National and International Recognition for NFPA 1600

Open Forum for Standards Developers

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NFPA 1600

NFPA 1600
Standard on
Disaster/Emergency
Management and
Business Continuity
Programs
2004 Edition
What is NFPA 1600?

- Is not a “how-to” guide
- An enterprise wide program that includes the necessary elements and management necessary for effective emergency management and business continuity/continuity of operations
- WHAT needs to exist in the program, not HOW to achieve it, therefore it is not prescriptive.
- The mandatory requirements are spelled out in only 3 pages!
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15 Years
Document History

• 1991 Technical Committee on Disaster Management Formed
• 1995 Recommended Practice for Disaster Management
• 2000 Standard on Disaster/Emergency Management and Business Continuity Programs – 1st Edition
• 2004 Updated Standard Published in April – 2nd Edition
• 2007 Scheduled Publication for 3rd Edition
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NFPA Standards-Making Process
ANSI Approved Process & Accredited

- Voluntary consensus standard
- Peer-based
- Developed by a balance of diverse interests
- Meets American National Standards Institute accreditation requirements
- Produces standards ready for adoption by a political jurisdiction or private organization
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Technical Committee Membership
ANSI Approved Process & Accredited

- 36 Committee Members (maximum)
- Categorized by interest group: User, Enforcer, Insurance, Special Expert, and Others
- Balanced—One group can’t exceed 1/3 of total
- Includes representatives from:
  - USA & Canada, plus members from Britain, Germany and Australia
  - Public Sector (local, state/Province & federal-US and Canada)
  - Private Sector (multi-nationals and representative business associations)
  - FEMA, NEMA, IAEM, EMAP, NASTTPO, CSA Committee & DRII
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Standard for Disaster/Emergency Management & Business Continuity Programs

National Emergency Management Association (NEMA)  International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM)
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Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Recognized by DHS in 2004 Amendments to the Homeland Security Act as the national standard for private sector preparedness for homeland security in the U.S.
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INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION
MOU’S

- Canadian Standards Association (CSA)
- Fire Protection Association of Australia (FPAA)
International Workshop Agreement (IWA) 
Standardization for Emergency Preparedness 
Florence: April 24-26, 2006


National Fire Protection Association
NFPA/ANSI Recommendation:

- Adopt NFPA 1600 as the ISO Umbrella/Criteria Standard for Emergency Preparedness
IWA Recommendation:

Develop Document Utilizing:

- NFPA 1600
- BSI 25999
- HB 221
- Japanese Industrial Standards Committee
- Institution of Israel
ISO/TC 223

- Civil Defense (Societal Security)
- Secretariat: Standards Institute of Sweden (SIS)
  - May 10-12, 2006
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Will NFPA 1600 Survive the Process?
ISO-Member Bodies’ Contribution to the Standards Process
Number of Technical Committées (TC) per 2005-12-31

- AENOR (Spain) 5
- AFNOR (France) 18
- ANSI (USA) 31
- BSI (UK) 24
- DIN (Germany) 29
- DS (Denmark) 4
- IBN (Belgium) 3
- ISIRI (Iran) 3
- JISC (Japan) 11
- NEN (Netherlands) 5
- SA (Australia) 3
- SABS (South Africa)
- SAC (China) 3
- SCC (Canada) 8
- SIS (Sweden) 10
- SN (Norway) 4
- SNV (Switzerland) 5
- Rest 18

- Sweden 6%
- Germany 15%
- USA 16%
- France 9%
- UK 13%
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