

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	<p>The Human Services Disaster Assessment Team assists in the assessment of disaster-caused human services needs, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss logistics for deploying this team, such as security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment 2. This team typically works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours, and is deployable for up to 14 days 3. The requestor provides support to the team, such as security, fuel, and power for recharging phones, computers, and other rechargeable devices. 4. Requestor may request additional specialized personnel, such as housing or legal specialists, separately 5. 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.

COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
EQUIPMENT PER TEAM COMMUNICATIONS	4 - Two-way portable radios 4 - Cell phones	Consider alternate forms of communication, such as satellite phones, based on the mission assignment and team needs.
EQUIPMENT PER TEAM ELECTRONICS	4 - Laptops 1 - Global Positioning System (GPS) 1 - Camera	Not Specified
EQUIPMENT PER TEAM GENERAL SUPPLIES	1. Office supplies 2. Assessment forms	Not Specified

Superseded

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EQUIPMENT PER TEAM MEMBER PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is mission-specific and may include: 1. Protective footwear 2. Protective clothing 3. Gloves 4. Masks 5. Eye protection 6. Respirators 7. Hearing protection	Not Specified
PERSONNEL PER TEAM MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT	1 - National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 1 Human Services Disaster Assessment Team Leader	Not Specified
PERSONNEL PER TEAM MINIMUM	4	Not Specified
PERSONNEL PER TEAM OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT	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.

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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. Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended
5. Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR): Emergency Management and Assistance

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