

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON READINESS AND PREPAREDNESS



**Report 2006
Commitment to Preparation and Partnership**

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends,

We exist today in a time of great challenge to the security and lives of the American people. The National Council on Readiness and Preparedness was established to address this challenge and to give a vehicle for Americans to take charge of their own future. We are here to begin the work of creating a national community of preparedness.

It is vitally important to our country's security that we work together to develop ways that communities can prepare for and respond to attack or crisis during the first 72 hours. We have so often told ourselves that we need only wait and "they" will come and save us.

The reality is that we are "they" in the first 72 hours of a crisis. We are the ones that must prepare and respond to a crisis and survive until reinforcement can arrive. At the moment of disaster, catastrophe or terror, we all become responders.

Are we ready? NCORP's mission is to make sure we are.

Sincerely,

James S. Gilmore
Chairman



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

As we are all aware, the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 and the devastating effects of hurricanes Katrina and Rita revealed how vulnerable America has become. With electrical grids and infrastructure washed away, individuals and families were isolated and alone. The nation as a whole felt the effects as fuel and food supply chains were severed, travel interrupted, financial markets closed, and, in the case of Katrina, law and order broke down.

NCORP has addressed these issues through regional conferences and our National Blueprint during late 2005 and throughout 2006.

Despite being a young organization, we have accomplished much. This report highlights our accomplishments.

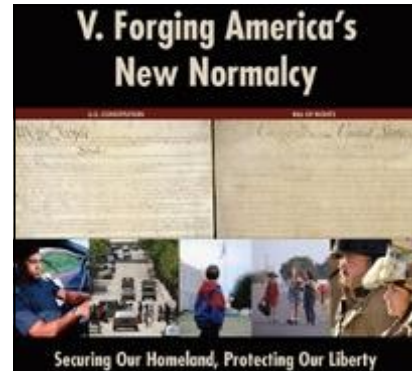
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David E. Anderson
President

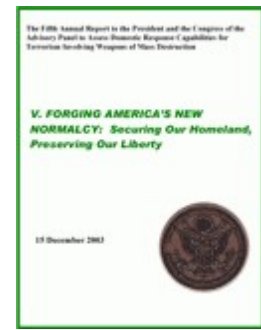


WHAT IS NCORP?

The **National Council on Readiness and Preparedness** (NCORP) was formed in response to the finding of the 5th and final report of the **Gilmore Commission** that America's homeland security required the private and community sectors to be involved in preparing communities for the first 72 hours of a crisis. Recent disasters such as Katrina illustrate how community survival and recovery depend upon the efforts and coordination of the citizens, organizations and businesses before, during and after a disaster.



As the Gilmore Commission articulated, a vision of domestic preparedness must emphasize that first response is always a local response, that preparedness is not a federal responsibility alone, but a responsibility of all levels of government working in partnership with the private and community sectors.



WHO IS NCORP?

NCORP has attracted an impressive list of leaders who have joined its National Task Force on Community Preparedness. These individuals include: Professor Jerry Mechling, Kennedy School of Government, Mr. Richard Kilberg, Columbia School of Journalism, FFS, General John Doesburg, Ret. USA, University of Tennessee, Mr. Paul Manescalco, Member, Gilmore Commission, Georgetown University, Mr. Michael Wermuth, Member, Gilmore Commission, Rand Corporation, Col. Michael Kelly, ret USMC, Battelle Memorial Institute, Col. Jeff Brady, Ret., FBI, National Joint Terrorism Taskforce, Col. Greg Riddlemoser, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Col. James A. Hoyer, WVA National Guard, Chief Edward Kondracki, La Crosse Police Department, WI, Chief Richard Crate, Enfield Police Department, NH, Sgt. Phillip Terenzi, Boston Harbormaster Office, MA, R. David Bice, Hamilton County EMS, IN, Chief Charles Werner, Charlottesville VA Fire Dept, Mr. Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight, Knights of Columbus, Chief Charles Werner, International Assoc. of Fire Chiefs, Charlottesville, VA, Mr. Michael Wells, Siemens One, Mr. John Gannon, BAE Systems, General William Moore, ret. USA, Computer Sciences Corporation, Governor Jim Geringer, ret. WY, ESRI, General Tom Waskow, ret. USAF, Regional Alliance for Internet, Security Network (www.rainsnet.org), Maj. General Bill Raines, Ret., Rains Group, TN, Dr. Becki Dobbs, Dr. Kevin Tonat, Ms. Rosalie J. Wyatt.

