



National Disaster Medical System (NDMS)

***Department of Health and
Human Services***



BRIEFING OVERVIEW

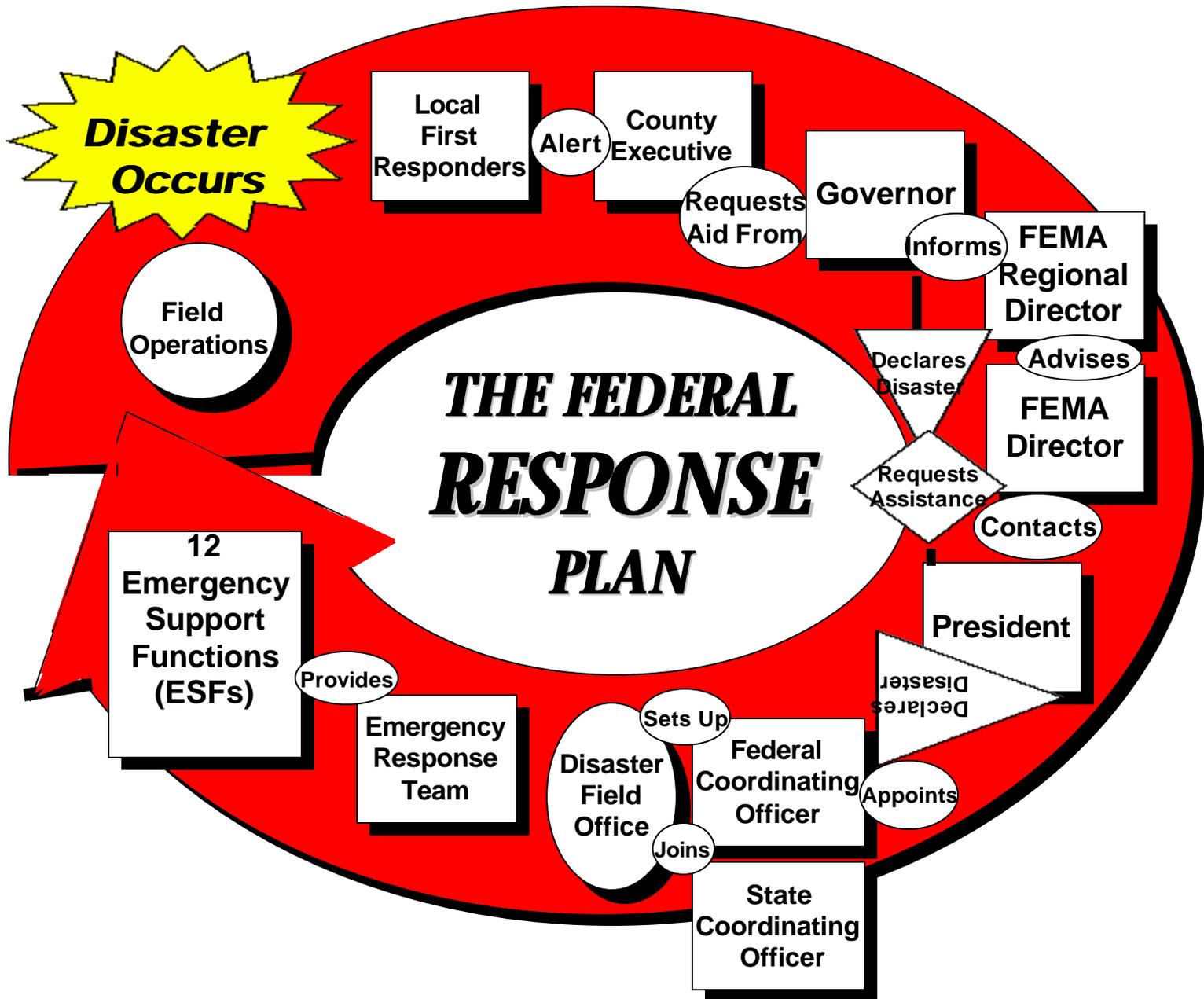
- **ESF #8 Role in Federal Response**
- **National Disaster Medical System**
- **Local Needs - The Driving Force**



