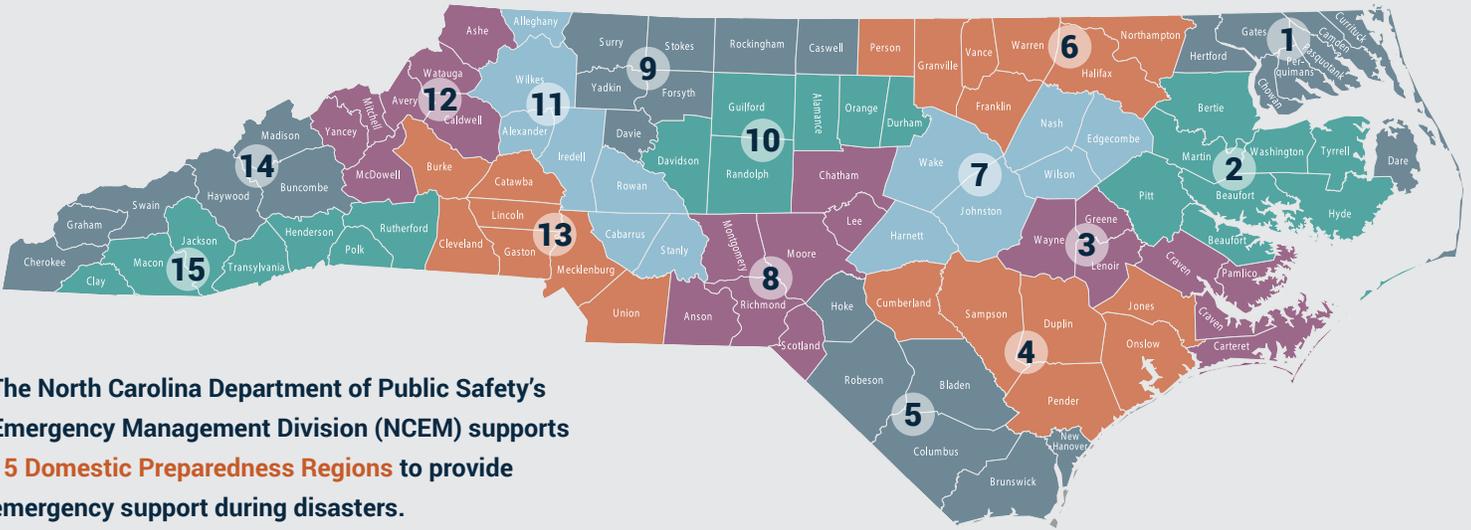




## Emergency Management in North Carolina



The North Carolina Department of Public Safety's Emergency Management Division (NCEM) supports **15 Domestic Preparedness Regions** to provide emergency support during disasters.

## Facts & Figures

— Emergency collaboration occurs through the **N.C. State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)** throughout the year. Agencies involved include:

- › N.C. Homeland Security
- › N.C. National Guard
- › N.C. Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources
- › N.C. Dept. of Environmental Quality
- › N.C. Dept. of Health & Human Services
- › N.C. Dept. of Agriculture
- › N.C. State Bureau of Investigation
- › N.C. Office of Emergency Medical Services
- › N.C. Office of the Governor

— During emergencies, the **Department of Public Safety** manages emergency operations through these agencies.

— NCDOT operates the **Statewide Traffic Operations Center**.

### Critical infrastructure is at risk:



**80,000** miles of roadways



**3,200** miles of railroads (70% private)



**18,000** bridges and structures



**2** seaports, **2** inland ports and multiple barge facilities



**72** publicly owned, public-use and **35** privately owned, public-use airports



**5,490** miles of pipeline and **38** fuel terminals



## Findings and Future Direction

### Transportation Security

#### Airports

Transportation Security Administration provides security for nine state airports.

#### Rail

CSX & Norfolk Southern keep railroad right of way safe. Amtrak Police also provides security.

#### Marine and Transit

N.C.'s State Ferry System is secured by local police and regulated by the U.S. Coast Guard.

#### Highway

N.C. State Highway Patrol and local officials patrol interstate highways.

### Transportation Resilience

- Resiliency refers to the state's ability to anticipate, prepare for and respond to natural disasters that affect the transportation system.
- Increasingly, states are focused on resilience. NCDOT has always responded to hazards or disasters, but resilience is a more proactive approach.
- Redundancy is an important part of resiliency. Providing multiple ways to get from point A to point B allows people to keep moving. If their main travel route is blocked, travelers can use a second route to reach their destination during an emergency.

**Multiple Modes** - Emergencies could happen on roads or rails, in the air or on the seas. Working across all modes makes N.C.'s whole system safer.

**Local Focus** - Disasters always start at the local level. NCDOT Districts and NCEM Divisions support local emergency response with resources and staff. This may mean debris clearance or flood rescue.

**Public-Private Approaches** - Federal funding is limited. Public-private partnerships improve N.C.'s responsiveness.

**Reliability and Growth** - Resiliency keeps North Carolina moving, even after extreme events. This is key for economic recovery and growth.

**Technology** - A quick response relies on information sharing. State of the art technology will improve emergency management.

**Federal Mandates** - Major transportation plans must include resilience and security.



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