



January 30, 2018

**RE: Inter-Tribal Emergency Response Commission (ITERC)
Tribal Emergency Support Team (TEST) Kick-Off Meeting**

Dear Tribal Emergency Managers/Coordinators,

At the November 14, 2017 ITERC Advisory Board meeting held in Ely, the voting members of the ITERC in attendance had unanimously approved the creation of an ITERC sub-committee. After a survey, the ITERC voted to name it T.E.S.T. or Tribal Emergency Support Team. The original vision of the new committee was to assist tribes in need during their incidents or disasters, to combine tribal resources/equipment, provide Incident Command System training as well as other protocols, procedures and policies as advised by the ITERC.

The first "kick-off" meeting will be at the **Reno Sparks Tribal Health Center, 1715 Kuenzli St., Reno, NV 89502, March 15th, 2018 at 1400 hours**. This meeting will follow the scheduled bi-monthly ITERC Advisory Board meeting. We anticipate at least 3 to 4 meetings to be up and running smoothly.

The ITERC is requesting that each member tribe provide a representative to serve on the TEST. In the future, we will be actively pursuing funding for travel and training for the TEST, but for now we are asking if the sending Tribe can fund their own representative. We will also have a call-in number for those who can't be there in person.

In closing, the ITERC understands that tribal resources are limited and not all tribes can send a representative at their own cost, but if it's a possibility, please do so. Please share this with your Tribal Council, Chairman's, Administrators, etc.

As this is a new project, we foresee it doing many valuable services for our Tribes. Nothing is 'written in stone'.

In the spirit of ITERC.....Tribe helping Tribe.

Sincerely,

Brent Hunter,
Chairman,
Inter-Tribal Emergency Response Commission