

MHA Nation Emergency Operations Center

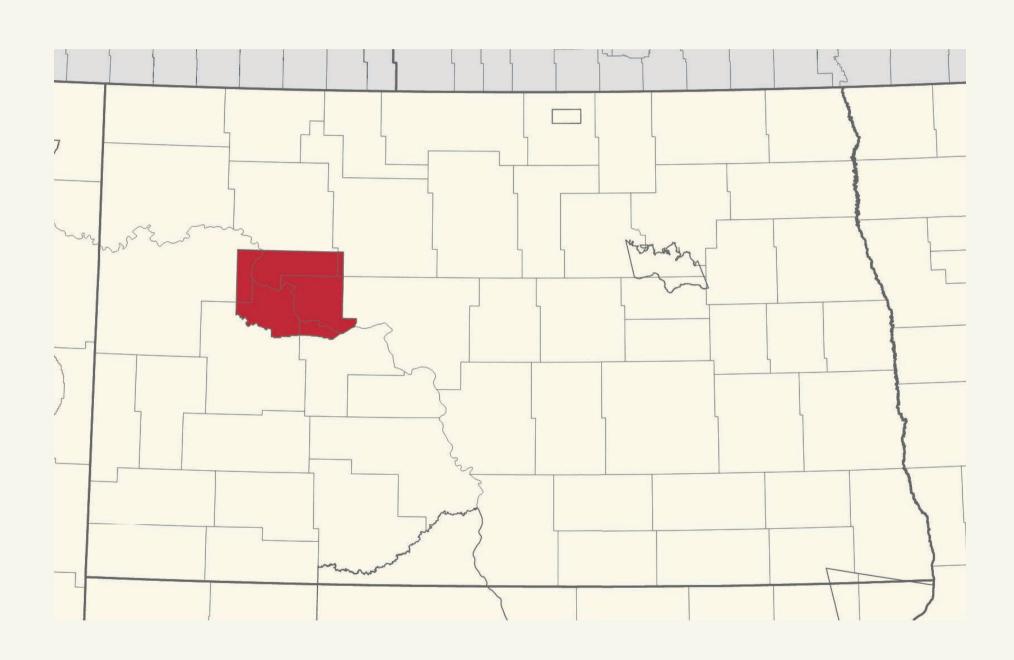
Introduction May 28, 2021

AGENDA

- Mission and Overview of the MHA Emergency Operations Center
- Staff Introduction
- Major accomplishments and past projects
- Future projects, goals, and objectives
- *Special Annoucement*

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the MHA EOC is to create and maintain the comprehensive framework that will reduce the overall vulnerability of communities and government infrastructure on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation (FBIR) by coordinating and integrating all activities necessary to build, sustain, and improve the capability to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from threatened or actual natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other man-made disasters.



OVERVIEW

Established:

August 2020

Critical Infrastructure Role:

Emergency Management/

Incident Management,

Designated Public Health Authority

Jurisdiction:

Fort Berthold Reservation

Staff:

Director,

Emergency Planning Specialist,

Disaster Recovery Grants Specialist/Public

Affairs Specialist,

Administrative Assistant





RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION

A Resolution Entitled: "Powers and Status of the Emergency Operations Center and Emergency Management"

WHEREAS, The Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation, also known as the Three Affiliated Tribes ("MHA Nation" or "Tribes"), having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act and having adopted a Constitution and By-Laws pursuant to said Act; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution, the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the MHA Nation; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities on behalf of and in the interest of the welfare and benefit of the MHA Nation and of the enrolled members thereof; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(l) of the Constitution, the Tribal Business
Council has the power to adopt Resolutions regulating the procedures of the
Tribal Business Council, its agencies and officials; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council passed Resolution No. 20-049-FWF which established the COVID-19 Outbreak Committee, which is also known as the COVID Task Force (the "COVID Task Force"); and

WHEREAS, It is now necessary to establish the MHA Nation Emergency Operations Center
(MHA Nation EOC) and clarify Resolution No. 20-049-FWF regarding the
powers and status of the MHA Nation EOC and the MHA Nation Emergency
Management; and

