



Attachment 3: Inventory of Federal Response Teams

Adapted from U.S. Department of Homeland Security, National Response Plan (NRP), December 2004. (N.B., The NRP was superseded by the National Response Framework (NRF) in January 2008. The NRF is available at <http://www.fema.gov/nrf>. In February 2009, the CIS was undergoing review and revision to align it with the NRF.)

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Critical Response Team (CRT)	American Red Cross (ARC) national headquarters trained team assesses local needs; quickly initiates ARC national relief operation.	ARC	Disaster Operations Center (202)303-5555 Ask for manager on call	X	X	X	X	X	X	Agricultural, foodborne, aviation and other transportation disasters
Border Patrol Search, Trauma, and Rescue Team (BORSTAR)	Provides tactical search and rescue capabilities with special expertise in rough terrain operations. It is fully supported by Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) air and marine assets.	DHS/ BTS CBP	CBP Operations Center (202) 344-3910	X						
Border Control Tactical Unit (BORTAC)	Provides tactical law enforcement teams and is fully supported by CBP air and marine assets.	DHS/ BTS CBP	CBP Operations Center (202) 344-3910	X						
Laboratory and Scientific Services (LSS) Weapons of Mass	Provides Level "A" Hazardous material (HAZMAT) technical response	DHS/ BTS CBP	CBP Operations Center (202) 344-3910		X	X	X			



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Destruction (WMD) Response Teams	capabilities.									
Crush Medical Assistance	Provide specialized Medical assistance to victims of crush injuries due to collapsed structures.	DHS FEMA NDMS	NDMS Operations Support Center (OSC) (202) 646-4580	X					X	X
Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT)	Provide primary and acute care, triage of mass casualties, initial resuscitation, stabilization, advanced life support, and preparation of sick or injured patients for evacuation.	DHS FEMA NDMS	NDMS Operations Support Center (OSC) (202) 646-4580	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team (DMORT)	Provide temporary morgue facilities; victim identification; forensic dental pathology; forensic anthropology; and processing, preparation, and disposition of remains.	DHS FEMA NDMS	NDMS Operations Support Center (OSC) (202) 646-4580	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team – WMD	Provide for Decontamination of remains.	DHS FEMA NDMS	NDMS Operations Support Center (OSC) (202) 646-4580	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Disaster Response Team	Provides emergency telecommunications and local area network/wide area network	DHS FEMA	Enterprise Operations National Helpdesk (540) 542-4000	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
										Oil, agricultural, food-borne, terrorism



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	(LAN/WAN) support for all-hazard missions.									
Domestic Emergency Support Team (DEST)	A rapidly deployable, interagency team responsible for providing expert advice and support concerning the Federal Government's capabilities in resolving a terrorist threat or incident.	DHS FEMA	(202) 646-3685	X	X	X	X	X	X	Foodborne
Federal Incident Response Support Team (FIRST)	A forward component of the ERT-A that provides on-scene support to the local Incident Command or Area Command structure in order to facilitate an integrated interjurisdictional response.	DHS FEMA	FEMA NRCC (202) 646-2470	X	X	X	X	X	X	As required
Hurricane Liaison Team (HLT)	The Hurricane Liaison Team supports effective hurricane response by providing capability to facilitate information exchange between emergency managers and the National Hurricane Center.	DHS FEMA	FEMA NRCC (202) 646-2470	X						
International Medical	The IMSuRT provides triage and initial stabilization,									



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Surgical Response Team (IMSuRT)	definitive surgical care, critical care and evacuation capacity.	DHS FEMA	NDMS OSC (301) 443-1167, ext 2	X	X	X	X	X	X	Foodborne
Mobile Air Transportable Telecomm System (MATTS) (1 Team)	The MATTS Team deploys to support initial communications and command and control missions in support of FEMA's all-hazard response missions.	DHS FEMA	MERS Operations Center (800) 792-6196	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Mobile Emergency Response Support (MERS)	Detachment Functioning as an extension of FEMA's Command and Control System, the MERS is the focal point for State and local governments and coordinates emergency responses of assigned resources.	DHS FEMA	Operations Center (229) 225-4756	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Mobilization Center Management Team (MCMT)	Unified Management Group set up by FEMA HQ and deployed to set up and operate a Mobilization Center in the field.	DHS FEMA	FEMA NRCC (202) 646-2828	X	X	X	X	X	X	Agricultural, foodborne
Emergency Response Team (ERT)	An interagency team organized at each of the 10 FEMA Regions that coordinates the Regional response operations within an impacted State. The Regional Director activates	DHS FEMA	FEMA NRCC (202) 646-2828	X	X	X	X	X	X	Agricultural, foodborne



