

## FIELD KITCHEN UNIT

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	The Field Kitchen Unit deploys as an operational feeding unit pulled by a truck or trailer and set up at a fixed central location, with personnel capable of producing a significant quantity of meals
<b>RESOURCE CATEGORY</b>	Mass Care Services
<b>RESOURCE KIND</b>	Unit
<b>OVERALL FUNCTION</b>	<p>The Field Kitchen Unit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides a centralized food production site that prepares and serves food to survivors and responders OR that provides meals for Food Service Delivery Units to deliver</li> <li>Prepares food service based on a defined standard meal</li> </ol>
<b>COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss logistics for deploying this unit, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation, support equipment/supplies and meals, prior to deployment</li> <li>Requestor orders the kitchen unit type based on the number of meals necessary per day</li> <li>This unit requires a truck or truck/trailer combination for initial delivery to the field location</li> <li>This resource is not intended for short-term service. Once this unit is delivered to the site, it typically remains in one place until demobilization</li> <li>Requestor coordinates access to fuel (gasoline, diesel, propane) and supporting services (freshwater replenishment, wastewater removal)</li> </ol>

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	TYPE 3	TYPE 4	NOTES
<b>MINIMUM PERSONNEL PER TEAM</b>	51	41	26	16	Not Specified
<b>MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT PERSONNEL PER UNIT</b>	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Same as Type 4	1 - National Incident Management System (NIMS) Field Kitchen Manager	None
<b>SUPPORT PERSONNEL PER UNIT</b>	Same as Type 2, PLUS: 10 - Worker	Same as Type 3, PLUS: 15 - Worker	Same as Type 4, PLUS: 10 - Worker	15 - Worker	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The deploying agency/organization determines the unit structure and span of control for managers and staff, per NIMS guidelines</li> <li>Personnel are trained in safe food handling practices</li> </ol>

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<b>DAILY MEAL OUTPUT PER UNIT</b>	More than 20,000 meals	Up to 20,000 meals	Up to 10,000 meals	Up to 5,000 meals	<p>1. Food service capabilities are based on the number of meals served, using the following serving sizes: eight-ounce entrée, six-ounce vegetable; and six-ounce fruit, or equivalent</p> <p>2. Operational requirements guide actual serving sizes provided during an incident or event</p>
<b>PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) EQUIPMENT PER TEAM MEMBER</b>	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified	PPE is mission specific and may vary by working environment; it includes protective footwear, protective clothing for skin exposure, eye and ear protection, respirators, gloves and masks
<b>ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT PER TEAM MEMBER</b>	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified

## NOTES

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1. Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.
2. Further guidance on food procurement systems is available from National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster at [www.nvoad.org](http://www.nvoad.org).
3. Further guidance on logistics is available in two documents on the National Mass Care Strategy website (<https://nationalmasscarestrategy.org/>):
  - a. Logistical Considerations for the Employment of Mass Care Resources
  - b. Multiagency Feeding Support Plan Template
4. This document contains references to non-federal resources and materials. Such references do not constitute an endorsement by the U.S. government, or any of its employees, of the information or content which a non-federal resource or material provides.

## REFERENCES

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