

NFPA 1600
***Standard for Disaster/Emergency Management
and Business Continuity Programs***
2000 Edition

Questionnaire

The technical committee responsible for the development of NFPA 1600, *Standard for Disaster/Emergency Management and Business Continuity Programs*, welcomes your input on the 2000 Edition. A brief questionnaire is attached for you to provide feedback and input. For example, are there areas that should be addressed in greater detail? If so, which ones and in what priority? Should these details be placed in the body of the existing document to be enforceable if the standard is adopted by a jurisdiction or should the detail be placed in the appendix as information only items? Should additional documents be created, either as standards or recommended practices, for a particular issue?

NFPA 1600 establishes a common set of criteria for disaster, emergency management and business continuity programs in both the public and private sectors. It is a consensus standard that was written by a committee whose members are both professionals and stakeholders in the emergency management/business continuity field. This document is nine years in the making, first developed as a recommended practice and recently adopted as a standard. FEMA, NEMA, and IAEM have endorsed the most recent edition, and the standard has been adopted by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI.)

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Name _____ Title _____

Organization _____ Telephone _____ Email _____

Type of Organization: Manufacturing Non-Manufacturing Service Non-profit Federal Government
 State Government Local Government Consultant Insurance Industry Other (_____)

1. Are you using NFPA 1600 to evaluate, develop or update your organization's disaster/emergency management and/or business continuity programs? Yes No.

2. If you are not using NFPA 1600, why not? Not aware of the document Does not meet my needs (Explain below) A better tool is available (which tool?) Other (Explain) _____

3. If you are NOT using NFPA 1600, what guidelines are you using for development of your disaster/emergency management and business continuity programs? _____

4. In your opinion does NFPA 1600 outline the necessary components of disaster/emergency management and business continuity programs? Yes (entirely) Part (some but not all) No (Not at all). If you chose "Part" or "No", what needs to be addressed? _____

5. Would you be willing to share your experience using NFPA 1600 (e.g., share copies of your plans, submit comments, deliver a presentation, etc.) with the NFPA 1600 technical committee, so the committee can enhance the document? Yes No.

6. What would you suggest should be done to better publicize NFPA 1600 so it more widely utilized? ____

Interviewer _____ Interview Date _____

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