WHEREAS, The MHA Nation EOC along with the current MHA Nation Emergency Management program is being established and tasked to continue development of emergency proclamations and directives and is responsible for emergency operations and related public health matters as part of its official mandate, which is to direct how the MHA Nation will respond to public health emergencies in order to lessen effects while assuring the long-term health and welfare of Fort Berthold Reservation's citizens; and

WHEREAS, The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) regulates the use and disclosure of Protected Health Information (PHI) pursuant to 45 C.F.R. Part 164; and

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Resolution No. 20-___-FWF

WHEREAS, The HIPAA regulations at 45 C.F.R. §164.512(b)(1)(i) allows a Public Health Authority to collect and receive PHI for the purpose of preventing or controlling disease; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council identifies the MHA Nation Emergency Operations Center and MHA Nation Emergency Management authority as follows:

- (1) Pursuant to the grant of authority from the MHA Nation, the MHA Nation Emergency Operations Center and the MHA Nation Emergency Management program each exists as a Public Health Authority within the meaning of section 21-1-1 of Chapter 1 of Title XXI of the Tribal Code of Laws of the MHA Nation and
- (2) As Public Health Authorities, the MHA Nation Emergency Operations Center and MHA Nation Emergency Management can collect, receive and use PHI, and
- (3) Receipt of PHI is necessary for the MHA Nation Emergency Operations Center and MHA Nation Emergency Management to respond to Public Health Emergencies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Tribal Business Council authorizes all government agencies and public or private health providers, including the Elbowoods Memorial Health Center, to release all necessary PHI related information, in accordance with HIPAA at 45 C.F.R. Part 164, to the MHA Nation Emergency Operations Center and MHA Nation Emergency Management during the event of a Public Health Emergency; and

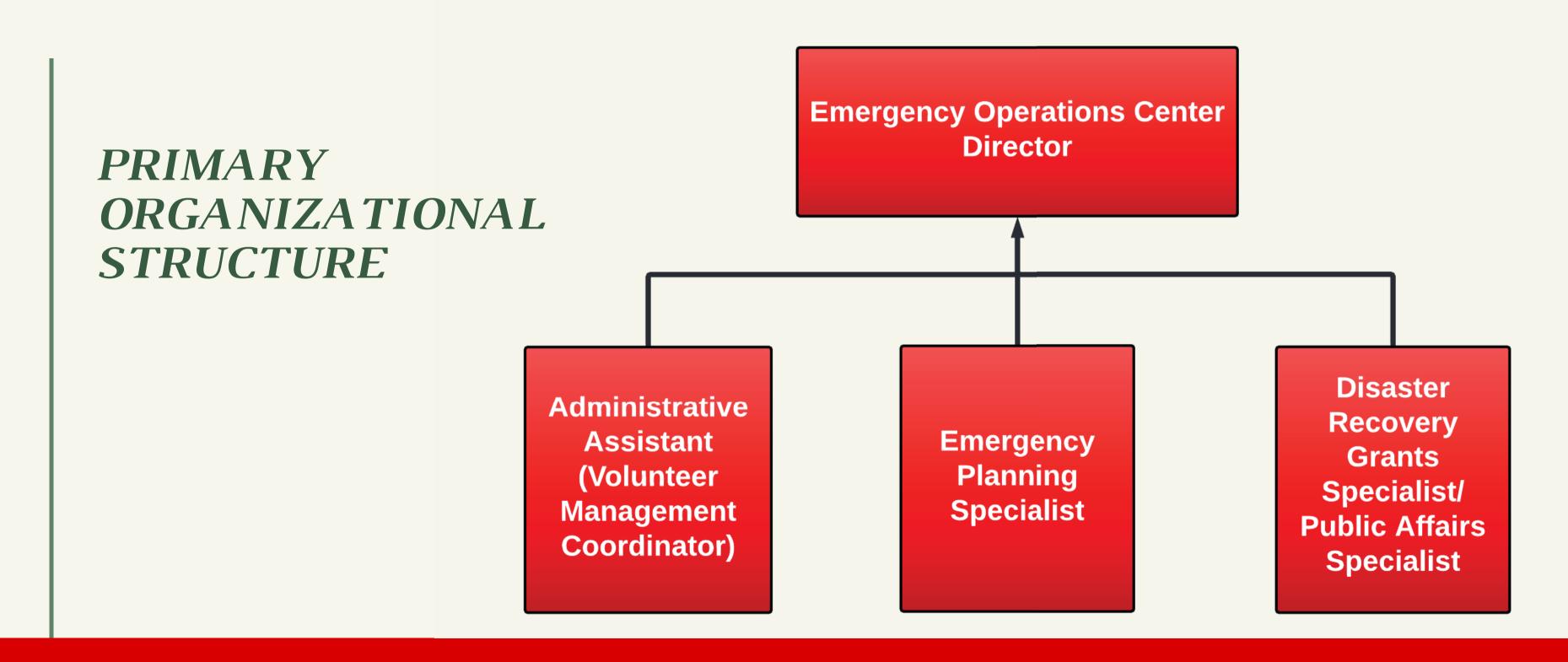
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the MHA Nation Emergency Operations Center and MHA Nation Emergency Management shall comply with all requirements, regulations and directives of HIPAA at 45 C.F.R. Part 164 in receiving, collecting, using, storing and, if necessary, distributing the PHI received; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Tribal Chairman is authorized to take such action as is necessary to carry out the terms and intent of this Resolution.