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	the Emergency Response Team (ERT).									
National Emergency Response Teams (ERT-N)	One of three nationally organized ERTs staffed by agency experts and deployed at the direction of the Under Secretary to high visibility or Catastrophic incidents.	DHS FEMA	FEMA NRCC (202) 646-2828	X	X	X	X	X	X	Agricultural, foodborne
National Response Coordination Center (NRCC)	An interagency team that operates at FEMA HQ during national level disasters and emergencies to coordinate national level response operations.	DHS FEMA	FEMA NRCC (202) 646-2828	X	X	X	X	X	X	Agricultural, foodborne
National Medical Response Team (NMRT)	The four 50-person NMRTs are equipped and trained to perform the functions of a DMAT, but possess additional capabilities to respond to a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or high-yield explosive (CBRNE) event, to include operating in Level "A" protective equipment.	DHS FEMA NDMS	NDMS OSC (301) 443-1167, ext 2	X	X	X	X	X	X	Foodborne



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Rapid Needs Assessment Team	A small and self-sufficient team that collects and provides information on disasters to determine requirements for critical resources. The team operates as a component of an Advanced ERT.	DHS FEMA	FEMA NRCC (202) 646-2828	X	X	X	X	X	X	Oil
Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Task Forces	70-person multidisciplinary task force for the extrication, rescue, and medical stabilization of victims trapped in collapsed structures.	DHS FEMA	NDMS/US&R Operations Center (800) 872-6367	X	X		X	X	X	Oil, transportation accidents
Veterinary Medical Response Team (VMAT)	Teams of veterinary specialists.	DHS FEMA	NDMS OSC (301) 443-1167, ext 2	X	X	X	X	X	X	Foodborne
Correctional Special Response Team (SRT)	Located nationwide, multiple teams to respond to disturbances and other high-risk activities within Detention and Correctional facilities.	DHS ICE	ICE Operations Center (866) 514-2423	X						Correctional institution response
Special Response Teams (SRT)	Located nationwide, multiple teams to respond to high-risk and other specialized law enforcement	DHS ICE	ICE Operations Center (866) 514-2423	X						Support of law Enforcement operations and other special events



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	activities.									
Hazardous Response Program	Located nationwide, multiple teams to respond to CBRNE threats and incidents to protect Federal workers and property. Investigation, HAZMAT assessment, occupant evacuation and shelter in place assistance.	DHS ICE	ICE Operations Center (866) 514-2423	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Explosive Detection Dog (EDD)	Located in major cities, multiple law enforcement teams perform explosive searches of buildings, vehicles, materials, and persons.	DHS ICE	ICE Operations Center (866) 514-2423						X	
Explosives Division	Expert, rapidly deployable Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) personnel stationed nationwide, skilled in CBRNE response.	DHS ICE	ICE Operations Center (866) 514-2423		X	X	X	X	X	Post-blast analysis, explosive scenario experts
Interagency Modeling and Atmospheric Analysis Center (IMAAC)	The IMAAC is responsible for production, coordination, and dissemination of consequence predictions for an airborne HAZMAT release.	DHS S&T	Emergency Hotline (925) 422-9100		X	X	X	X	X	
Science and Technology Advisory and	Provide rapid scientific and technical support	DHS	S&T Watch	X	X	X	X	X	X	



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Response Teams (STARTs)	through virtual links and deployed elements.	S&T	Desk (202) 282-8125							
National Screening Force	Provides screening support to all airports in times of emergency, or under other special circumstances that require a greater number of screeners than regularly available	DHS TSA	(571) 227-1505							
Explosives Detection Canine Teams	These teams search areas in response to bomb threats associated with airport terminals and aircraft, luggage, cargo, and vehicles.	DHS TSA	(571) 227-1269						X	
National Strike Force/Teams	The National Strike Force provides personnel and equipment to facilitate preparedness and response to oil and hazardous substance pollution incidents. This consists of 3 regionally based Strike Teams and a Public Information Assist Team (PIAT).	DHS USCG	USCG HQ Crisis Action Center (202) 267-2100	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Marine Safety Security Team (MSST)	Provides specialized law enforcement and security expertise and capabilities.	DHS USCG	USCG HQ Crisis Action Center (202) 267-2100	X	X	X	X	X	X	
	Investigative team formed on an as needed basis from									Building fire and safety



