

## Kansas GIS Response Team Overview and Application

In support of the following statewide emergency preparedness and response activities, the Kansas Adjutant General's Department is extending an invitation to GIS professionals to join the Kansas GIS Response Team. This team will serve three purposes:

1. Regional Incident Management Team (IMT) support
2. Regional homeland security GIS projects (5 of 7 regions)
3. Additional GIS support for state and local government leaders in disasters

In 2007, the Adjutant General's Department developed the IMT concept and began fielding teams in the seven homeland security regions. Several positions were identified as a necessity, including planning, response, logistics, administrative/finance and communications. GIS is an important component to support all these positions and is itself a part of the planning section. To date only one of the seven regions have a GIS professional on the team

In 2007, the South Central Homeland Security Regional Council chose to fund a regional GIS project. This project brought together first responders and GIS personnel across the region to create and maintain a plan for regional GIS support. Region-wide, target items included: county and city GIS inventory, identification of critical GIS data layers (by regional responders), off-site GIS data back-up, GIS software, hardware and training. Additionally, in 2008, four (4) Homeland Security Regions chose to fund regional GIS projects.

During the May 2007 Greensburg tornado response, GIS support and printed maps were identified as resources and tools that responders desperately needed, but they were available in very limited quantities. Future disasters will require substantial GIS support to local (city and county) and state needs. Examples of areas are county emergency operation centers, on-scene Incident Command, State Departmental Operation Centers and the State Emergency Operation Center. To augment the current GIS personnel available for disaster response, a team of GIS professionals must be available to relieve exhausted and limited GIS personnel.

As part of the cadre you will need to participate in:

- one (1) exercise or drill *per year*
- bi-annual* meetings
- training (*up to two per year*) [e.g. Introduction to U.S. National Grid]

**Why join?** *The Kansas GIS Response Team will provide members with hand-on experience in providing support during disaster situations to decision makers at all levels of government. Most GIS personnel throughout the state have little to no experience providing responders with map products before, during or after disasters. Also, by being a part of the Team, members will have the opportunity to participate in an emergency response or recovery exercise/drill once a year. Exercises and drills provide participants a platform for learning how a disaster unfolds and how each discipline responds. Finally the Team will provide members the opportunity to showcase their skills and will provide a mechanism to solidify GIS as a critical element within government and most importantly the member's own jurisdiction.*

### **Kansas GIS Response Team Point of Contact:**

**Jessica Frye**  
**785-274-1610**  
**[jessica.frye@tag.ks.gov](mailto:jessica.frye@tag.ks.gov)**

GIS professionals who would like to participate as part of the Kansas GIS Response Team will need written approval from their **supervisor**. Currently, no mandatory time commitment is required to be a part of the team, but some coursework is needed in order to be deployed as part of a disaster. Proof of course completion is NOT needed at the time of application. Minimum requirements for application include:

1. Introduction to Incident Command System [ICS-100.a]\*
2. ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents [ICS-200.a]\*
3. ICS for Executives Course<sup>1</sup>
4. NIMS An Introduction [IS-700.a]\*
5. National Response Framework, An Introduction [IS-800.B]\*
6. Introduction to the U.S. National Grid<sup>2</sup>
7. Employed as, or education in Geographic Information Systems

\*These training courses may be taken and completed online at <http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp>.

<sup>1</sup> ICS for Executives is a classroom based course. Full approval will be given without certificate. All applicants that receive partial or full approval will receive notification of course dates and times.

<sup>2</sup> Introduction to the U.S. National Grid will be provided in the future. All applicants that receive partial or full approval will receive notification of course dates and times.

Please supply the following information along with the attached application:

1. Certificates for all completed training courses (IS-100.a, IS-200.a, IS-700.a, IS-800.B) [certificates can be supplied as courses have been complete]
2. A letter stating applicant is employed as a GIS professional (by employer) AND a current copy of the applicant's Position Description, OR if not employed as a GIS profession, a copy of degree/certificate in GIS [or appropriate degree such as geography] AND a letter detailing GIS experience.
3. A letter of support from employer [letter should include support for your participation in meetings, trainings, exercises, drills, and disaster deployments]

### Application Instructions

1. Applications will be submitted to:

**Kansas Adjutant General's Department**  
**Attention: Jessica Frye**

Via mail:

**2800 SW Topeka Blvd**  
**Topeka, KS 66611**

Via fax:

**785-274-1426**

Via e-mail:

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2. Questions about the application or the process can be directed to Jessica Frye at [jessica.frye@tag.ks.gov](mailto:jessica.frye@tag.ks.gov) or 785-274-1610.
3. Applications will be reviewed and approved by the Kansas Adjutant General's Department in conjunction with the Kansas Homeland Security GIS Working Group. Each applicant will receive notification via email on the status of their application. Please anticipate one (1) month for the application to be approved.

# Kansas GIS Response Team Application Form

*Complete form below and submit for review and approval.*

**Name:**

**County of Residence:**

**Office Mailing Address:**

Provide full address including city, state and zip

**Home Phone:**

**Office Phone:**

**Cellular Phone:**

**Pager:**

**E-mail:**

**Other Contact Information:**

Use this area to provide any other forms of contact (i.e. personnel cell, email, etc)

**Current Employer:**

**Employer Mailing Address:**

Provide full address including city, state and zip

**Supervisor's Name:**

**Supervisor's Phone:**

**Provide three references [other than your supervisor]:**

	Name	Title	Agency	Phone
1.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**Briefly describe your qualifications and experience to serve as part of the GIS Response Team:**

**Software Knowledge:** Checkmark each software package you are experienced in and provide the number of years of experience with each. (If you have no experience please leave blank)

☐ ArcView      Version(s):       Number of Years

☐ ArcEditor      Version(s):       Number of Years

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☐ ArcInfo

Version(s):

Number of Years

☐ ArcSDE

Version(s):

Number of Years

☐ ArcServer

Version(s):

Number of Years

☐ AutoCAD

Version(s):

Number of Years

☐ AutoCAD Map 3D

Version(s):

Number of Years

Other GIS Software  
(include version(s) and  
years of experience)

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Review/Approval Signature

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_