### HUMAN SERVICES DISASTER ASSESSMENT TEAM

**DESCRIPTION**
The Human Services Disaster Assessment Team is responsible for post-disaster assessments of the needs of disaster survivors. The team also determines the need for a Human Services Recovery Support team to address the needs of disaster survivors during the recovery process.

**RESOURCE CATEGORY**
Emergency Management

**RESOURCE KIND**
Team

**OVERALL FUNCTION**
The Human Services Disaster Assessment Team assists in the assessment of disaster-caused human services needs, including:
1. Housing assistance
2. Disaster unemployment assistance
3. Crisis counseling services
4. Disaster legal services
5. Case management assistance
6. Food assistance
7. Need for disaster recovery center
8. Staffing needs for human services assistance
9. Need for Human Services Recovery Support Team

**COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS**
1. Discuss logistics for deploying this team, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment
2. The requestor provides support to the team, such as security, fuel, and power for recharging phones, computers, and other rechargeable devices
3. Requestor may request additional specialized personnel, such as housing or legal specialists, separately
4. Requestor may order Recovery Support Function (RSF) Leads with this team, including RSF 3 Health and Social Services Recovery, RSF 4 Housing Recovery, and others as necessary

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.

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<td>MINIMUM PERSONNEL PER TEAM</td>
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<td>MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT PERSONNEL PER TEAM</td>
<td>1 - National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 1 Human Services Disaster Assessment Team Leader</td>
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| SUPPORT PERSONNEL PER TEAM       | 1 - Disaster Recovery Center Manager  
1 - NIMS Type 2 Volunteer Agency Liaison  
1 - NIMS Type 2 Donations Coordinator | The Disaster Recovery Center Manager is not a NIMS-typed position. |
| ELECTRONICS EQUIPMENT PER TEAM    | 4 - Laptops  
1 - Global Positioning System (GPS)  
1 - Camera | Not Specified                                   |
| GENERAL SUPPLIES PER TEAM        | 1. Office supplies  
2. Assessment forms | Not Specified                                   |
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<td>COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT PER TEAM</td>
<td>4 - Two-way portable radios 4 - Cell phones</td>
<td>Consider alternate forms of communication, such as satellite phones, based on the mission assignment and team needs.</td>
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NOTES
Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.

REFERENCES
1. FEMA, NIMS 509: Human Services Disaster Assessment Team Leader
2. FEMA, NIMS 509: Volunteer Agency Liaison
3. FEMA, NIMS 509: Donations Coordinator
4. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
5. Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended