

FEMA's Role in Terrorism Preparedness and Response

The FRP establishes a process and structure for the systematic, coordinated, and effective delivery of Federal assistance to address the consequences of any major disaster or emergency declared under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended (42 U.S. Code [USC], et seq). The FRP Terrorist Incident Annex defines the structures to coordinate crisis management with consequence management.

Supplements the FRP with special considerations for terrorism response.

Describes linkages between crisis management and consequences management activities before, during, and after an event.

Describes responsibilities of other federal agencies to provide support for technical response operations.

Chapter 6, Hazard-Unique Planning Considerations, Attachment G – Terrorism, was developed to aid State and local emergency managers in developing and maintaining a consequence management plan for an incident involving a terrorist-induced weapon of mass destruction (WMD).

Terrorism Preparedness Program funding is provided to State and local government agencies through the Terrorism Consequence Management Preparedness Assistance (TCMPA) Program via the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program.

Funding may be used to enhance Terrorism Preparedness through Planning, Training, and Exercises.

Chem/Bio Hotline* (24 hours)

1-800-424-8802

Radiological Hotline (24 hours)**

1-202-586-8100

Chem/Bio Helpline***

1-800-368-6498

email:

cbhelp@sbccom.apgea.army.mil

Department responsible for Hotline or Helpline:

* National Response Center (NRC) and U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command (SBCCOM)

** Department of Energy

*** SBCCOM

Due to increased terrorism activities in the U.S., the President issued two Decision Directives. These directives are the basis for FEMA's Domestic Preparedness and response activities for Consequence Management in response to terrorist incidents involving Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD).

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TERRORISM PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

To reduce loss of life and property and protect our institutions from all hazards by leading and supporting the Nation in a comprehensive, risk-based emergency management program of mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

Support local, State, and Federal governments in preparing for and responding to terrorism using unique consequence management authorities, responsibilities, and capabilities.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

FEMA provides training at the Emergency Management Institute for State and Local Emergency Management Officials. Some of the Terrorism related training includes:

Emergency Response to Criminal and Terrorist Incidents

Integrated Emergency Management – Consequences to Terrorism

Mass Fatalities

Senior Officials Workshop

e-mail: <http://www.fema.gov/emi/>

FEMA also provides training at the National Fire Academy for first responders. Training includes:

Tactical Considerations-Company Officer/Emergency Medical Services/Hazardous Materials

Command Officer/Strategic Commander

Advanced Tactical Management of WMD

Chemistry of HAZMAT to include WMD aspects

Emergency Response Teams

Emergency Support Teams

Specialized Teams for:

- Rapid assessment
- Emergency communications
- Medical assistance and support
- Urban search and rescue activities
- Emergency power restoration
- Incident management
- Community Management

FEMA developed the RRIS in support of the Nations Weapons of Mass Destruction Program. The RRIS provides immediate access to NBC information for response to a chemical, biological and/or nuclear (NBC) terrorist incident. Information available on the RRIS includes:

Federal capabilities that could be made available to state and local communities in response to an incident involving WMD.

Information on selected NBC equipment and General Services Administration (GSA) excess/surplus property.

Database on Chemical & Biological Warfare Agents with information on characteristics and Safety precautions.

Characteristics and Safety precautions for Chemical & Biological Munitions and Improvised Explosive Devices.

Database of Radiological Materials with Information on Physical Characteristics and Safety precautions

A listing of reference documents available on the internet.

A listing of Federal WMD Training Courses

Immediate response for lifesaving and life- protecting needs.

Restore, repair or replace critical public services and facilities

Support disaster operations

Mitigate or lessen the effects of a disaster in the future

Key Definitions and Terms

Terrorism: The unlawful use of force or violence against persons or property to intimidate or coerce a government, the civilian population, or any segment thereof, in furtherance of political or social objectives.

Consequence Management: Measures to protect public health and safety, restore essential government services, and provide emergency relief to governments, businesses, and individuals affected by the consequences of terrorism.

Crisis Management: The law enforcement phase of the incident that involves measures to identify, acquire, and plan the resources needed to anticipate, prevent, and/or resolve a threat of terrorism.

Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD): Any weapon or device that is intended, or has the capability, to cause death or serious bodily injury to a significant number of people through the release, dissemination, or impact of toxic or poisonous chemicals or their precursors; a disease organism; or radiation or radioactivity.