



What is INSPARK?

- Stands for INSPect ARKansas
- Is a completely volunteer organization
- Was founded in 2014
- Second largest organized building inspection program in the mid-west
- Assesses buildings after disaster for safety of a structure before re-entry.
- Works with tornados, floods, and earthquakes
- Is nationally recognized and deployable from state-to-state through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact

Who is INSPARK?

INSPARK is volunteers who want to provide assistance during disaster. INSPARK does not have restriction on who can join, as long as you are willing and able.

We seek professional architects, engineers, administrative personnel, construction personnel, emergency managers, county officials, building code enforcement, home inspectors, and especially those wanting to help after disaster!

How do I join?

1. Attend an ATC 20 or ATC 45 class
2. Obtain, fill out and submit an INSPARK Data Sheet to the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management Earthquake Program Manager
3. Re-new your training every 3 years

INSPARK talking points

- INSPARK stands for Inspect Arkansas
- Anyone who successfully completes the ATC 20 course can apply to be a member
- Membership must be renewed every 3 years
- To join, one must fill out the INSPARK Data Sheet and have taken the ATC20 course within the last 3 years. Data Sheets can be returned to hilda.booth@adem.arkansas.gov for membership.
- The regional coordinators will pre-define the position one can hold in the INSPARK program based on their education, experience, and qualifications.
- A draft standard operating guide is available from the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management.
- The idea behind INSPARK is to have a systematic way of assessing buildings that are affected by an earthquake for safety of the structure. The same principles can be applied to flood and tornado scenarios
- INSPARK members are covered from a liability stand-point, except in cases of willful negligence or misconduct, as long as they are dispatched through the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management. Those who self-deploy will have no immunities in the event of injury to themselves or others. Legislation supporting this is in the Arkansas Revised Code Section 12-75-128.
- INSPARK does not receive any funding from the state. It is done completely by volunteers
- There are 4 regional coordinators and 1 statewide coordinator that oversee the field operations for INSPARK, with over 300 registered building assessors
- INSPARK members are eligible to deploy to other states through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) to help with events around the country.
- INSPARK is working to incorporate current technology into their practices by using GPS to track damages. Arkansas is one of 5 states to have this capability.
- INSPARK is the 2nd largest building inspection organization in the Midwest, second only to the Missouri SAVE Coalition.