

# STRUCTURES

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part  
of the

PUBLIC SAFETY FRAMEWORK OF IDAHO

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*The STRUCTURES initiative is a collaborative effort to build a statewide spatial database of buildings focused on enhancing public safety. Our approach is to gather and assemble information from the best sources into a single dataset. A comprehensive STRUCTURES database will reduce response times for police, firefighters and ambulances and provide critical context for planning, managing and recovering from wide-spread disasters.*

## WHAT IS THE STRUCTURES VISION?

What would you say if you had access to a current, statewide database of high-profile buildings, hospitals, schools, and other structures fulfilling public safety and many other needs? It would be pretty cool, right? Well, that's the vision of STRUCTURES, and with your organization's help, we can do JUST THAT!

This comprehensive database, part of Idaho's digital base map (collectively, Framework), will be made accessible to every agency in Idaho. It will be consistent with relevant state and federal standards and regularly updated. As a statewide collaboration, STRUCTURES will benefit both contributors and consumers. Try to recall a time when a flood or fire stopped at the county line, and you'll understand why statewide makes good sense.

If each region contributes a minimum set of information, we'll be successful. Join us!

## SO, WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

There are so many advantages to contributing to STRUCTURES Framework. We're taking the initiative to create it NOW. Why wait until disaster strikes? By partnering with this statewide effort, vital information will be available instantly to emergency responders. When minutes count in situational awareness and when hours count in staging effective disaster response, STRUCTURES will make a difference. Getting people to shelters, evacuating a valley, and allocating the right resources and staging them as soon as possible can greatly affect the outcome of an event. STRUCTURES is a vital part of the picture. Be sure your organization is "plugged in" to the spatial information super-highway. Your residents deserve it, and they will appreciate your foresight.

*Enhancing public safety in our communities ...*



## SO, HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE?

It's easy! All you need to do is place a .zip file and an .xml file in an accessible location, and we'll do the rest. An automated routine harvests local data using the Internet. This allows for regular updating of the database and assures the most current information available.

In addition to location, **only two fields are requested:**

- 1) GIS\_STEW identifies your organization as a contributor, and
- 2) APA\_CODE identifies the type of structure. That's it! Other information like Property Address, for example, will be gladly accepted if you have it.

Right now we are focusing on the following structure types:

- Hospitals
- Schools
- Police Stations
- Emergency Operation Centers
- Fire Stations
- Jails

But if you have more, we'll include more.



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