid System (IMAS) - A system for efficient/effective sharing of resources between jurisdictions during emergency or disaster. [2006 Intrastate Mutual Aid Act 12-10B NMSA 1978]

System Membership, Participation & Withdrawal - The state and every political subdivision is automatically part of the system. Participation does not supersede any other agreement. An Indian nation, tribe or pueblo may become a member upon adoption of a resolution.

Nine Basic Provisions of IMAS

LIMITATION ON AID - A jurisdiction may withhold resources to provide protection/services in its jurisdiction.

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE - Made by or through the presiding officer of the governing body, the chief executive officer, or the officers' designee(s). A request does not constitute a resource order as further coordination and authorization must occur before an IMAS agreement is reached.

NEGOTIATION AND DEPLOYMENT COORDINATION - Also by the presiding officer, the chief executive officer, or the officers' designee(s). Member jurisdictions consider request, determine resource availability, and respond whether or not they can fulfill the request. If yes, it provides variations, estimated cost, logistical requirements, and estimated travel time. Only after an authorized offer of assistance has been accepted by an officer or designee of the requesting jurisdiction is there an agreement and deployment can begin.

CONTROL OF RESOURCES - Resources are subject to the following conditions: Remain under the command/administrative control of the home jurisdiction for purposes that include SOP, medical and other protocols; Upon check-in resources are under the operational control of the jurisdiction receiving assistance; The jurisdiction receiving assistance is responsible for directing, maintaining accountability for, and ensuring the wellbeing of resources throughout the deployment

PORTABILITY OF BONA FIDES - A person that holds a license, certificate, permit or similar documentation is considered to be licensed, certified, permitted or otherwise documented in the jurisdiction receiving aid and subject to legal limitations or conditions prescribed by the jurisdiction receiving aid.

BENEFITS - If a person sustains injury while providing assistance, he/she is entitled to all benefits that are normally available as an employee of the member jurisdiction. If a person sustains injury that results in death, the person's estate shall receive additional benefits that may be available for death in the line of duty.

LIABILITY - A person who is under the operational control of the requesting jurisdiction is considered for the purposes of liability to be an employee of the requesting jurisdiction.

REIMBURSEMENT - A requesting jurisdiction shall reimburse each jurisdiction that renders aid under IMAS. Responding jurisdictions may decide not to request reimbursement for all or part of expenses incurred.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION - If a dispute is not resolved within 90 days either member jurisdiction may request the Department of Finance and Administration to resolve the dispute

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