NCORP REGIONAL MEETINGS



The Formation Meeting of the National Task Force on Community Preparedness & Response

Washington, D.C.

This meeting was attended by over 700 mayors, police and fire chiefs, and first responders from around the nation. The National Task Force on Community Preparedness and Response was commissioned by NCORP to immediately help communities prepare for terrorist threats and incidents of mass casualty and destruction.

The Strategy Session at the National Counter Terrorism Center

Washington, D.C.

Designed to develop an open standards committee to develop the Essential Public Network. This meeting was attended by corporate, state, local and federal officials. The Essential Public Network is a communications system to allow the sharing of intelligence information over a trusted system with gradations of access between federal, state, local and private and community sector entities involved in homeland preparedness and response activities.

The Northeast Regional Meeting

On the Front Lines of Homeland Security: New Realities and New Solutions—the first 72 Hours

Boston, MA

This meeting was held on the campus of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. The conference brought together representatives from federal, state, local and corporate entities under the guidance of the faculty of the Kennedy School of Government to focus on new forms of public-private cooperation to meet the challenge of preparing communities to withstand the first 72 hours of a catastrophic event.

The Midwest Summit

Enhancing Critical Incident Preparedness through Public/Private Partnership

La Crosse, WI

Co-sponsored with the Chiefs of Police Associations of Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Together with representatives of law enforcement from the three states and the U.S. Department of Justice, this conference focused on the lack of, and need for, a national blueprint for community preparedness for the first 72 hours of a crisis.

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The North Central Regional Meeting

The First 72 Hours: Integrative Leadership in the Moment of Crisis

Novi, Michigan

Held on the campus of Walsh College in Novi, Michigan. This conference addressed the preparedness for small communities expected to care for the evacuees of larger metropolitan areas in the wake of a major disaster. Such communities are largely overlooked by federal appropriators and lack the resources to care for large numbers of people who have been dislocated and may be in need of medical care.

The Mid-West Crisis Response Summit

Co-hosted by Manchester College

North Manchester, Indiana

The following individuals and organization participated in the summit: Bernie Beier, Director, Fort Wayne-Allen County Office of Homeland Security, John Nowalan, Red Cross, Northeast Indiana Chapter, Brandon Taylor, Emergency Management Director, Huntington, County, David Ross, Health Department Director, Huntington County, Dan Hanaford, North Manchester Town Manager, Bishop Brice Bedke, the Fort Wayne Department of Health, Logansport State Hospital, Fulton County Department of Emergency Management, Kosciusko Community Hospital, Office of the North Manchester Chief of Police, Office of the North Manchester Fire Chief.

Community Briefing on Port and Border Security

Boston, MA

Boston's Logan Airport, co-hosted by Thomas Kinton, Chief Executive Officer of Massport and Sgt. Phil Terenzi, Boston Harbormaster and Commander of the Harbor Patrol Unit. This meeting included Dennis Treece, Corporate Security Director, Boston Logan, McGoldrick, Boston Region Intelligence Center, Lt. Arthur Torigian, Emergency Preparedness Manager, City of Boston, LTC Joseph Higgins, United States Coast Guard; Major Scott Pare, Commander, Massachusetts State Police, Boston Logan Troop F, and Jack Kreckie, Deputy Chief, Massport Fire Rescue.

Operation Seahawk Tour and Briefing

Port of Charleston, South Carolina

Operation Seahawk is a state of the art fusion center operated by the U.S. Department of Justice in the Port of Charleston. In addition to the Justice Department, the center includes the U.S. Coast Guard, federal intelligence agencies, local police and sheriff's offices and other state and local entities.

