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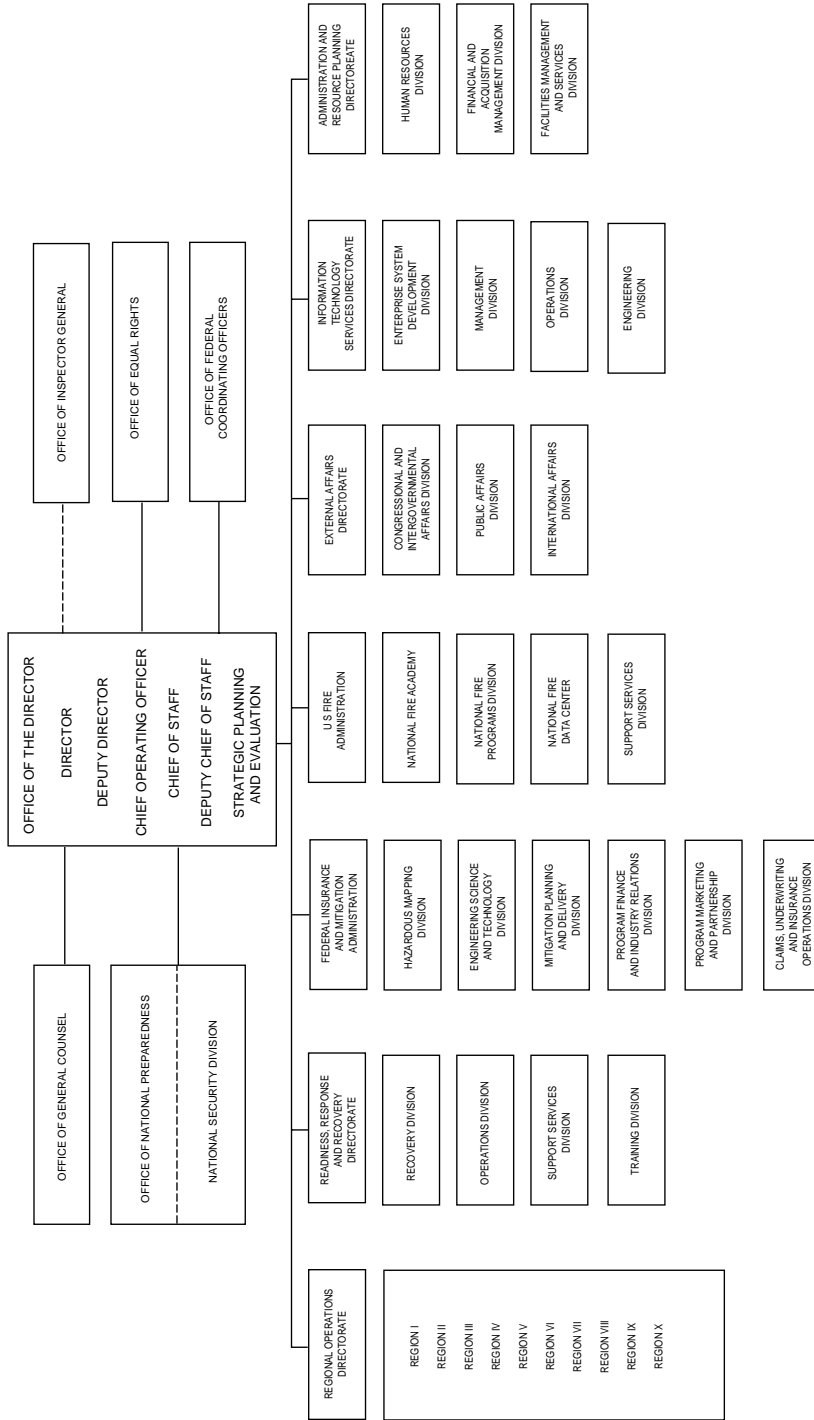
The Federal Emergency Management Agency is the central agency within the Federal Government for emergency planning, preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery. Working closely with State and local governments, the Agency funds emergency programs, offers technical guidance and training, and deploys Federal resources in times of catastrophic disaster. These coordinated activities ensure a broad-based program to protect life and property and provide recovery assistance after a disaster.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was established by Executive Order 12127 of March 31, 1979, consolidating the Nation's emergency-related programs.

