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After the incompetency of FEMA during Hurricane Katrina in 2005 there is a serious confusion regarding the roles of FEMA and often its roles are questioned. It is still a confusion that is it right that Federal Emergency management Agency, define the roles of FEMA or should local and state agencies defines the roles of it?(“About the Agency | FEMA.gov,” n.d.)

FEMA roles are linked to increase the level of safety of America, which is entirely wrong. This is a result of influence of DHS over the FEMA. Emergency and Security are multidisciplinary and overlap in terms of roles but they are different. Emergency management is local, and is about preserving lives, property within the range of voter approved boundaries, and ensure freedom. Whereas security is concerned with denying freedom to those who believe in creating violence. Emergency management is specific and local function of the government while security is concerned with the national level. Emergency managements should be concerned about the people and their environment in terms of public administration, logistics, medical services, criminal justice, communication, health, safety and security management. While Homeland security included constitutional and criminal law, international relations, military and National security.

DHS should not define the roles of the FEMA as it will create ambiguity in terms of its mission and purpose. On the other and state and local emergency organizations are better choice in terms of defining the role of FEMA as they will be equipped with all the knowledge and resources regarding the actual definition of “emergency “in its true sense. But this will create just one gap, in security. Emergency situations also require security measures but this doesn’t means that DHS should define the role of FEMA. I think collaboration of both in defining the role at all levels will benefit the FEMA more. (“Education,” n.d.)

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