

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY SERVICES TEAM

DESCRIPTION	The Behavioral Health Community Services Team consists of behavioral health specialists capable of providing behavioral health interventions, psychological first aid (PFA), crisis intervention, and referrals for survivors, responders, and the public in the aftermath of a critical incident or disaster.
RESOURCE CATEGORY	Medical and Public Health
RESOURCE KIND	Team
OVERALL FUNCTION	<p>This team provides incident-related behavioral health services to survivors and families, responders, and the public after a disaster, which may include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Behavioral health needs assessment 2. Psychological first aid (PFA) 3. Crisis intervention 4. Chaplaincy or list Chaplaincy/Spiritual Care 5. Community outreach 6. Public information, information dissemination, and referral 7. Behavioral health consultation 8. Screening and referral, including referral for ongoing health needs or those outside of the scope of incident-related service
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 up to 14 days 3. Team members have training in disaster behavioral health interventions, such as PFA, and may have varied behavioral health background training 4. Requestor should specify the need for translation and age-specific services prior to deployment 5. Requestor should supply office space for coordination and communication activities, if 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	TYPE 3	NOTES
EQUIPMENT PER TEAM COMMUNICATION	Same as Type 2, PLUS: 2 - Portable two-way radios 2 - Cell phones	Same as Type 3, PLUS: 4 - Portable two-way radios 4 - Cell phones	2 - Portable two-way radios 2 - Cell phones	Consider alternate forms of communication, such as satellite phones, based on the mission assignment and team communication needs.
EQUIPMENT PER TEAM MEMBER INFORMATION	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Laptop Screening and referral forms	Not Specified
EQUIPMENT PER TEAM MEMBER PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	<p>PPE is mission-specific and may include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Respirators 2. Eye protection 3. Disposable gloves 	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	Same as Type 2	1 - NIMS Type 1 Behavioral Health Specialist Team Leader	1 - National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 1 Behavioral Health Specialist	Not Specified

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

COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	NOTES
PERSONNEL PER TEAM MINIMUM	8	6	2	Not Specified
PERSONNEL PER TEAM SUPPORT	Same as Type 2, PLUS: 1 - NIMS Type 1 Social Worker 1 - NIMS Type 1 Behavioral Health Chaplaincy Specialist	Same as Type 3, PLUS: 1 - NIMS Type 1 Behavioral Health Specialist 3 - NIMS Type 2 Behavioral Health Specialist	1 - NIMS Type 2 Behavioral Health Specialist	Not Specified

Superseded



NOTES

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

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 509: Behavioral Health Team Leader
2. FEMA, NIMS 509: Behavioral Health Specialist
3. FEMA, NIMS 509: Social Worker
4. FEMA, NIMS 509: Behavioral Health Chaplaincy Specialist
5. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.132: Personal Protective Equipment

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