Emergency Preparedness

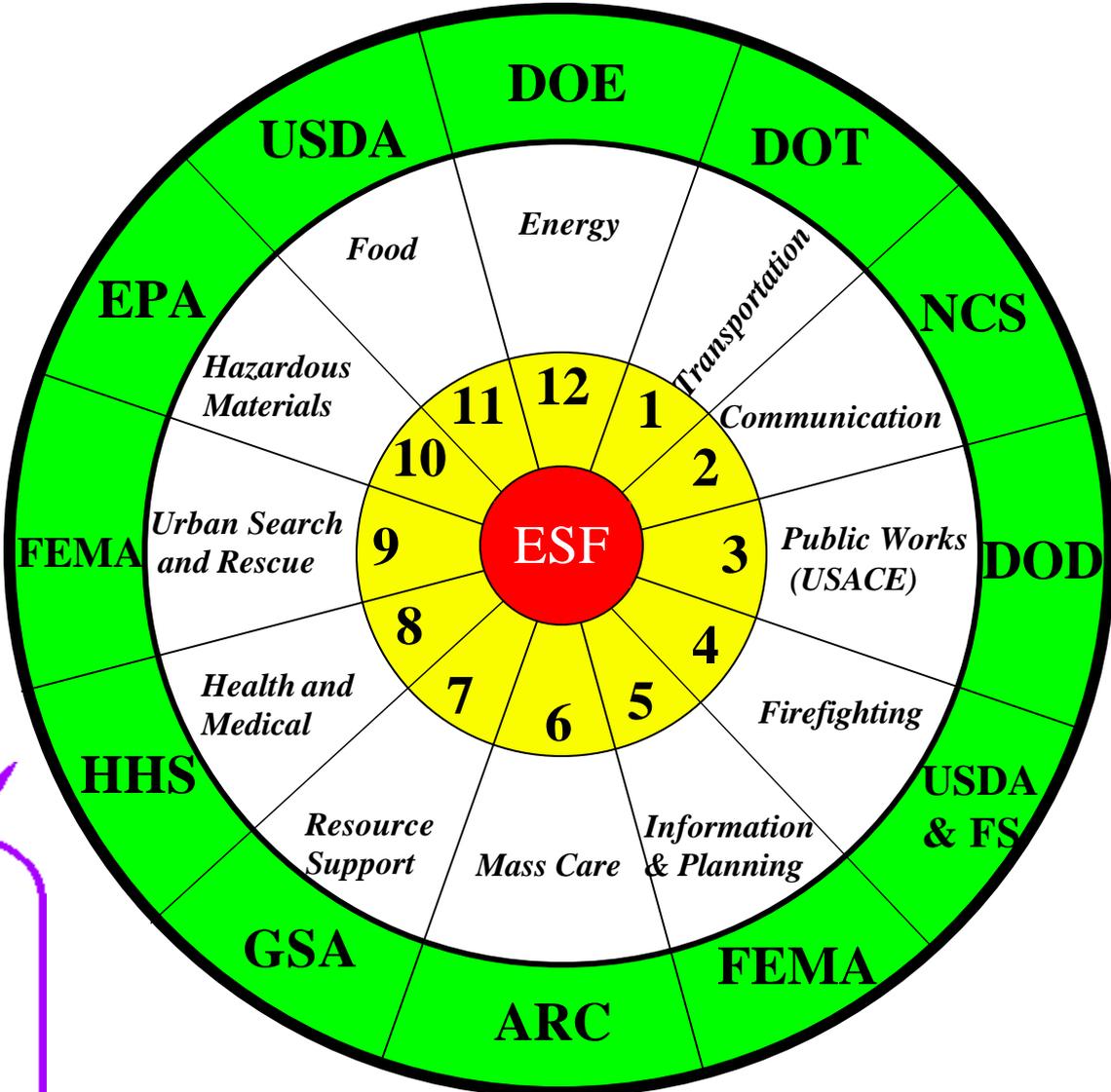


- **Natural Disasters**
- **Technological Disasters**
- **Terrorism**





FEDERAL RESPONSE PLAN EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTIONS



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| USDA | AID |
| DOJ | ARC |
| DVA | EPA |
| DOD | FEMA |
| DOT | GSA |
| USPS | NCS |