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Southeast Regional Conference

Charleston, South Carolina

Co-hosted by Charleston Mayor Joseph Riley and Dr. John Simkovich, Regional Public Health Director, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. This conference focused on medical surge issues, port security, and carrying for special needs populations in time of crisis.

The following organizations participated in the conference: the Medical University of South Carolina, the Charleston County Emergency Preparedness, the Charleston Fire and Police Departments, the Charleston Neighborhood Council Presidents, the South Carolina Office of Public Preparedness, State Farm Insurance, Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, Contingency Planning and Outsourcing, Inc., the Area Health Office of Public Preparedness, State Farm Insurance, Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, Contingency Planning and Outsourcing, Inc., the Area Health Education Consortium, Roper St. Francis Healthcare, the Salvation Army, the South Carolina Port Authority, the American Red Cross, the Office of Senator Jim DeMint, Blackbaud Corporation, Navigational Sciences, Orbis Corporation, South Carolina Emergency Management Division, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Coastal Crisis Chaplains, College of Charleston, Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency, and Siemens Federal Enterprise Solutions.

Southwest Regional Conference

Galveston, TX

Co-hosted by Galveston Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas, City Manager Steve LeBlanc, Steve Cernak, Port of Galveston, Dr. Karen Sexton, University of Texas Medical Branch, Stan Blazyk and Jim Hale, Citizen Response Teams, Sharon Strain, Executive Director of the Galveston Housing Authority, Judge Jim Yarborough, Jeff Sjostrom, Galveston Economic Development Authority, Harris Kempner, Kempner Capital Management, and Dr. Joan Richardson, University of Texas Medical Branch.

This conference focused on hurricane evacuation planning and execution, port security and issues involving special needs populations.

Organizations participating in the conference included the Galveston Chamber of Commerce, Galveston County, Port of Galveston, Texas A&M University, Galveston Fire Department, the American Red Cross, Galveston Citizen Response Teams, Gulf Coast Center, Galveston Insurance Associates, Sholes International Airport, the Galveston City Council, the Galveston Police Department, DRC Emergency Services, Rice University, the U. S. Coast Guard, Kings Mountain (North Carolina) Police Department, the Galveston Independent School District, the American National Insurance Company, the Galveston Lions Club, the Jesse Tree, the Galveston county Office of Emergency Management, Center Point Energy, Chevron, Galveston Island Convention Visitors bureau, SAIC, and the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center NASA.

THE NATIONAL BLUEPRINT FOR SECURE COMMUNITIES

★ ADD to the Blueprint

★ PARTICIPATE in the Blueprint

★ USE the Blueprint

National Blueprint
for Secure Communities



The purpose and mission of the National Blueprint for Secure Communities website (<http://nationalblueprint.org>) and of the National Council on Readiness and Preparedness (NCORP) is to work with communities, businesses, first responders, and local governments throughout the nation to develop a National Community Preparedness and Response Blueprint that will assist all communities in the development of their surge capacity and readiness. Our goal is not to dictate to communities, but to seek their input and to understand what works, what doesn't, and to develop real solutions – inspired by those on the ground who respond in real time.

This website is one of the tools we use to gather the input of those within our nation's communities. We hope that you will visit the site and add YOUR ideas into the blueprint by clicking on the link, "ADD to the Blueprint" and then submitting the information you want to share with us so that we may add it to our Blueprint development process. The more ideas we receive, the better we can evaluate patterns and discover those ideas and needs that resound throughout the country and bring them to the forefront of discussion at our regional events and National Congress.

WHAT'S NEXT? THE FIVE-PILOT PROGRAM

NCORP succeeds at establishing working relationships with communities across the country through its regional forums. During these events, regions develop a better understanding of their strengths and weaknesses as well as best practices they may be able to utilize in their community when the time comes.

The NCORP program comes full circle when the organization returns to the community with public and private sector backers to test the recommended best practices highlighted at previous forums. NCORP does not just talk about the best practices communities should utilize, but is acting upon them, and the Five-Pilot Program is just the beginning of NCORP's goal of taking action and testing the best practices in real time, real communities across the nation.

In partnership with Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, NCORP will develop a Preparedness and Response Communication Platform in each of five designated regions that will be tested against a regionally centric crisis situation.