FOOD SERVICE DELIVERY UNIT

DESCRIPTION	The Food Service Delivery Unit deploys as an operational vehicle with personnel capable of delivering prepared or shelf-stable meals, snacks and drinks. A Food Service Delivery Unit typically works in conjunction with a fixed or field kitchen, which prepares the food that the Food Service Delivery Unit distributes.
RESOURCE CATEGORY	Mass Care Services
RESOURCE KIND	Unit
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Food Service Delivery Unit: 1. Delivers prepared food directly to survivors and responders 2. Delivers meals to a facility or outdoor feeding site OR serves meals directly from the vehicle
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	1. Discuss logistics for deploying this unit, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, communications, lodging, transportation and meals, prior to deployment 2. Requestor ensures compliance with food safety, sanitation, solid waste and other public health requirements and standards 3. Requestor coordinates the acquisition of supplies such as tables (for serving food), insulated food containers, picnic packs and food safety supplies, which do not come with the resource

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 UNIT	Same as Type 2	1 - Driver 1 - Assistant Driver	NOTES Personnel are trained in safe food handling practices.
SERVICE CAPABILITY PER UNIT	Same as Type 2, PLUS: Is capable of serving directly from the vehicle	Delivers food to a fixed site for service	Not Specified
DAILY MEAL OUTPUT PER UNIT	Up to 600 meals per day	Up to 1,200 meals per day	1. "Daily meal output" involves two delivery runs per unit 2. Meal deliveries are constrained by the number of food storage containers available and the storage space for containers within the vehicle
FOOD SAFETY SUPPLIES PER UNIT	Same as Type 2	1. 1 box of non-powdered disposable gloves 2. 1 box of hairnets	The site providing the meals for distribution provides food safety supplies.
VEHICLE PER UNIT	A specialty vehicle designed for food delivery; this can be a voluntary agency vehicle, such as an American Red Cross Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) or a Salvation Army Rapid Response Unit (RRU)	A commercial van equipped to keep insulated containers secure OR a 12-foot to 16-foot box truck	Type 2 vehicles may be rental vehicles.

NOTES

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.
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

1. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
2. FEMA, National Response Framework, October 2019