

FEMA Region IX

RRCC Watch Center

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Mission

- The Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) Watch Center is a 24-Hour, 7-Day-Per-Week Function that maintains Regional Situational Awareness of Potential or Developing Incidents and Provides FEMA Headquarters and Region IX with Information, Intelligence Analysis, and Resource Coordination



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Mission

- The Region IX Watch Center Provides:
 - Continuous Global and Incident Situational Awareness with Special Attention to RIX AOR
 - Integration with State / Agency Fusion Centers
 - Orderly Transition from Steady State through Activation
 - Means for Regional Leadership to Implement Activation and Deployment Directives
 - Access and Update of Systems of Record to Facilitate Authorizations and Transactions between FEMA and Agencies / States



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Area Of Responsibility

- The Region IX Watch Center has Primary Responsibility for Situational Awareness and Integration with Area Watch Centers and Partner Agencies
 - Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, And Pacific Island Territories
- Pandemic Influenza Region E
 - Region E Area Of Responsibility encompasses FEMA Regions IX and X
 - FEMA Region IX is Lead for Planning and Contingencies



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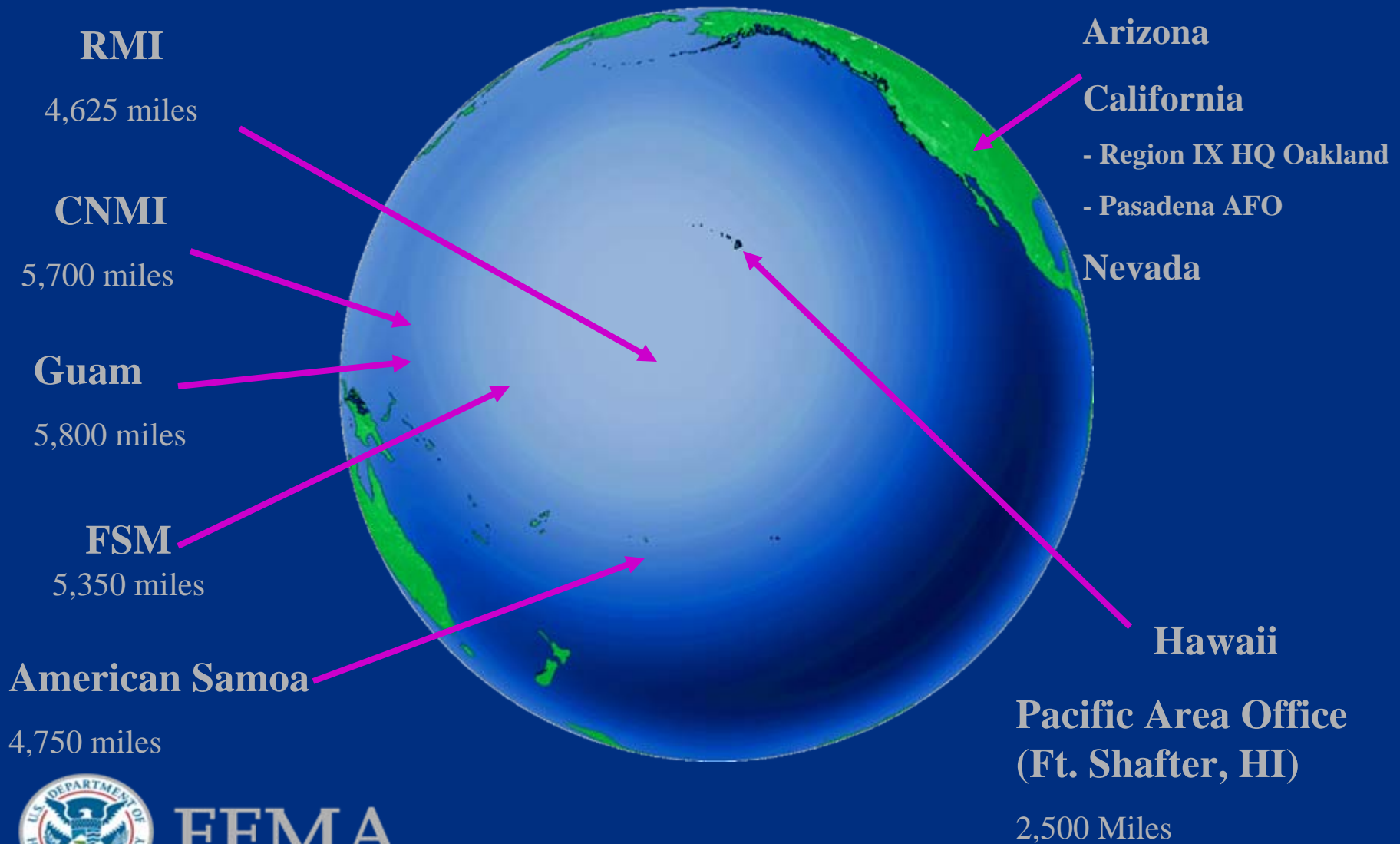
Area Of Responsibility

