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Plans and integrates the Department of Defense support to the lead federal agency to save lives, prevent injury and provide temporary critical life support

Situation Assessment and Preparation comprise the first phase of effective military response

- Review and analysis of emergency plans, including medical response plans improves planning and preparation for potential requests for military assistance
- The enhanced planning and rapid anticipation of possible mission assignment reduces critical response times to more quickly support community needs

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We Are Here to Help

I would like to take this opportunity to briefly introduce myself and explain the purpose of this newsletter. I am Major General Jerry Grizzle, Commander of Joint Task Force Civil Support (JTF-CS), headquartered at Fort Monroe, Virginia. JTF-CS is assigned to U.S. Northern Command, which has the responsibility for land, aerospace and sea defenses of the United States, as well as commanding all forces that operate within the United States in support of civil authorities. This is the first issue of a newsletter developed to share information beneficial to local and state authorities and their emergency planners. It is my intention for this newsletter to assist you in better understanding JTF-CS, and serve as a means for us to exchange ideas as we collectively pursue the nation's goal of preparing for all-hazard disasters to include Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD).

JTF-CS is unique in that we are the only standing joint task force directed to plan for and integrate the Department of Defense (DoD) domestic WMD consequence management support to the lead federal agency (LFA). We understand all-hazard disaster response procedures, and will deploy only if ordered, after a request for federal assistance is made by state authorities and the President or Secretary of Defense directs Northern Command to provide military support. JTF-CS has members from all services, their Reserve components plus the National Guard, adding experience and depth that enrich our knowledge base and experience. I personally gained my experience working in the Oklahoma National Guard. I helped provide security following the Murrah Building terrorist bombing and commanded the military unit providing assistance to our communities after the massive devastation from Oklahoma's Force 5 tornadoes.

The U.S. military has a long history of providing assistance to civil authorities. For example, U.S. military forces have assisted federal, state and local agencies for many years



during natural disasters such as hurricanes, floods and earthquakes. JTF-CS' role of providing assistance to the LFA after a terrorist incident is in keeping with this tradition.

JTF-CS focuses on how to best deal with the effects of a deliberate or accidental chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or high-yield explosives (CBRNE) incident. In order to more effectively accomplish this, we strive to improve our ability to anticipate what emergency measures might be requested of DoD to assist state and local responders.

One initiative we use to more accurately anticipate requirements is the review and analysis of local and state Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs). The opportunity to review EOPs and other emergency plans provides JTF-CS with specific knowledge of community capabilities and procedures and an understanding of mutual support agreements with surrounding locales. This results in a win-win situation by reducing our assumptions and facilitating more realistic planning with comprehensive response measures.

The remainder of this newsletter explains a little bit more about JTF-CS, our EOP analysis procedures, and how we safeguard response plans provided by local and state authorities. Future issues will share ideas and best practices and address topics of interest suggested by civil authorities and emergency managers.

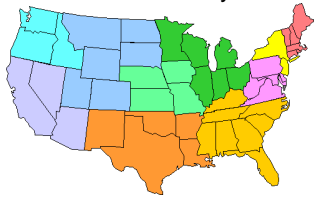
Contact information is contained in the newsletter and my team and I look forward to working with you.

MG Jerry W. Grizzle

Emergency Plans Analysis Team –The Process

“The right resources at the right time”

Our focus within the Emergency Plans Analysis Team is to develop an understanding of the resources that might be needed subsequent to a CBRNE incident. It is often said that every disaster is a local disaster, and this holds true even if a terrorist used a devastating WMD device. How communities plan and prepare for disasters differs somewhat from the military, but the purposes are the same. Civil authorities and emergency planners want to be able to anticipate requirements and plan for what tasks need to be accomplished and who will accomplish them. Similarly the military process encompasses these requirements along with the additional emphasis on modeling the potential locations, scope, and impact of a terrorist event. This results in the formidable challenge of determining in advance what resources the Department of Defense might be asked to bring to a consequence management incident site. To accurately anticipate, it is necessary to know what community resources are available, because military assets are



not committed until local, state, and other federal resources have been exhausted.

To gain a more accurate understanding of what resources and plans already exist within certain cities, the Emergency Plans Analysis Team is taking a systematic approach. We began by concentrating our data-gathering efforts on the 120 Nunn-Lugar-Dominici cities, and have received many basic Emergency Operations Plans. In some cases, we are following up with phone calls to civil authorities in order to request additional documentation, including Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) plans and WMD related annexes. Associated county and state emergency plans have also provided important insight into local emergency response procedures.

We review these emergency plans to identify information about incident response activities within functional areas that are central to the military planning process, including medical, logistics,

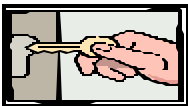
and communications. An analysis checklist is then developed which consists of information points that address one or more of the following:

- An understanding of the city's capabilities
- A description of operational procedures
- Insight into how to communicate and coordinate within the locality during an emergency
- An understanding of state and multi-jurisdictional coordination procedures

Combined, these information points begin to reveal how JTF-CS can best assist a city. They are reviewed and summarized for our military planners within JTF-CS. Should more specific information be needed, a formal request for information will be sent to appropriate city authorities.

The Emergency Plans Analysis Team plays a vital role in ensuring JTF-CS responds with “the right resources at the right time.”

Your Plans and Information are Protected !



Protection of emergency plans and the information they contain is a top priority within JTF-CS.

Concerns have been expressed that emergency response plans must be properly safeguarded because of the sensitive information they contain. We want to assure you of the safeguards that are in place to protect these documents.

All documents are centrally maintained within the JTF-CS headquarters building, which is a secure facility. A minimum secret clearance, based on a thor-

ough background investigation, is needed to gain access to the building.

Electronic plans, files, and associated documents reside on a server behind DoD firewalls with accessibility restricted to select planners within JTF-CS. Access is on a “need-to-know” basis and enforced by issuance of individual username/passwords.

If JTF-CS receives a request for your emergency response plan or information that you have provided, the requestor will be referred back to you, the originating authority. Military planning analysis and information is protected under separate authority, and the

“need-to-know” standard is applied in these decisions.

We thank you for your trust in sharing your plans and information with us, and we understand the value of keeping your plans secure. We take that trust very seriously and will not violate the integrity of this confidence.



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