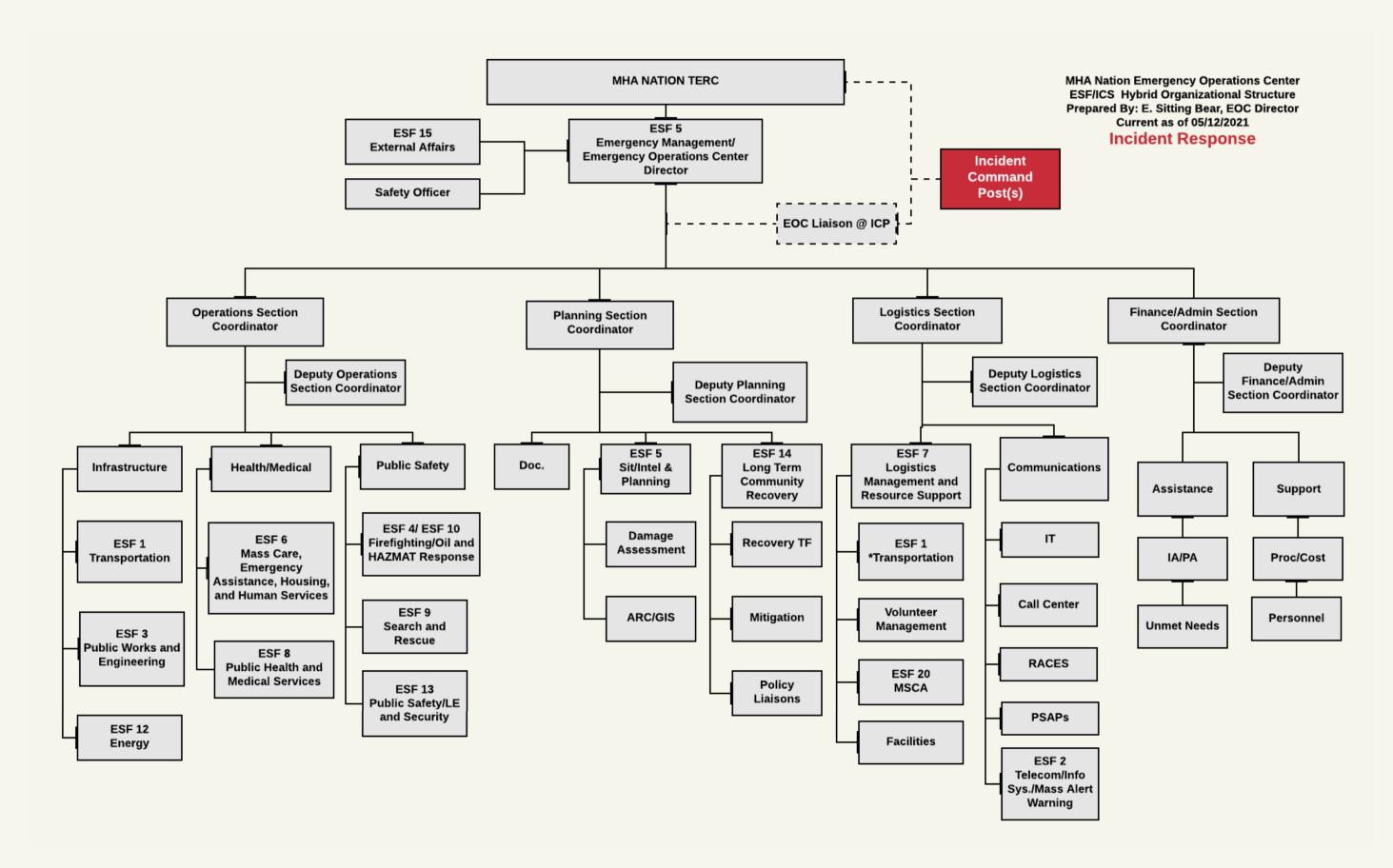
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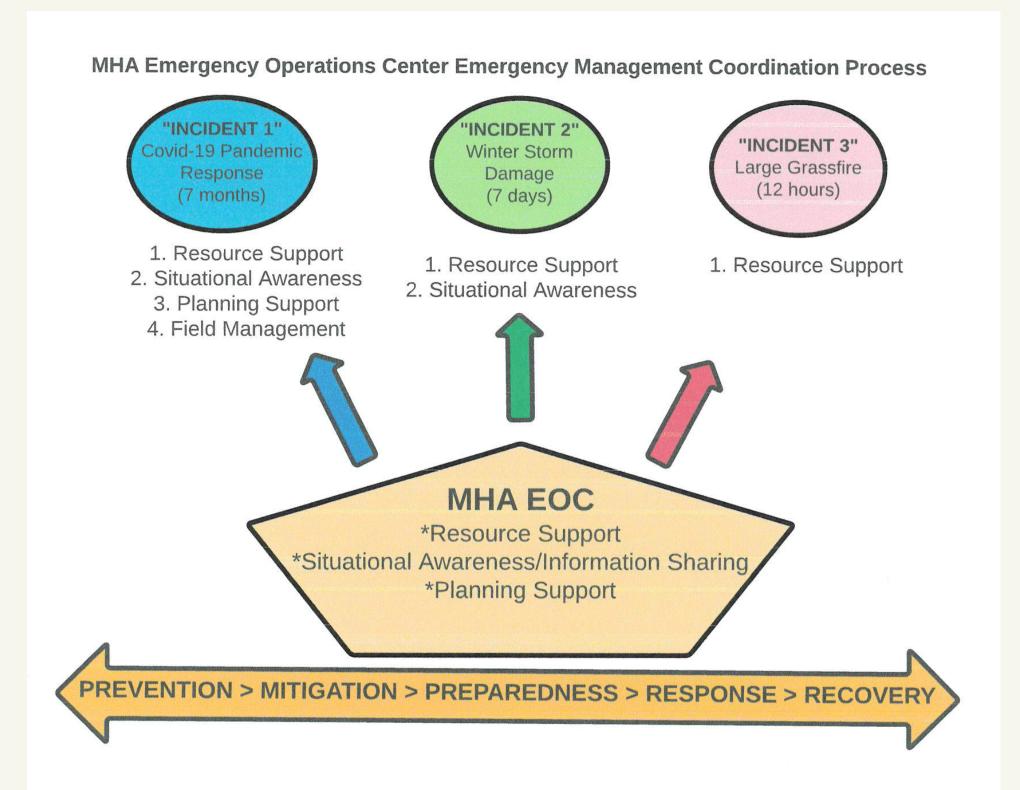
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MHA Nation Emergency Operations Center Primary Organizational Structure