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National Construction Safety Team	technical experts from the Federal community and private sector to assess building performance and emergency response and evacuation procedures in the wake of any building failure that has resulted in substantial loss of life or that posed the potential for substantial loss of life.	DOC NIST	NIST Emergency Communication s Center (NIST Police) (301) 975-2805	X						X	
Atmospheric Dispersion Team	Supports analysis of atmospheric agents.	DOC NOAA	DOC EOC (202) 482-5100	X	X		X	X			Forest fires, volcanoes
Navigation Response Teams	Emergency hydrographic surveys, submerged object/obstruction detection to assist in safe vessel movement. Provide rapid chart revisions; create situation specific charts to U.S. Coast Guard for marine operation in event of an emergency.	DOC NOAA	DOC EOC (202) 482-5100	X						X	
Law Enforcement	Federal maritime enforcement agency with the ability to provide a broad range of law enforcement response and	DOC NOAA	DOC EOC (202) 482-5100	X	X	X	X	X	X		



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Team	support services on a 24/7 basis to emergencies throughout the United States and its Territories.									
National Geodetic Survey (NGS) Field Operations Response Team	Field survey team capable of providing a variety of positional and geospatial support.	DOC NOAA	DOC EOC (202) 482-5100	X						X
NGS Remote Sensing Response Team	Provides end-to-end acquisition and processing of remote sensing data (both aircraft and satellite) including digital imagery and LIDAR.	DOC NOAA	DOC EOC (202) 482-5100	X						X
HAZMAT Scientific Support Team	Provides scientific expertise of responses to marine releases of oil and hazardous materials.	DOC NOAA	DOC EOC (202) 482-5100							
National Weather Service (NWS) Incident Meteorologist (IMET)	NWS IMETs provide onsite meteorological support with site-specific weather forecasts.	DOC NOAA	DOC EOC (202) 482-5100	X	X	X	X	X	X	Wildfires
Aerial Measuring System (AMS)	Aerial survey for detection, measurement, and tracking of radioactive material.	DOE	DOE Emergency Response Officer (202) 586-8100				X	X		
National Atmospheric Release Advisory Center	Creates predictive plots of radioactive contamination after a release using computer	DOE	DOE Emergency Response Officer (202) 586-8100				X	X		



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(NARAC)	models.									
Radiation Emergency Assistance Center/ Training Site (REAC/TS)	Treatment and medical consultation for injuries resulting from radiation exposure.	DOE	DOE Emergency Response Officer (202) 586-8100				X	X		
Radiological Assistance Program (RAP)	First responder program for assessing and characterizing radiological hazards.	DOE	DOE Emergency Response Officer (202) 586-8100				X	X		
Accident Response Emergency Weapon Group (ARG)	Responds to accidents and emergencies involving U.S. nuclear weapons.	DOE	DOE U.S. Nuclear Response Officer (202) 586-8100				X	X		
Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Center (FRMAC)	Coordinates Federal radiological monitoring and assessment activities with those of State and local agencies.	DOE	DOE Emergency Response Officer (202) 586-8100				X	X		
Nuclear Emergency Support Team (NEST)	Specialized Technical expertise in search, identification, and resolution of nuclear/ radiological terrorist incidents.	DOE	DOE Emergency Response Officer (202) 586-8100				X	X		
	Disseminates the location, size and, where possible, impacts of destructive earthquakes worldwide, delivering this information immediately to		National							