Roles of Emergency Support Function #8

- 1. Assessment of Health and Medical Needs**
- 2. Health Surveillance**
- 3. Medical Care Personnel**
- 4. Health/Medical Equipment and Supplies**
- 5. Patient Evacuation**
- 6. In-Hospital Care**
- 7. Food/Drug/Medical Device Safety**
- 8. Worker Health/Safety**
- 9. Radiological, Chemical, and Biological Hazards**
- 10. Mental Health**
- 11. Public Health Information**
- 12. Vector Control**
- 13. Potable Water/Wastewater & Solid Waste Disposal**
- 14. Victim Identification/Mortuary Services**
- 15. Veterinary Services**



- **NDMS is a public/private sector partnership**
- **Federal partners - HHS, DOD, VA, FEMA**



Major Components

- **Medical Response**
- **Patient Evacuation**
- **Definitive Medical Care**



NDMS Purpose

A Nationwide Medical Response System to:

- **Supplement state and local medical resources during disasters or major emergencies**
- **Provide backup medical support to the DOD/VA medical care systems during an overseas conventional conflict**



NDMS Medical Response

Lead Responsibility - HHS

- **Assessment of Health/Medical Needs**
- **Medical Care Personnel**
- **Health/Medical Equipment and Supplies**
- **Victim Identification/Mortuary Services**
- **Veterinary Services**



NDMS Medical Response

Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMATs)

- **Volunteer Groups Affiliated with NDMS**
- **Approximately 100 Persons per Team
(> 6,000 personnel)**
- **Variety of Health/Medical Skills**
- **Locally Sponsored**
- **Community Based**
 - **Local/ State Asset**



NDMS Medical Response

DMAT FUNCTIONS

At Disaster Site

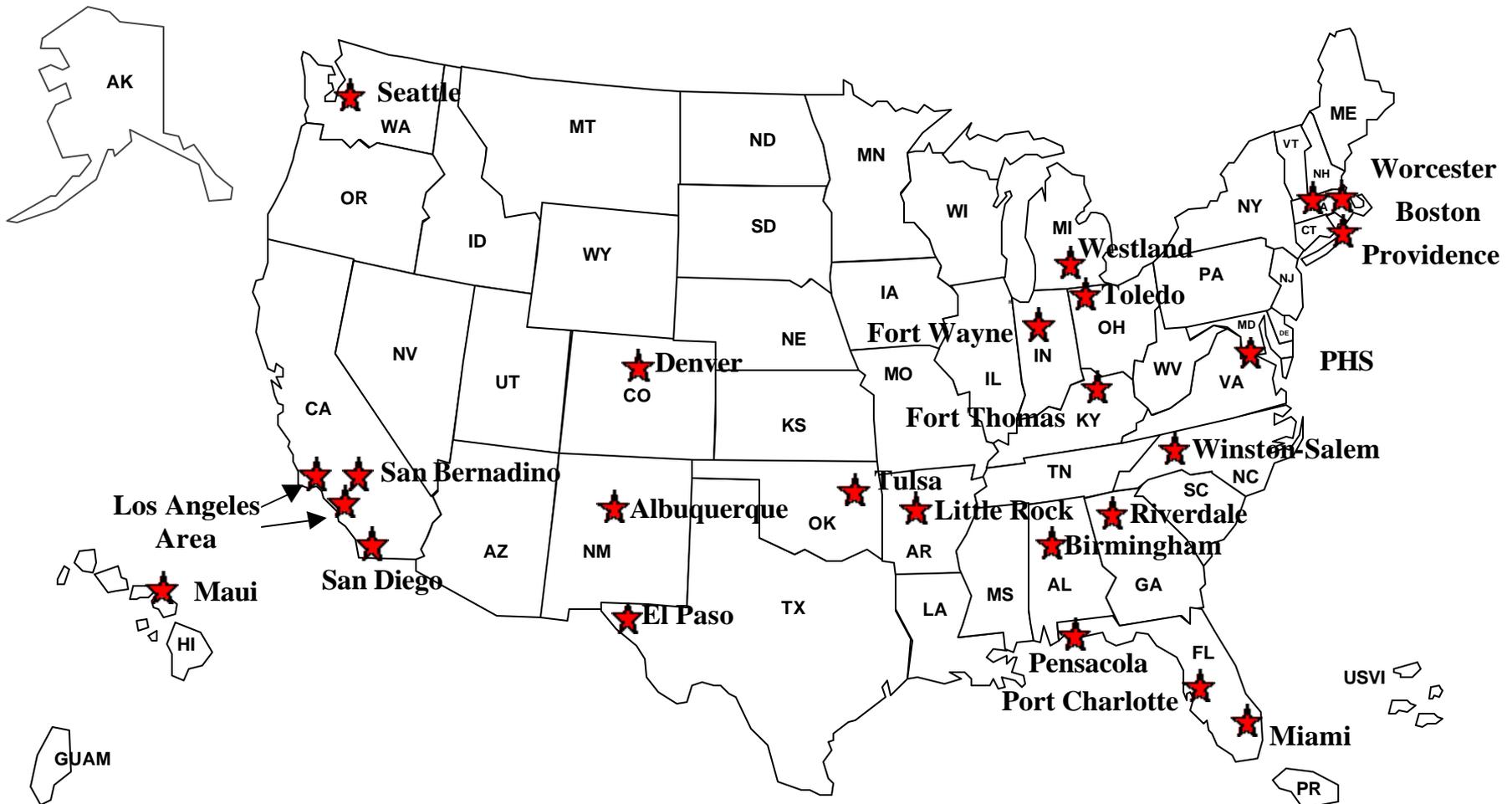
- **Triage**
- **Austere Medical Care**
- **Casualty Clearing/Staging**

