



President George W. Bush issued Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 (HSPD-5), Management of Domestic Incidents, in 2003, in which a public works response to emergencies and disasters is recognized as an absolute necessity, and the federal government is directed to include public works in all planning and response efforts. The Public Works First Responder symbol is expected to increase recognition of public works as first responders throughout North America.

The Public Works First Responder symbol uses familiar colors—orange, black and white—and a design reminiscent of road construction, signs, safety cones and orange construction barrels.