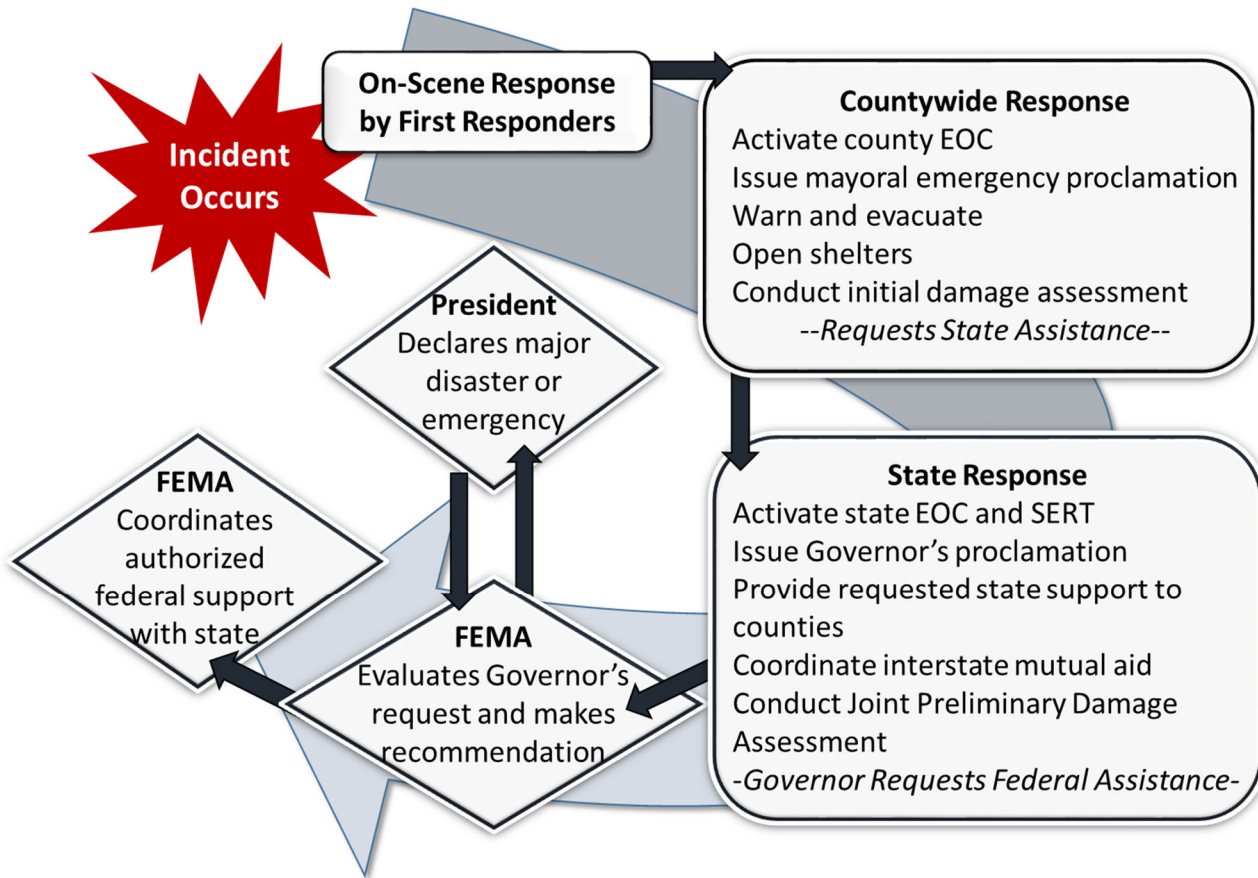


RESPONSE OVERVIEW



State Emergency Management Authorities

HRS Chapter 127A defines the emergency management authorities of the Governor and Mayors and establishes state and county emergency management agencies. The Governor may issue an emergency proclamation to exercise emergency authorities, including the suspension of laws that may impede response efforts. County mayors may issue local emergency proclamations.

Federal Authorities – Stafford Act

The **Stafford Act** is the statutory authority for most federal disaster response activities, especially as they pertain to FEMA and FEMA programs. It allows the President to issue an emergency or major disaster proclamation at the request of a Governor when a state demonstrates an effective response is beyond state and local capabilities. Depending on the type of declaration and disaster impacts, assistance provided may include direct federal assistance to response efforts and/or grant programs for individual and household recovery, infrastructure repair or mitigation projects.