

2015 Annual Report

Highlights from 2015 are provided below. Key successes over the past year involved the development of Essential Elements of Information (EIs) templates and guidance, enhancement of benefits available to members via the member portal, and development of key partnerships with local, state, and federal government organizations, non-profits, and the private sector.

- **New Board & Executive Committee**

- In the spring of 2015, two new members were elected to the NISC Board of Directors and four directors were elected to serve on the NISC Executive Committee
- Executive Committee members and Directors:
 - Executive Committee:
 - Chair: Doug Eades, Kentucky Emergency Management
 - Vice Chair: Jonathon Monken, Electric Infrastructure Security (EIS) Council
 - Secretary: Kate Hale: James City County Virginia Emergency Management
 - Treasurer: Sarah Seiler: Metrolina Healthcare Preparedness Coalition
 - Directors:
 - Rob Dudgeon: City & County of San Francisco Department of Emergency Management
 - Jeff Dulin: North Carolina Office of Emergency Management USAR Task Force 3 & Western Branch Incident Management Team
 - Bryan Koon: Florida Division of Emergency Management
 - Barney Krucoff: Maryland Department of Information Technology
 - Jack Pagotto: Canadian Safety & Security Program; Defence R&D Canada's Centre for Security Science
 - Major General William N. Reddell III: New Hampshire National Guard
 - Eddie Reyes: City of Alexandria Virginia Police Department
 - Chris Tubbs: Southern Marin/City of Sausalito California Fire District

- **Membership**

- From January - December 2015, NISC membership grew from seventy-seven (77) to one hundred and thirty-five (135) members representing hundreds of state and local government, civilian and military, tribal government, academic, non-governmental and private industry partner organizations across the US and Canada.
- Growth was primarily from local and state governments, but the NISC also had new members from the federal government, academic institutions, and non-profit organizations

- Membership growth corresponded with the following updates & additions to NISC service offerings:
 - Launch of the NISC Member Portal
 - Release of the *NISC Essential Elements of Information Publication Guidance*
 - Update to the member application process so that prospective members can apply online
- **Member Portal**
 - Enhanced and fully re-designed version of the NISC Nexus, the first-round member portal launched in late 2014
 - Gave members access to EEI templates, data, and information shared in the Virtual USA Common Library Group on ArcGIS Online, NISC resources, and networking opportunities
 - A newly-designed website at www.nisconsortium.org was launched at the same time, providing more information to members and potential members about the NISC's priorities, activities, and member benefits
- ***NISC Essential Elements of Information Publication Guidance***
 - A guidance document based on lessons learned and best practices applied in CUSEC's CAPSTONE-14 exercise, and informed by other Virtual USA initiatives
 - Available for download on <http://www.nisconsortium.org/nisc-activities/eeis>
- **Local First Responder Project**
 - An information sharing project was initiated and completed in Charlotte, NC, Charlottesville, VA, and James City County, VA that explored day-to-day operations of first responders at the local level; data creation and access; and sharing and managing information within and among jurisdictions
 - A highlight of the project was the creation of data models to monitor health issues at planned special events
 - The NISC supported project participant Metrolina Healthcare Preparedness Coalition with the development of the Patient Encounter data model and the Patient Census data model, both of which have been field tested and are available for download as EEI templates on the NISC member portal
 - <http://www.nisconsortium.org/nisc-activities/implementation-projects-program/>

- **BEOC Working Group**
 - After the success of CUSEC's CAPSTONE-14 exercise, the Business Emergency Operations Center (BEOC) Working Group was formed of members of the private sector who are committed to continuing the progress made in the earthquake exercise
 - Co-chaired by the NISC Vice Chair, Jonathon Monken, the group has been working to build a strong foundation of partnership and collaboration for coordinating public-private sector emergency management functions

- **White House Incident Management Information Sharing Subcommittee (IMIS-SC)**
 - In 2015, the NISC has continued to work closely with the White House Incident Management Information Sharing Subcommittee
 - Co-chaired by the NISC Chair, the subcommittee has conducted research on EEIs, which has informed several NISC activities, including development of some EEI templates available on the NISC member portal
 - <http://www.nisconsortium.org/incident-management-information-sharing-subcommittee-imis-sc/>