

RAPID NEEDS ASSESSMENT TEAM

DESCRIPTION	The Rapid Needs Assessment (RNA) Team conducts rapid assessment on life safety issues, critical infrastructure status, and human needs
RESOURCE CATEGORY	Damage Assessment
RESOURCE KIND	Team
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Rapid Needs Assessment Team: 1. Collects, analyzes, and reports information to determine requirements for critical resources to support emergency response activities 2. Assesses overall impact of an incident or event and determines immediate response requirements
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. Requestor may order hazard-specific specialists separately, such as utilities, information technology / telecommunications, structural, water, or wastewater specialists 3. Requestor may order Urban Search and Rescue and Structural Collapse Search and Rescue resources 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.

COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NOTES
MINIMUM PERSONNEL PER TEAM	8	3	Not Specified
MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT PERSONNEL PER TEAM	Same as Type 2	1 - National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 1 RNA Team Leader	Not Specified
SUPPORT PERSONNEL PER TEAM	Same as Type 2, PLUS: 1 - NIMS Type 1 Medical Unit Leader 1 - NIMS Type 1 Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Officer 1 - NIMS Type 1 Civil/Field Engineer 1 - NIMS Type 1 Utility Systems Reconstruction Manager 1 - NIMS Type 2 Geographic Information System (GIS) Analyst	2 - NIMS Type 1 Rapid Needs Assessment Team Technical Specialist	Not Specified
ELECTRONICS EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	Same as Type 2, PLUS: 5 - Portable computers, including software such as word processing, data management, mapping, and other mission-specific software 5 - GPS 2 - Digital Cameras	3 - Portable computers, including software such as word processing, data management, mapping, and other mission-specific software 3 - Global positioning systems (GPS) 3 - Digital cameras	Portable computers should have Geographic Information Systems (GIS) installed software.

COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NOTES
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) EQUIPMENT PER TEAM MEMBER	Same as Type 2	1. Hard hat 2. Reflective vest 3. Gloves 4. Protective clothing 5. Protective footwear 6. Protective shield 7. Flashlight	The following regulation addresses PPE: Occupational, Safety and Health Organization (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1910.132, Personal Protective Equipment.
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	Same as Type 2, PLUS: 5 - Short-range, two-way portable radios 5 - Cell phones	3 - Short-range, two-way portable radios 3 - Cell phones 1 - Satellite phone	Not Specified
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	Same as Type 2, PLUS: 1 - Four-wheel drive vehicle	1 - Four-wheel drive vehicle	Not Specified



NOTES

Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 509-4: Hazardous Materials Officer
2. FEMA, NIMS 509-7: Civil/Field Engineer
3. FEMA, NIMS 509-7: Utility Systems Reconstruction Manager
4. FEMA, NIMS 509-10: Rapid Needs Assessment Team Leader
5. FEMA, NIMS 509-10: Rapid Needs Assessment Team Technical Specialist
6. FEMA, NIMS 509-12: Medical Unit Leader
7. FEMA, NIMS 509-14: Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Analyst
8. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
9. FEMA, Rapid Needs Assessment Team in Federal Disasters Operations Field Operations Guide, April 2001
10. Occupational, Safety and Health Organization (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1910.132, Personal Protective Equipment