

Regional Office of Emerging Threats (OET) Coordinator Fact Sheet

During preparedness activities and incident response, the Regional OET Coordinator is the point of contact to relay guidance and information to state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) stakeholders, coordinate support and resources at the regional level, and augment FEMA Headquarters (HQ) emerging threat-specific programs and activities. The OET Coordinator is a regionally based capability that acts as an extension of the FEMA HQ OET within the regions.

Services At a Glance

One Point of Contact. Regional OET Coordinators are a point of contact for emerging threat preparedness and incident response activities for all stakeholders and partners. The coordinator helps to maintain a common operating picture among FEMA HQ, FEMA regions, and the SLTTs.

Information Sharing. Regional OET Coordinators use an information sharing database to ensure mutual support and communication among federal and SLTT stakeholders.

Program Management. Regional OET Coordinators manage the Regional OET Program within their region to ensure preparedness and incident response objectives are achieved, with feedback and cooperation from federal and SLTT stakeholders and at FEMA HQ OET.

Regional Preparedness. Regional OET Coordinators address regional preparedness needs by providing their regional office with perspective on risks, capabilities, and gaps across regional SLTT and private sector partners to help them meet the requirements of the National Preparedness Goal.

Regional Emerging Threat Capability-Building. Through steady-state operational planning, information sharing, modeling and analysis, training, exercises, and resource investments, Regional OET Coordinators help to build regional emerging threat prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery capabilities within the FEMA regional office and across FSLTT and private sector organizations within the region.

Regional Emerging Threat Network. Regional OET Coordinators help to build and strengthen partnerships within their assigned FEMA regional office and horizontally across federal and SLTT and private sector organizations within the regions. These partnerships are designed to foster collective approaches to the challenges represented by specific emergent threats at the regional level.



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Emerging Threat Resource and Liaison. Regional OET Coordinators facilitate awareness of regional emerging threat program activities, training, education, exercises, and professional development opportunities to increase stakeholder awareness and participation.

Access to Data. Regional OET Coordinators help regional stakeholders access national and regional emerging threat subject-matter expertise, databases, technical capabilities, and tools to support incident response requirements.

Regional OET Coordinator Relationships

Regional Stakeholders. SLTT partners get improved access to emerging threat training, education, and professional development activities through working with their Regional OET Coordinator. The OET Coordinators help regional stakeholders integrate and synchronize emerging threat preparedness and response activities.

FEMA Regional Office. FEMA regional office staff gain emerging threat training, education, and professional development with the help of Regional OET Coordinators, who coordinate with the FEMA HQ OET.

Other FEMA Regional OET Coordinators. Regional OET Coordinators look to one another for lessons learned, best practices and guidance to enhance regional emerging threat preparedness and incident response. Regional OET Coordinators may also step in for one another to ensure continuity of operations as needed.

FEMA HQ. The FEMA HQ OET and Regional OET Coordinators exchange information, enhance regional emerging threat capability, determine priorities, and establish relationship networks to support regional readiness for an emerging threat or incident.



Key Activities

Regional OET Coordinators conduct administration and liaison, preparedness, and incident response activities.

Administration & Liaison: Regional OET Coordinator establishes and maintains proficiency as an OET Coordinator; identifies and establishes key regional emerging threat SLTT stakeholder relationships; and builds and maintains a regional emerging threat program based on OET guidance as further tailored to the regional risk and stakeholder landscape and regional office guidance.

Preparedness: Regional OET Coordinator works in tandem with the Federal Preparedness Coordinator, who is tasked to achieve the primary objectives of the National Preparedness Goal within each region, to identify and meet regional emerging threat preparedness needs, assess and build regional emerging threat capabilities, and maintain a regional emerging threat partnership network.

Incident Response: Regional OET Coordinator coordinates with the FEMA Regional Office staff, FEMA HQ OET, and key federal and SLTT and private sector partners to support the regional response to emerging threats and incidents.