What is an AHIMT or IMT?

Purpose — All-Hazard Incident Management Teams (AHIMTs) or Incident Management Teams (IMTs) play an essential role in the management of, and response to, local/regional/national emergencies, natural disasters and public events.

An IMT is a comprehensive resource to either enhance ongoing operations through on-site management of an incident that has overwhelmed local resources, or supplements an already existing management system in providing part or all components/functions of a Command and General Staff. An IMT:

- Includes command and general staff members and support personnel.
- Has statutory authority and/or formal response requirements and responsibilities.
- Has pre-designated roles and responsibilities for members (identified and able to be contacted for deployment).
- Is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

A timeline showing the typical timeframes for response and operations of the different types of IMTs is shown below, as well as a possible build-out of command and general staff positions.

For more information, go to: dem.utah.gov/training-and-exercise/ahimt/ or slcoem.org/salt-lake-regional-imt
How is an AHIMT Created?

A Type 3 AHIMT is a multi-agency/multi-jurisdictional team used for extended incidents. It is formed and managed at the local, state or tribal level and includes a designated team of trained personnel from different departments, organizations, agencies and jurisdictions.

Type 3 AHIMTs are deployed as a team of 10-20 trained personnel, representing multiple disciplines who manage major and/or complex incidents requiring a significant number of local, state or tribal resources. They manage incidents that extend into multiple operational periods and require a written Incident Action Plan. A Type 3 AHIMT may initially manage more complex incidents that later transition to a national level AHIMT.

Utilization of Type III AHIMT’s

Type III IMT’s can be utilized for many different events and areas. From all-hazards responses, to Emergency Operations Center (EOC) staffing or supplemental staffing, planned events (large concerts or venues).

Type III events are anything that exceeds the capability of local resources, typically have multi-agency responses and generally last for more than one operational period. With hazardous materials events that time is shortened, and an operational period can be as little as two hours. Large structure fires, wildland incidents, flooding incidents, planned events (such as concerts, marathons, sporting events, and large meetings to name a few), weather events, terrorist events, and public health emergencies all utilize Type III AHIMTs.

Recent events within Utah utilizing Type III AHIMTs have been the Hildale response and the sesquicentennial celebration of Riverton, Utah.