



# Recent Disasters Emphasize Consortium's Responsibilities

## Preparedness Matters

A natural disaster may not be preventable, but with the right preparation and training the aftermath can be greatly lessened and countless lives can be saved. It is imperative for a community and its first responders to know how to react in an emergency situation to survive. One key element a community needs to persevere through a disaster is access to a safe and healthy food supply. The training needed to prepare for this through all-hazards scenarios is the Food and Agriculture Protection Training Consortium's (FAPTC) strength.

The Food and Agriculture Protection Training Consortium (FAPTC) is comprised of nine university-affiliated training centers focused on developing and delivering food protection, disaster preparedness & response and homeland security training primarily to first responders and officials at the federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial levels along with others responsible for the safety of the U.S. food supply such as industry, third party auditors, and regulatory officials in other countries.

FAPTC provides a regional-based, sustainable international food safety training concept that fosters U.S. regulatory compliance for food products entering the U.S. This model emphasizes government-to-government interface and supports the training and technical assistance needs of FDA, USDA, USAID, DOD and Department of State foreign offices in meeting food safety training needs.

Our consortium members are currently training across the U.S. and internationally, preparing communities for response and recovery.



## FAPTC Consortium Member's Training Saves Lives

In 2009, American Samoa experienced an 8.0 magnitude earthquake followed by a tsunami.

Many years had passed since a tsunami impacted American Samoa and many people were unaware of the warning signs for this catastrophic act of nature.

Just one week before the tsunami struck, the Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture for American Samoa attended the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center's (a FAPTC member) course on Tsunami Awareness in Hawaii.

Equipped with training including how to identify tsunami warning signs and how to respond, the Deputy Director went back to the island. A week after his training, following the massive earthquake, he recognized the signs for an oncoming tsunami and immediately put his training into action by activating the island's emergency notification system and driving from village to village warning people to evacuate to higher ground.

Through the rapid application of his training, he was instrumental in saving people's lives.

## The Consortium

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Center for Agriculture and Food Security and Preparedness (CAFSP)  
University of Tennessee  
Knoxville, TN

Center for Food Security and Public Health (CFSPH)  
Iowa State University  
Ames, IA

Institute for Food Laws and Regulations (IFLR)  
Michigan State University  
East Lansing, MI

International Food Protection Training Institute (IFPTI)  
Battle Creek, MI

The National Center for Biomedical Research and Training (NCBRT)  
Louisiana State University  
Baton Rouge, LA

National Center for Medical Readiness (NCOMR)  
Wright State University  
Dayton, OH

National Disaster Preparedness Training Center  
University of Hawaii, Manoa  
Honolulu, HI

National Institute for Food Safety and Security Training (NIFSST)  
Mississippi State University  
Mississippi State, MS

Western Institute for Food Safety & Security (WIFSS)  
University of California, Davis  
Davis, CA

FAPTC has the capacity and capability to customize training development and delivery to meet the emergency needs of government agencies and in response to disasters, contamination incidents, and terrorist acts impacting U.S. interests.

- Medical response systems
- Public health and epidemiology
- Integrated physical training environment
- Military-civilian interface in food safety
- Increased protection of food and agricultural systems against natural hazards
- Development of sustainable, resilient food and agricultural systems
- Food imports, transportation and storage
- Risk analysis and assessment of food
- Animal production agriculture
- Safety of animal feed and pet foods
- Quality management and food safety of grain
- Food animal care during an emergency, including a foreign animal or zoonotic disease outbreak
- Food safety regulations, food law and compliance, and food laws and international regulations and guidelines
- Food defense and response for all food events and disasters
- Instructor development certification training for the entire consortium, including foreign instructors in international training centers
- Post harvest food products
- Better Process Control Training, HACCP
- Fruit and vegetable production agriculture and harvesting, processing of milk and seafood (other than aquaculture)
- Farm labor and harvesters and traceability