

RECEIVING, STAGING, AND STORAGE TASK FORCE

DESCRIPTION	The Receiving, Staging, and Storage (RSS) Task Force accepts, stores, and locally organizes large amounts of medications, medical supplies, medical countermeasures, and medical equipment for large-scale distribution from sources such as the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS), vendor managed inventories (VMI), or locally-sourced inventories
RESOURCE CATEGORY	Medical and Public Health
RESOURCE KIND	Team
OVERALL FUNCTION	<p>The RSS Task Force:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Augments existing Authority Having Jurisdiction's (AHJ) warehouse staff. 2. Inspects, receives, and stores incoming pharmaceuticals and other assets and distributes them to Points of Dispensing (POD) and other pre-planned distribution points, such as healthcare facilities, universities, military installations, private businesses, or non-governmental organizations 3. Communicates with the AHJ, ordering entity, and end receiver, as appropriate 4. During demobilization, executes plan to recover unused medical resources as warehousing activities diminish 5. Coordinates with support agencies to inventory, reorganize, and reconstitute stockpiles for return to pre-incident levels, and release personnel from medical supply management and distribution duties, as necessary 6. Provides just-in-time training, as necessary, to local jurisdiction to sustain operations
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss logistics for deploying this task force, such as security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment 2. This task force typically works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours, and is deployable for up to 14 days 3. Requestor augments this task force as necessary by ordering additional specialists, such as a transportation team leader or security and safety team leader, as single resources

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	6 - Short-range, two-way portable radio 6 - Cell phone 1 - Satellite phone	Not Specified
EQUIPMENT PER TEAM INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	6 - Laptop computer with appropriate software	Appropriate software may include word processing, data spreadsheets, and inventory management system software
EQUIPMENT PER TEAM MEMBER PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	PPE is mission specific and may include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gloves 2. Foot protection 3. Eye protection 4. Hearing protection 5. Hard hats 6. Respirators 7. Protective clothing 	The following regulation addresses PPE: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.132: Personal Protective Equipment.
PERSONNEL PER TEAM MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT	1 - National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 1 RSS Task Force Leader	Not Specified

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Resource Typing Definition for Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services
Medical and Public Health

COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
PERSONNEL PER TEAM MINIMUM	6	Not Specified
PERSONNEL PER TEAM SUPPORT	1 - NIMS Type 1 RSS Operations Team Leader 1 - NIMS Type 1 RSS Logistics Team Leader 1 - NIMS Type 1 RSS Tactical Communications Team Leader 1 - NIMS Type 1 RSS Distribution Team Leader 1 - NIMS Type 1 RSS Finance/Administration Team Leader	Not Specified

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NOTES

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

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 509: Receiving, Staging, and Storage Task Force Leader
2. FEMA, NIMS 509: Receiving, Staging, and Storage Operations Team Leader
3. FEMA, NIMS 509: Receiving, Staging, and Storage Logistics Team Leader
4. FEMA, NIMS 509: Receiving, Staging, and Storage Tactical Communications Team Leader
5. FEMA, NIMS 509: Receiving, Staging, and Storage Distribution Team Leader
6. FEMA, NIMS 509: Receiving, Staging, and Storage Finance/Administration Team Leader
7. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.132: Personal Protective Equipment, latest edition adopted

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