



## IEMG Annual Report 2007

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**TO:** IEMG Members, Delegates & Partners

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**For period of:** 2007

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**Background:** This report is an annual update to the Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers with details, activities, and outcomes of the semi-annual meetings.

### **Participants in the IEMAC:**

Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security, State of Connecticut, USA  
Maine Emergency Management Agency, USA  
Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, USA  
New Brunswick Emergency Measures Organization, Dept. of Public Safety, Can.  
Newfoundland & Labrador Emergency Measures, Dept of Municipal and Provincial Affairs, Can  
New Hampshire Div. of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Dept of Safety, USA  
Nova Scotia Emergency Management Office, Can.  
Prince Edward Island Emergency Measures Organization, Can.  
Sécurité Publique Quebec, Can.  
Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency, USA  
Vermont Emergency Management, USA

### **Co-chairs served during 2007**

Kathryn Douth – New Hampshire  
Craig MacLaughlan – Nova Scotia  
Ernest MacGillivray – New Brunswick

### **Summary of Issues and Alternatives:**

#### **Board of Directors:**

At the Semi Annual Fall meeting held in Rhode Island a new Canadian Co-Chair Ernest MacGillivray (NB) was nominated and elected by the Canadian contingent. The State of Maine will continue to hold the secretariat position until an alternate solution is found. The board discussed the working group members and jurisdiction attendance. Board agreed that jurisdictions do not need to bring all members to all meetings but bring members that would focus on the events scheduled for that meeting. Working Group chairs should identify needs and let the Board of Directors know if they need more members. The spring 2008 meeting in Halifax Nova Scotia will



be an exercise event with ½ of first day for IEMG discussion items. Translation Services will continue to be done with the Province of Quebec.

In 2007, the Board of Directors approved the following IEMG documents:

- 2006 Annual Report
- Go Forward Strategy Plan
- IEMAC Meeting Organization Guide
- Updated Organizational Chart
- Acronym List – to be reviewed annually

**Legal:** Co-Chairs Dianne Smith (NL) and Priscilla Fox (MA)

The Legal Working Group asked each state and province to examine its laws to confirm that it has the requisite authority to comply with its obligations under IEMAMOU. Four US states have adopted IEMAC through legislation. The remaining 2 (CT & RI) will presumably do so now that Congressional consent has been obtained. All Canadian Provinces have adopted the IEMAMOU.

Legal Working Group to continue to research and provide information on its ability to share identifiable health related information, data sharing, and policies and procedures to transfer licensed professionals to other IEMG member jurisdictions under IEMAMOU/IEMAC.

**Operations:** Co-Chairs Don Keeler (NH) and Andy Morton (NB)

The #1 priority at this time is the need for training on the Guidebook and Operations Manual (GOM). The WG is working with the ER&R WG on the upcoming exercise because it is an exercise of the GOM. IREQ forms will be tested “as is” during the exercise and will be reviewed afterwards. There was some discussion regarding resource typing vs. a resource database. WG members from both sides will work with the Administrative WG and develop a Health & Operations Resource database. Some federal agencies have already developed resource typing lists so this WG will take what they have so far and make additions as it is further developed.

**Education, Research & Exercise:** Co-chairs Louise Goyette (MA) and Dennis Kelly (NS)

The beginning of 2007 seemed uncertain for this group with only two active members. This group asked the board to encourage new members to join because this group has the huge undertaking of planning the next exercise. Group decided that an orientation packet should be developed for existing and new delegates and partners, which will be drafted and brought to the board at an upcoming meeting.

**Administrative:** Co-chairs Tony Eden (NS) and Jennifer Harper (NH)

IEMAC Meeting Organization Guide was created and used by the planning group during the Fall 2007 meeting in Rhode Island. RI stated that the document was very helpful. The WG also continues to work on the history, milestones, etc of the IEMG group. They continue to get documents, photo's, presentations, etc and will store and eventually present all the documentation to the group.



**Federal Partners:** Co-Chair Dan McElhinney (FEMA) and Joanne Scharf (PSC)

This WG was created and officially recognized during 2007. The goal of the Federal Partners WG is to support the work of the IEMG as it relates to other regional cross-border groups in order to strengthen overall Canada-US emergency management cooperation.

**Resources:** New Brunswick will continue to support the IEMAC website until a more permanent solution is found.

### **Goals for 2008-2009**

1. Exercise the GOM
2. Use of IEMG website and/or resources directory
3. Update and approval of IEMG Definitions and Acronyms
4. Seek approval for the establishment of an educational link on the IEMG web-site for the sharing of exercise materials.
5. All member States and Provinces are encouraged to have legislative changes introduced to allow the appointment of Peace Officer's during emergency events.
6. Seek more permanent solutions for the administrative support position and the translation of documents.