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Tribal Homeland Security Emergency Management - Breakout Session One
Tuesday October 17
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Room 102-A

Tribal capacity for responding and managing emergencies and disasters including potential domestic terrorist incidents has increased in recent years. Greater levels of capacity could have been achieved if the increased funding and technical assistance provided to counterpart governments was equitably available to tribal governments.

This session will begin with a briefing on the aftermath of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Also included are Federal Emergency Management Agency tribal programmatic and policy updates, and roundtable discussion regarding outstanding tribal needs for resources to build capacity and respond to disasters; increased levels and elimination of “directly eligible tribes” definition from the Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program; federal assistance for development of a tribal Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), similar to NEMA in the state effort (which tribes are excluded from); FirstNet update, tribal outreach initiative, and the Final Draft of the FirstNet Tribal Consultation Policy; and, FEMA Tribal Consultation Policy revision.

Facilitator: Robert Holden, NCAI Deputy Director

Presenters: FEMA Intergovernmental Affairs Division: Milo Booth, National Tribal Affairs Advisor and Margeau Valteau, Tribal Affairs Specialist; FirstNet: Brian Howard, Research and Policy Analyst, American Indian Policy Institute, and NCAI FirstNet Public Safety Committee Representative; Adam Geisler and Margaret Gutierrez, FirstNet Regional Tribal Government Liaisons; Carrie Johnson, Regional Director and Tribal Affairs Specialist, AT&T FirstNet Program; Andrew Sloan, DHS Homeland Security Information Network Mission Outreach Manager; Marc Caplan, DHS Communications Director, Outreach and Responder Engagement; Chele Rider, Disaster State Relations director, SW & Rocky Mountain Division, American Red Cross



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Presenters: David Munro, Director, DHS Office of Tribal Affairs; Tim Quinn, Executive Director, Office of Intergovernmental Public Liaison, and Laura Francois-Eugene, Enhanced Tribal Card Program Manager, DHS Customs and Border Protection; Marisela Nunez, Enrollment Director, Pascua Yaqui Tribe; Jason Ackelson, Director of Strategy, DHS Office of Policy; Christine Griggs, DHS Transportation Security Administration Assistant Administrator, Civil Rights and Liberties, Ombudsman and Travel Engagement.