At Local NDMS Reception Area

- **Patient Reception**



NDMS Readiness Level 1 Disaster Medical Assistance Teams





NDMS Medical Response SPECIALTY TEAM FUNCTIONS

- **Pediatric**
- **Burn**
- **Disaster Mortuary Teams (DMORTs)**
- **Urban Search and Rescue**
- **Mental Health**
- **Veterinary Medical Assistance Teams (VMATs)**
- **C/ B Incident National Medical Response Teams (NMRTs)**



NDMS Patient Evacuation

Lead Responsibility - DOD

- **Provide Patient Movement from the Disaster Area**
- **Utilize All Types of Transportation**
- **Primarily Relies on Aeromedical**



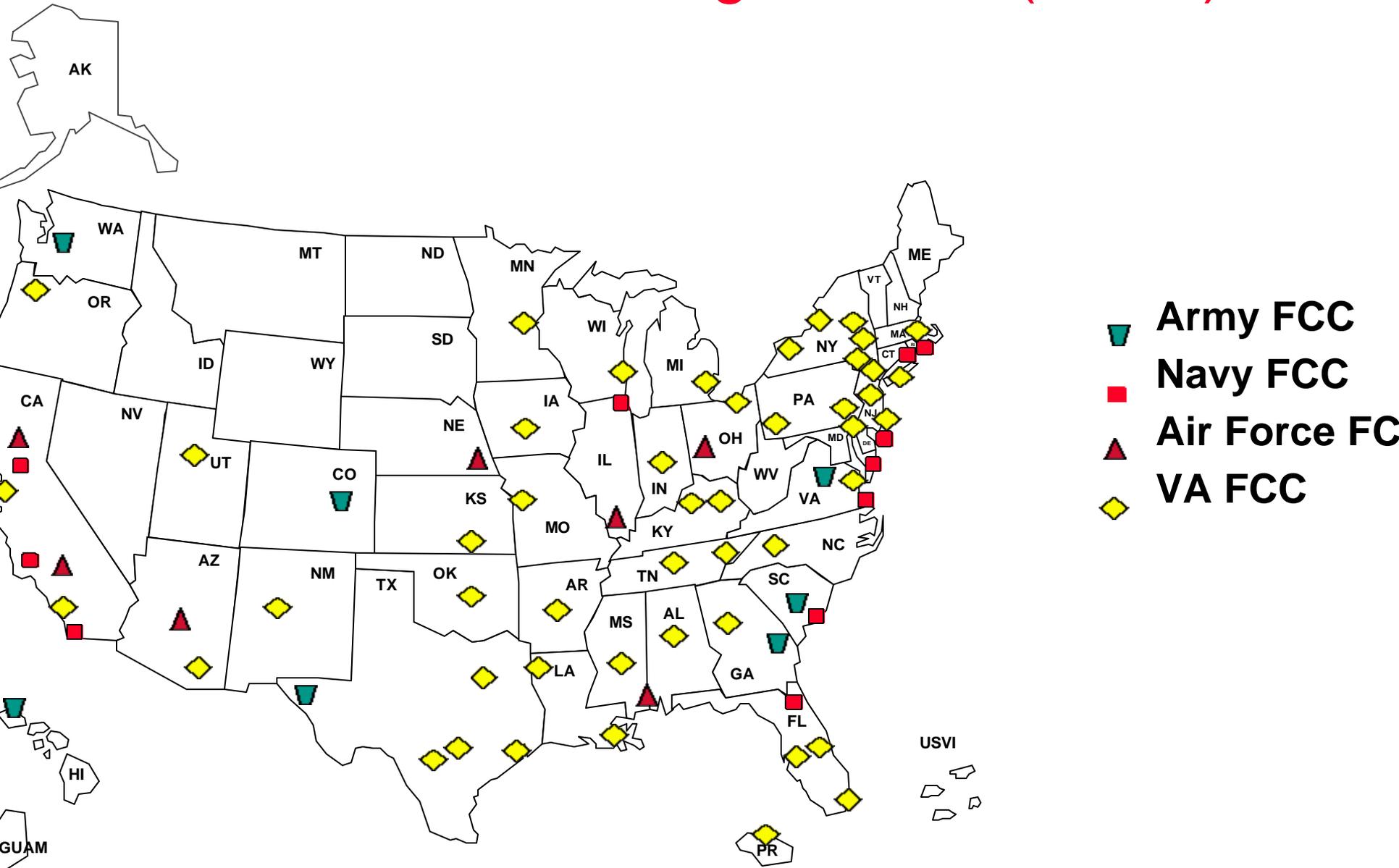


NDMS Definitive Medical Care

Lead Responsibility - DOD/ VA

- **Concentrated in Major Metropolitan Areas**
- **Air Access**
- **Federal Coordinating Centers**
- **Available Hospital Support**
- **Patient Reception and Distribution Capabilities**

NDMS Definitive Medical Care Federal Coordinating Centers (FCCs)



ESF # 8/NDMS ACTIVATIONS

- 1989 - Hurricane Hugo
- 1989 - Loma Prieta Earthquake
- 1992 - Hurricane Andrew
- 1992 - Typhoon Omar
- 1992 - Hurricane Iniki
- 1993 - Midwest Floods
- 1994 - Northridge Earthquake
