



RI | Alliance

for Business Resilience

Keeping Rhode Island Open for Business

A New Public-Private Partnership

Founded By:



Public-Private Partnership

“There's no way government can solve the challenges of a disaster with a government centric approach. It takes the whole team.

“We are better able to serve...when public sector and private sector representatives are both active members of the same team. FEMA believes in the value of public-private partnerships and has worked steadily to provide tools, models, and resources designed to inspire their creation and nurture their success.”



Craig Fugate, former FEMA Administrator



Why Business, Why Resilience?

Economics

The ability for our businesses to quickly bounce back after natural or manmade disasters is essential to a strong and vibrant economy

FOCUS

Potential for greater resilience and speed of recovery if businesses and business associations are collectively focused under a statewide umbrella

Scale

There are over 36,000 businesses in Rhode Island and upwards of 175 business associations that represent them. **All** need information during an emergency situation

A wide-angle photograph of the Rhode Island city skyline at night. The city lights are reflected in the water of the harbor. The title 'About the Alliance' is overlaid in white text on the left side of the image.

About the Alliance

Born of a **shared vision** for collaboration in emergency preparation, response and recovery, the Rhode Island Alliance for Business Resilience (the Alliance) is a **self-governed** public-private partnership focused on **improving the resilience** of Rhode Island businesses and local communities.

Background and Timeline

Initiation
Winter 2016

Structure

Formation
Fall 2016

Shared
Vision

Launch
Spring 2017

Formal discussions between business leaders and state government officials began

Agreed to pursue a coalition driven by the private sector in collaboration with public sector partners loosely based on *ChicagoFirst*

Founding members formed a steering committee to hammer out a structure for the alliance and approved a governance document

Shared vision for sustainable public private collaboration in emergency preparedness, response and recovery

Joint launch between State and business community



Mission

Create a unified voice for continuity and disaster recovery on behalf of the business community within the public sector

Build new capabilities and relationships, and establish a whole community approach for effective disaster response

Keep Rhode Island “**Open for Business**” during and after natural or man-made disasters

Membership Structure

Members

- Companies and NGOs that employ 50 or more people
- Trade associations
- Chambers of commerce

Strategic Partners

- Public sector organizations that support the mission and objectives of the Alliance with information, people and/or resources

Steering Committee

- Governance group comprised of representatives from founding organizations

Member Benefits

The Alliance is a **volunteer** organization with **no member fees**. In support of the Alliance mission, member companies and strategic partners agree to provide guidance, expertise and personnel, in an active but voluntary capacity, to ensure the Alliance's continued success and development. Alliance offerings below will continue to evolve.

Information

- Emergency situation reports
- Alliance ESF18 Operations Plan
- Alliance archives and best practices
- Critical infrastructure priorities

Tools

- Emergency notification (Code Red)
- Business outage reporting (SABER)
- Private sector credentialing (CEAS)

Collaboration

- RIABR.ORG Alliance Community Forum
- State Emergency Operations Center (ESF18)

Programs

- Regular meetings
- Training & Exercises
- Subject matter experts

Basic Tenets



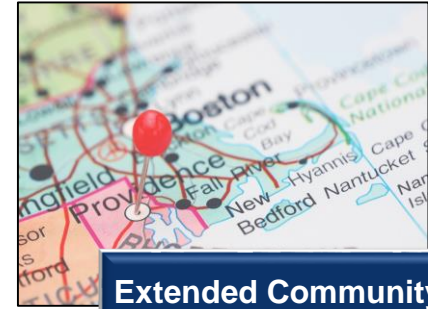
Trusted Relationships



B2B Collaboration



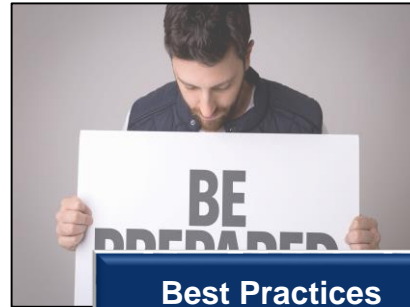
Situational Awareness



Extended Community



Leadership & Sustainability



Best Practices



Domain Expertise

Alliance / ESF18 Operations

State of Rhode Island

Guided by Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP)

State Emergency Operations Center
Emergency Support Function (ESF) 18
Business and Industry



Staffing, Special Projects, Emergency Needs

Business Community

Guided by Business Resilience and Continuity Plans

Rhode Island Alliance for Business Resilience

WebEOC

State Information
RIABR Situation Report

Collaboration
Member Community Forum

RIABR.org Website



Emergency Notification
CodeRED

Not Yet Deployed

Business Information
SABER



Alliance Members

Private Sector Members:

- AAA Northeast
- AIPSO
- Amica Mutual Insurance Company
- Banneker Industries
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of RI
- Central RI Chamber of Commerce
- Citizens Bank
- Collette Travel
- CVS Health
- Fidelity Investments
- FM Global
- General Dynamics Electric Boat
- Greater Cranston Chamber of Commerce

- Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI)
- Lifespan
- Neighborhood Health Plan RI
- Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems
- Rhode Island Manufacturers Association
- Roger Williams University
- SENEDIA
- Women & Infants Hospital

Public Sector Partners:

- Healthsource RI
- RI Commerce Corporation
- RI Emergency Management Agency
- RI Fusion Center



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