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Earthquake Response Team	concerned national and international agencies; after a major event, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) can deploy a team of seismologists to conduct post-earthquake Investigations and provide aftershock warnings.	DOI USGS	Earthquake Information Center (NEIC) (303) 273-8500	X						
Volcano Disaster Action Team	USGS rapidly responds to developing volcanic crises by deploying a team of scientists with a state-of-the-art portable cache of monitoring equipment to determine the nature and possible consequences of volcanic unrest and communicate eruption forecasts and hazard-mitigation information to local authorities.	DOI USGS	Volcano Hazards Program Coordinator CONUS and Hawaii (703) 648-6711 Alaska (907) 786-7497	X						
National Response Team	These teams assist federal, state, and local investigators in meeting the challenges faced at the scenes of significant arson and explosives incidents. The teams work alongside state and local officers in reconstructing the	DOJ/ ATF	ATF National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) (202) 927-7777		X	X	X		X	



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	scene, identifying the site of the blast or origin of the fire, conducting interviews, and sifting through debris to obtain evidence related to the incident.									
Special Response Teams	Teams trained in special weapon and tactics.	DOJ/ATF	ATF NRCC (202) 927-7777							Execution o high threat law enforcement actions; crowd control provides a reactionary team at special events
Emergency Medical Response Team	A rapid response medical team that can be deployed quickly for trauma situations or natural disasters.	DOS	(202) 663-1611	X	X	X			X	
Evacuation Liaison Team	Facilitates the sharing of timely and accurate evacuation traffic information among Federal and state emergency management and public safety officials during multi-state hurricane threats.	DOT	(404) 305-5471	X	X	X	X	X	X	Can provide evacuation facilitation for other incident types, as required.
Emergency Communications and Outreach Team (ECOT)	A support team of 30 communicators who have the expertise to function as the Public Information Officer (PIO) during an emergency response.	EPA	EPA EOC (202) 564-3850	X	X	X	X	X	X	Oil, HAZMAT, all EPA and FEMA-related incidents



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Emergency Response Peer Support and Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)	Provides stress management and trauma prevention assistance to EPA's emergency responders.	EPA	EPA EOC (202) 564-3850	X	X	X	X	X	X	Agricultural, food-borne
Environmental Response Team	Provides specialized technical assistance to the On-Scene Coordinator (OSC). Areas include health and safety, Environmental sampling, ecological assessment toxicology, air monitoring, waste treatment, and site decontamination and cleanup.	EPA	Duty Officer (732) 321-6660	X	X	X	X	X	X	Agricultural, food-borne
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Decontamination Team	Provides technical assistance in decontaminating nonliving infrastructure (buildings, airports, stadiums, shopping malls, etc.).	EPA	EPA EOC (202) 564-3850	X	X	X	X	X	X	
EPA Diving Team	Provides expertise for operations involving contaminated water diving, hazardous response, criminal enforcement, and	EPA	EPA EOC (202) 564-3850	X	X	X	X			Agricultural, food-borne



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	national disaster response.									
Ocean Survey Vessel	Provides offshore monitoring and assessment of coastal waters in Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean, and along the east coast.	EPA	EPA EOC (202) 564-3850	X	X	X	X			Agricultural, food-borne
Office of Enforcement, Compliance, and Assurance (OCEA) and National Counterterrorism Evidence Response Team (NCERT)	Provides technical, safety, hazardous evidence collection, and other forensic support to law enforcement in the event of a WMD terrorist attack or environmental catastrophe.	EPA	EPA EOC (202) 564-3850	X	X	X	X	X	X	Agricultural, food-borne
Radiological Emergency Response Team (RERT)	Provides expertise in radiological monitoring and sampling, and analytical capabilities.	EPA	EPA EOC (202) 564-3850				X	X		
Regional Response Teams	Plan, prepare, and coordinate response activities on regular intervals at an interagency Regional level.	EPA	EPA EOC (202) 564-3850	X	X	X	X	X	X	Agricultural, food-borne
National Response Team (NRT)	Provides technical assistance and planning, preparedness, and policy guidance in preparation for and in response to oil and hazmat incidents.	EPA USCG	EPA EOC (202) 564-3850	X	X	X	X	X	X	Agricultural, food-borne



