

Making the Connection
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Suggestions from the Box

The following are additional suggestions that were placed in the “parking lot” box that was provided in the plenary session room.

1. Have a formal evaluation of the performance of teams and report to jurisdictional, they in turn send that info to all jurisdiction leaders.
2. Conferences need to have an 800 disaster number in Conference office.
3. There were several comments about the Jurisdictional VIM Team. Following are specific to that topic:
 - Find a “user friendly” name for the team. Do NOT use JDVMT!
 - Be intentional about racial and ethnic make up of the team
 - Needs of the Jurisdiction need to be considered when choosing the team.
 - Should be a large pool to choose from, e.g. 4 from each Conference
 - Need to be VERY clear on the role of the VIM team and how they fit within the ICS model and how they relate to the Conference disaster management team.
4. Build in a formal process for job performance and grievance processing for JDVMT and AC leaders to address problems and continue to do good well.
5. Directory of email addresses for all conf. VIM Coordinators. THEN – a courtesy email to those coordinators when a team for their Conference is working in the Conference sending the email. EX. One sentence saying a team from WPA is working in Missouri and their team leader is _____, and that person’s phone # or email address.
6. Jurisdiction VIM Coordinators should have a profile of each Conference VIM Coordinator and Disaster Response Coordinator in their jurisdiction. Example – who speaks Spanish? Who has training in?
7. Create a standard training manual for long term recovery UMVIM teams? As well as ERT? This needs to be expedited.
8. UMCOR needs to be very intentional in its training to Annual Conferences to promote this new model. They also need to help conferences see that receiving training in only one functional area of the ICS model does not equip an individual or team to jump right in e.g Receiving ERT training does not

mean one knows all there is to know about disaster response. The same is true of case management.

9. Helpful Websites:

- Tornado Information – www.srh.weather.gov,
- www.tornadoproject.com.
- www.disasternews.net
- www.fema.gov
- www.umcor.org

10. Create consistent team forms across conference lines.

11. How can we make the transition from early response to long term recovery easier for UMVIM teams. How do we help them understand the differences in the need for team make-up?