

EMR-ISAC Review for IAFC/VCOS

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On behalf of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the U.S. Fire Administration, the Emergency Management & Response Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EMR-ISAC) offers its no-cost services to the membership of the Volunteer and Combination Officers Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC).

Located at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland, the EMR-ISAC provides threat and vulnerability information as well as critical infrastructure protection and resilience lessons learned and best practices to the leaders and operators of the nation's Emergency Services Sector (ESS). Frequently, the information will have direct relevance to the safety and protection as well as the emergency plans and operations of volunteer and combined fire departments. (Read More).

The EMR-ISAC primarily aims to assist firefighters, emergency medical technicians and paramedics, law enforcers, emergency managers, 9-1-1 operators, and related disciplines in making informed decisions regarding survivability and continuity of operations in an all-hazards environment. The intended outcome of the EMR-ISAC efforts is to improve the capabilities of emergency departments and agencies to perform their mission-essential tasks before, during, and after an all-hazards event.

In addition to "For Official Use Only" documents for vetted/validated personnel, the EMR-ISAC also disseminates weekly non-sensitive INFOGRAMs for a wider audience. The free services of the EMR-ISAC specifically support DHS initiatives to share information among federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, public and private departments, agencies, and organizations.

Recently, the EMR-ISAC established a community of interest (COI) on the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) to facilitate the sharing of FOUO information with the vetted, incumbent ESS leadership. The COI includes announcements, alerts, advisories, updated products, news feeds, and other useful links from multiple sources throughout the nation.

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