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Large-Scale Logistics Operations: Call List of Equipment Suppliers

SUMMARY

During a large-scale emergency response, logistics personnel may need to communicate with multiple sources in order to obtain needed equipment. To expedite this process, response agencies should maintain an up-to-date, detailed call list of all local and regional equipment suppliers.

DESCRIPTION

At 9:02 am on April 19, 1995, a massive terrorist bomb ripped through the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, collapsing major portions of the structure and prompting a 16-day response and recovery effort. Throughout this effort, logistics personnel coordinated with utility companies, city support divisions, the National Guard, Tinker Air Force Base, and

construction companies to obtain the equipment needed for such procedures as tunneling, shoring, and high-angle or void searches. Unfortunately, locating contact information for each of these equipment suppliers and then ascertaining which suppliers had what equipment proved to be a time-consuming process.

In hindsight, logistics personnel suggested that a call list of local and regional

equipment suppliers would have dramatically expedited the process of locating and requesting equipment. Importantly, such a list should contain both up-to-date contact/vendor information as well as detail the type of equipment available from each supplier.

Emergency response agencies should maintain an up-to-date and detailed call list of local and regional equipment suppliers to expedite the process of obtaining equipment during incident response operations.

Examples of Equipment

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| ▪ Cranes | ▪ Rotohammers |
| ▪ Trucks | ▪ Winches |
| ▪ Bobcats | ▪ Come-Alones |
| ▪ Front-End Loaders | ▪ Low and High Pressure Air Lifting Bags |
| ▪ Forklifts | ▪ Nail Guns |
| ▪ Buckets | ▪ Power-Actuated Fastening Guns |
| ▪ Wheelbarrows | ▪ Heat-sensing Cameras |
| ▪ Standard Folding Army Shovel | ▪ Pole Cameras |
| ▪ Hydraulic Cutters / Spreaders | ▪ Listening Devices |
| ▪ Oxygen and Acetylene Torches | ▪ Rope |
| ▪ K-12 Saws | ▪ Utility Line |
| ▪ Chainsaws | ▪ Rappelling Harnesses |
| ▪ Shears | ▪ Slings and Rigging |
| ▪ Prybars | |
| ▪ Sledgehammers | |
| ▪ Jackhammers | |

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