- 1994 - Southwest Georgia Floods
- 1994 - Houston Floods
- 1995 - Oklahoma City Bombing
- 1995 - Hurricanes Marilyn & Opal
- 1996 - Centennial Olympic Games
- 1996 - Hurricane Fran

ESF # 8/NDMS ACTIVATIONS

(CONT'D)

- 1996 - Republican Convention
- 1996 - Democratic Convention
- 1996 - Quincy, IL Aircrash
- 1996 - Oregon Floods
- 1996 - Hurricane Bertha
- 1996 - Hurricane Edward
- 1996 - Hurricane Hortense
- 1997 - Presidential Inaugural
- 1997 - California Floods
- 1997 - Monroe, MI Aircrash
- 1997 - North Dakota Floods
- 1997 - Minnesota Floods
- 1997 - Hurricane Fern
- 1997 - Indiana Storms

ESF # 8/NDMS ACTIVATIONS

(CONT'D)

- 1997 - Ohio Floods
- 1997 - Nevada Floods
- 1997 - Hawaii Floods
- 1997 - Summit of the Eight (SOTE)
- 1997 - Guam Aircrash
- 1997 - Idaho Floods
- 1997 - Kentucky Floods
- 1998 - New York Ice Storms
- 1998 - State of the Union
- 1998 - California Floods
- 1998 - Florida Fire Storm
- 1998 - Ohio Floods
- 1998 - Texas Floods
- 1998 - Hurricane Bonnie
- 1998 - Hurricane Georges
- 1999 - State of the Union
- 1999 - Pope's Visit

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