- 386,000 Square Miles
- Seven Time Zones
- 47 Million People
- 15% of US Population



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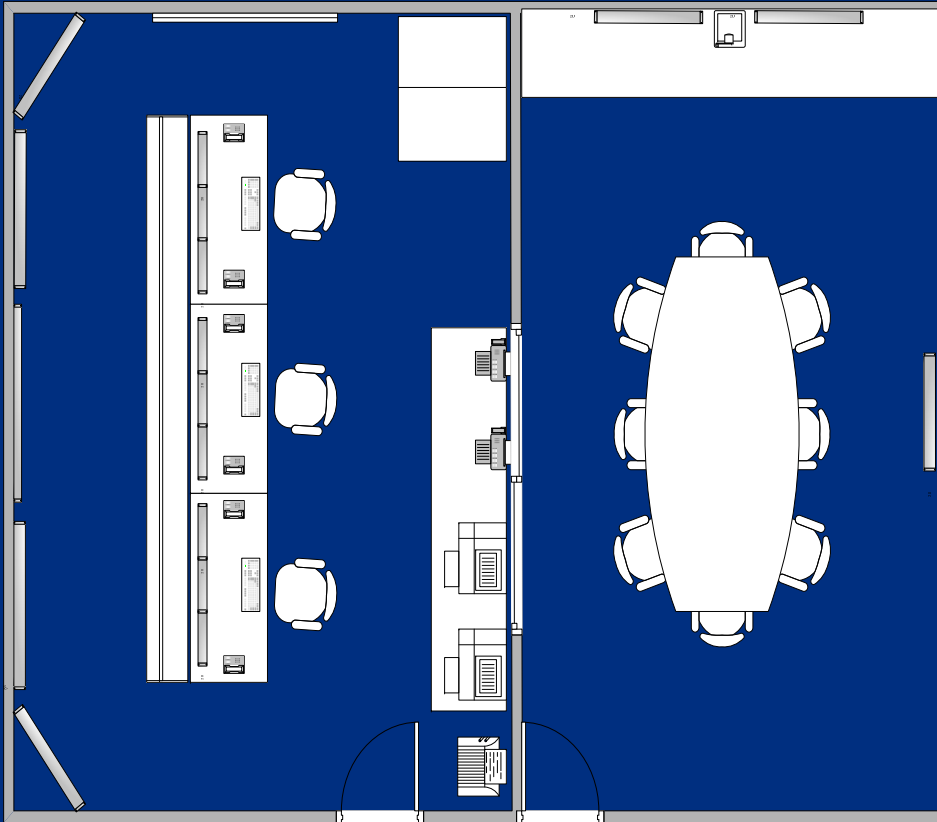
New FEMA Capabilities

- Region IX Watch Center (Oakland)
 - Established November 2008
 - Primary Operation Center
 - Reports to the Region IX Administrator
 - Integrates AOR Situational Awareness (SA) Information
 - Includes Limited INTEL Analysis Capability
 - Secure Voice Capability
 - Homeland Secure Data System and SIPRNET



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New FEMA Capabilities



- 3-Station Watch Center
- TV Monitors
- Networked Computers
- Secure Phones And Fax
- NAWAS
- Secure VTC Room



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New FEMA Capabilities

- Pacific Area Watch Center (Hawaii)
 - Established August 2009
 - Subordinate to the RIX Watch Center (Oakland)
 - Co-Located with the US Coast Guard District 14 Operations Center
 - Pacific is Focus of AOR Situational Awareness (SA)



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Watch Responsibilities

- Updates to Regional Administration and Directors
- Continuous Watch on Emerging Hazards
- Central Point of Contact for FEMA Region IX
- Daily Situation Reports to Region IX Staff and Partners
- Media Monitoring
- Maintain Contact and Distribution Lists
- Monitor and Post Reports
- Handles dispatching and notification for disaster response teams



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Incident Response

- Expand Contacts with Affected Agencies for Response Coordination and SA
 - Includes Deployed FEMA Personnel and Field Operations
- Maintain Incident SA and Provide Situation Updates
- Provide Transition Briefings to Staff, HQ and Updates to Activated Personnel
- Implement Mission Assignments
- Facilitate Fire Management Assistance Grants (FMAG)
- Maintain Global SA



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Watch Center Summary

- Timely Information Gathering and Analysis from Numerous Sources
- Provide Continuous Threat Assessments expanding capabilities and contacts
- Central Regional 24 / 7 Contact for Regional Partners, DHS, FEMA, and other Federal Agencies
- Creates Higher Level of Regional Staff SA for Decision-Making
- Essential for Timely Response to Incidents and Transfer of Responsibility to the Activated Personnel



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Private Sector

- Coordination with Critical Infrastructure Providers (et. al. PG&E) for Contingency Planning for Pandemic Flu
 - Workforce shortage
 - Local power outages
 - Power grid sustainability



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