INCIDENT RESPONSE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE





The MHA Nation Emergency
Operations Center provides the
following before, during, and after
Disasters and Large-Scale
Emergencies:

- 1. Resource Support
- 2. Situational

Awareness/Information Sharing

- 4. Planning Support
- 5. Incident Management

- The MHA EOC is capable of responding to Type V, IV, and III Incidents.
- The MHA EOC is a protected site center where incident support operations take place.
- It is designed organizationally and with staff who bring neccessary skillsets to support the Incident Commanders in the field who are coordinating and guiding emergency incidents.
- The MHA EOC prioritizes effective and safe coordination and collaboration to assure a synchronized Whole Community Approach
- to disaster/emergency management and delivery of Core Capabilities across all the Mission Areas of Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery.

EMILY SITTING BEAR

EOC Director

- Ensures the EOC is kept in a continual state of readiness.
- Coordinates, manages, and/or directs regional recovery operations during crisis, incident responses (natural and manmade disasters and other large scale emergencies).
- Implements and maintains an effective EOC location, program/platform, organizational structure, and operations that will reliably establish timely critical communications, reporting abilities, resource sharing, and incident planning among all Emergency Services and local infrastructure on the Ft. Berthold Reservation.

Incident Command System (ICS) Experience:

Incident Commander, Planning Section Chief, Logistics Section Chief, Operations Section Chief, Public Information Officer, and Safety Officer.



THOMAS NASH

Emergency Planning Specialist

- Collects current situation and resources status information, evaluates it and processes the information for developing action plans.
- Maintains coordination of communications and project tasks among involved stakeholders in line with the ICS Resource Typing Definition of Planning Section Chief
- Serves as Liaison to Emergency Services Agencies on behalf of EOC Director when directed and assesses and reports any sources needs/concerns/challenges received to the EOC.

Incident Command System (ICS) Experience:

Incident Commander, Operations Section Chief, Logistics Section Chief, and Division Supervisor.





NYAMKA REESE

Disaster Recovery Grants Specialist & Public Affairs Specialist

- Applies for and obtains Grants and other sources of Funding for the MHA EOC.
- Responsible for reviewing, analyzing, and evaluating grant program activity to ensure compliance with grant program requirements, local and federal procurement standards.
- Coordinates and disseminates community information to the public through various media outlets.
- Interfaces with the public, media, and other agencies to provide information and updates based on changes in incident status

Incident Command System (ICS) Experience:

Public Information Officer, Deputy Planning Section Chief





JAYLEE FOUR SWORDS

Administrative Assistant

- Provides administrative support to ensure efficient day-to-day office operations for the EOC by supporting the EOC employees through a variety of tasks related to effective and accurate organization and communication.
- Functions in the capacity of a cross-trained ICS function position during disasters and large scale emergency responses

Incident Command System (ICS) Experience:

Deputy Operations Section Chief, Call Center Manager



EOC Staff's Professional Backgrounds in Emergency Management/Incident Management and/or Emergency Services

Emily Sitting Bear: Incident Management (Disaster Response & Recovery), Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Services

Thomas Nash: Fire/Rescue, Wildland Fire Management, Emergency Medical Services

Jaylee Four Swords: Wildland Fire Management

OUR MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PAST PROJECTS

- COVID-19 Pandemic Incident Response (Type III)
- Hawk Estate Fire Response (Type VI)
- Little Swallow Fire Response (Type III)
- Active Shooter Response (Type V)
- Cyber Attack Response (Type VI)
- Covid-19 Rapid Testing
- Completed Risk Assessment on MHA Critical Infrastructure Departments.
- Completed Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP) Application and Submission













FUTURE PROJECTS, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES

- Building of the MHA Emergency Operations Center new permanent facility
- Search and Rescue Volunteer Program
- MHA Nation All-Hazards Emergency Operations Plan
- Continue to work on Grant Funding for the Emergency Management and Emergency Services Needs on Ft. Berthold Reservation
- Focus on consistent Emergency Preparedness Education and Awareness for the Public

MHA EOC Social Media Pages:

Webpage: https://www.mhanation.com/emergency-operations-center

Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/mhanationeoc

Twitter: eMHAEOC

Snapchat: MHA EOC



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) is FEMA's national system for local alerting that provides authenticated emergency and life-saving information to the public through mobile phones using Wireless Emergency Alerts, radio, and television via the Emergency Alert System, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Weather Radio.

Memorandum of Agreement between the Three Affiliated Tribes/Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nation and the



Federal Emergency Management Agency Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Program Management Office

Regarding the use of:
Three Affiliated Tribes/Mandan Hidatsa Arikara
Nation
Interoperable System(s)
and
IPAWS OPEN Platform for Emergency Networks
(IPAWS-OPEN)

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