The Agency reports directly to the White House and manages the President's Disaster Relief Fund, the source of most Federal funding assistance after major disasters. Agency programs include response to and

recovery from major natural disasters and human-caused emergencies, emergency management planning, floodplain management, hazardous materials planning, dam safety, and multihazard response planning. Other activities include plans to ensure the continuity of the Federal Government during national security emergencies, and Federal response to the consequences of major terrorist incidents.

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The U.S. Fire Administration and its National Fire Academy are a part of FEMA, providing national leadership in fire safety and prevention. The U.S. Fire Administration has responsibility for all fire and emergency medical service programs and training activities. The Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration promotes protection, prevention, and partnerships at the Federal, State, local, and individual levels to lessen the impact of disasters upon families, homes, communities, and economy. It manages the National Flood Insurance Program and programs to mitigate the damages from natural disasters. The Emergency Management Institute at Emmitsburg, MD, offers centralized professional courses for the Nation’s emergency managers.

The Agency’s Office of National Preparedness works to prepare the Nation to respond to acts of terrorism. It enhances first-responder capabilities (fire, police, EMS) through support for planning, equipment, training, and exercises; provides centralized coordination of programs, standards development, resources, and training to respond to terrorist events; and coordinates State and local Citizens Corps efforts for volunteer programs. In addition, it is responsible for working with State and local governments in their emergency planning and preparedness for accidental releases from nuclear power plants and the Army’s chemical stockpiles.

Activities

Fire Prevention and Emergency Management Training This activity prepares Federal, State, and local officials, their staffs, emergency first responders, volunteer groups, and the public to meet the responsibilities of domestic emergencies through planning, mitigation, preparedness, response, and

recovery. Educational programs are provided through the National Fire Academy at the National Emergency Training Center and through off-campus training delivery systems.

Flood Insurance and Mitigation Programs

This activity provides for the development, coordination, and implementation of policies, plans, and programs to eliminate or reduce the long-term risk to life and property from natural hazards such as floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, and dam failures. A goal of this activity is to encourage and foster mitigation strategies at the State and local levels.

Preparedness, Training, and Exercises

This activity provides policy guidance, financial and technical assistance, training, and exercise support required to establish or enhance all-hazard, risk-based emergency management capabilities of Federal, State, and local governments. In addition, this activity maintains a family protection program, utilizing private sector and volunteer organizations to encourage and assist families and neighborhoods to take actions to increase their emergency preparedness capabilities.

Readiness, Response, and Recovery

This activity provides for the development and maintenance of an integrated operational capability to respond to and recover from the consequences of a disaster, regardless of its cause, in partnership with other Federal agencies, State and local governments, volunteer organizations, and the private sector.

Regional Offices Ten regional offices carry out FEMA’s programs at the regional, State, and local levels. The regional offices are responsible for accomplishing the national program goals and objectives of the Agency and supporting development of national policy.

Regional Offices—Federal Emergency Management Agency

Region/Address	Telephone
Atlanta, GA (3003 Chamblee-Tucker Rd., 30341)	770-220-5200
Boston, MA (Rm. 442, J.W. McCormack Post Office & Courthouse Bldg., 02109-4595)	617-223-9540
Bothell, WA (130 228th St. SW., 98021-9796)	206-487-4765
Chicago, IL (4th Fl., 175 W. Jackson Blvd., 60604-2698)	312-408-5504
Denton, TX (800 N. Loop 288, 76201-3698)	817-898-5104

Regional Offices—Federal Emergency Management Agency—Continued

Region/Address	Telephone
Denver, CO (Box 25267, Bldg. 710, Denver Federal Ctr., 80225-0267)	303-235-4812
Kansas City, MO (Suite 900, 2323 Grand Blvd., 64108-2670)	816-283-7061
New York, NY (Rm. 1337, 26 Federal Plz., 10278-0002)	212-225-7209
Philadelphia, PA (2d Fl., 105 S. 7th St., 19106-3316)	215-931-5608
San Francisco, CA (Bldg. 105, Presidio of San Francisco, 94129-1250)	415-923-7105

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