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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL NER WING COMMANDERS, DIRECTORS OF OPERATIONS, DIRECTORS OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND DIRECTORS OF COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: NORTHEAST REGION COMMANDER

SUBJECT: Liaison with FEMA REGION I, II, III

1. Recent emphasis by CAP leadership on realigning region oversight of wings from an administrative role to an operational role has required many cultural changes in how regions and wings work together. During the fall 2010 NEC meeting, NHQ recognized the need for greater region involvement in interoperability training with their wings and for a more forward presence of region operations, emergency services and communications personnel during wing training exercises. This led to the development of the NER Area Operations Program (AOP).
2. The AOP defines an Area Command Organization for management of multi-wing and other large missions, provides a mobile area command post for rapid response to support mission management, and a mission command system for standardization of command and control across the region and wings. As the region becomes more proactive with the wings and as the NER AOP matures a closer relationship with FEMA Regions I, II, and III become apparent. The CAP/CC has appointed Col Jim Rushing, SER/CC as the new National FEMA Liaison Officer to revitalize our mutual efforts with FEMA. Col Rushing has made it clear to the region commanders that the region will be the primary contact with the FEMA regions in their areas of responsibility.
3. Effective 15 February the primary interface with FEMA regions I, II, and III will be through the NER FEMA Liaison Officers. The NER/CC is appointing a NER Liaison Officer to each FEMA region. The three NER FEMA Liaison Officers will have a strategic role with each FEMA region and be the primary point of contact. The NER Liaison Officers will establish a proactive presence with their local FEMA region headquarters, work to develop and schedule joint training exercises that dovetail with region operations, emergency services and communications goals during the FY and be a conduit for information sharing. The NER FEMA Liaison Officers will report to the NER DCS/Emergency Services, as currently shown on the NER Organization Chart.

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