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Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Emergency Response Team	Rapid response to an accident involving jurisdictional LNG plant or vessel.	FERC	EOC (202) 498-2207		X						Oil, LNG terminal or tanker accident
Pipeline Reconstruction Team	Appropriate response to an accident involving jurisdictional pipeline facilities.	FERC	EOC (202) 498-2207		X						Oil, natural gas, pipeline accident or attack
U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) Commissioned Corps	A cadre of highly trained and mobile health professionals.	HHS	SOC (202) 619-7800	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Secretary's Emergency Response Team (SERT)	The SERT is deployed to the vicinity of an incident and directs and coordinates the activities of all HHS personnel deployed to the incident site(s).	HHS	SOC (202) 619-7800	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Rapid Response Team	Collect samples of FDA regulated products of an unknown or known hazardous containment.	HHS FDA	FDA/OCM EOC (301) 443-1240	X	X	X		X	X		Oil, agricultural, food-borne
Technical Advisory Response Unit	This team is comprised of pharmacists, emergency responders, and logistics experts that will advise local authorities on receiving, distributing, dispensing,	HHS CDC	(404) 687-6523	X	X	X	X	X	X		Support the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS)



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	replenishing, and recovering SNS materiel.									
Incident Support Team (IST)	Provides on-site logistics, administration, and reach-back communications support for CDC's emergency response personnel.	HHS CDC	CDC Director's EOC (770) 488-7100	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Regional Based Team (Base Team)	Supports both the Executive and Site Teams.	NRC	NRC HQ Operations Center (301) 816-5100				X			Incident at NRC regulate facility or involving radioactive material licensed by NRC
Site Team	Implements Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on-scene primary Federal agency role.	NRC	NRC HQ Operations Center (301) 816-5100				X			Incident at NRC regulate facility or involving radioactive material licensed by NRC
National Transportation Safety Board "Go Team"	Conduct investigation of a major aviation, rail, highway, marine or pipeline accident at the scene, as quickly as possible.	NTSB	(202) 314-6421	X					X	Transportation-related accident
Transportation Disaster Assistance Team	Teams provide family/victim support coordination, Family Assistance Centers, forensic services, communicating with foreign governments, and inter-agency coordination following major	NTSB	(202) 314-6421	X					X	Transportation-related accident



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	transportation accidents.									
National Type-I Incident Management Team	All risk incident management using Incident Command System (ICS).	USDA USFS	USFS Disaster and Emergency Operations (202) 205-1500	X	X	X	X	X	X	Wildfires, agricultural, food-borne
Geographical Type-II Incident Management Team	All risk incident management using ICS.	USDA USFS	USFS Disaster and Emergency Operations (202) 205-1500	X	X	X	X	X	X	Wildfires, agricultural, food-borne
National Area Command Team	All risk incident management using ICS.	USDA USFS	USFS Disaster and Emergency Operations (202) 205-1500	X	X	X	X	X	X	Wildfires, agricultural, food-borne
Incident Complexity Analysis Group	Characterizes human, physical and financial resource needs for response to a foreign animal disease outbreak.	USDA/ APHIS	APHIS EOC (301) 436-3110	X	X	X	X	X	X	Livestock, production agriculture foodborne, all-hazards affecting livestock
Veterinary Diagnostic Teams	Conducts epidemiological investigation and economic impact assessment in response to the diagnosis of an unusual domestic livestock disease incident.	USDA/ APHIS	APHIS EOC (301) 436-3110		X	X				Livestock, agriculture
Animal Emergency Response Organization	Provides operational and support infrastructure for a State to respond to all-hazards emergencies.	USDA/ APHIS	APHIS EOC (301) 436-3110	X	X	X	X	X	X	Livestock, production agriculture foodborne, all-hazards affecting livestock
Incident Management	Provides short-term response capability during a	USDA/ APHIS	APHIS EOC (301) 436-3110	X	X	X	X	X	X	Livestock, production agriculture foodborne, all-



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Team	foreign animal disease outbreak.									hazards affecting livestock
National Animal Health Emergency Response Corps	Enrolled human resources that are federalized to provide operational and support capability in response to a foreign animal disease outbreak.	USDA/ APHIS	APHIS EOC (301) 436-3110	X	X	X	X	X	X	Livestock, production agriculture foodborne, all-hazards affecting livestock
Medical Emergency Radiological Response Team (MERRT)	The MERRT responds to any radiological disaster (including nuclear power plant accidents or terrorist activity) that requires medical support and/or decontamination. Once deployed, the team provides radiological decontamination, medical support and consultation, and radiation training/ consultation to hospital or others during an emergency.	VA	VA Readiness Operations Center (RRCC) (202) 273-5510	X			X	X		