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Abstract:

The Distribution Element specification describes a standard message distribution framework for data sharing among emergency information systems using the XML-based Emergency Data Exchange Language (EDXL). This format may be used over any data transmission system, including but not limited to the SOAP HTTP binding.

The Distribution Element may be thought of as a "container" which facilitates the "routing" of message sets (any properly formatted XML emergency message) to recipients. The Distribution Element carries and routes "payload" message sets (such as Alerts or Resource Messages), by specifying key routing information such as distribution type, geography, incident, and sender/recipient ID's.

This document is a dynamic collection of potential use cases and implementation guidance identified by the OASIS Emergency Management Technical Committee (EM-TC) in the course of developing the EDXL standard and provided by the EDXL user community.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

1.2 EDXL Overview

1.3 Terminology

The key words “MUST”, “MUST NOT”, “REQUIRED”, “SHALL”, “SHALL NOT”, “SHOULD”, “SHOULD NOT”, “RECOMMENDED”, “MAY”, and “OPTIONAL” in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC2119].

The words *warning*, *alert* and *notification* are used interchangeably throughout this document.

The term “coordinate pair” is used in this document to refer to a comma-delimited pair of decimal values describing a geospatial location in degrees, unprojected, in the form “[latitude],[longitude]”. Latitudes in the Southern Hemisphere and longitudes in the Western Hemisphere are signed negative by means of a leading dash.

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