

DISTRIBUTION OF EMERGENCY SUPPLIES TASK FORCE

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| DESCRIPTION | The Distribution of Emergency Supplies (DES) Task Force coordinates distribution of critical commodities to the public during and after an emergency. The team supports all fixed-site and mobile distribution efforts to ensure coordination among emergency supplies providers. | | |
| RESOURCE CATEGORY | Mass Care Services | RESOURCE KIND | Team |
| OVERALL FUNCTION | <p>The DES Task Force:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Helps identify gaps in categories, quantities, and locations of emergency supplies in the community 2. Determines strategic distribution methods to fill those gaps 3. Identifies the type and quantity of Mobile Distribution, Drive-Through Point of Distribution (POD), and Pedestrian POD teams necessary 4. Ensures that teams deploy to assigned locations 5. Liaises with the Logistics Section, the Donations Coordination Task Force, and commercial retailers to ensure coordinated emergency supply distribution 6. Coordinates with public information and external affairs staff to inform the public of distribution operations 7. Identifies sources of supplies and ensures their delivery to distribution operation locations 8. Monitors burn rates and coordinates resupply 9. Maintains accurate information about distribution locations and their hours of operation | 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 works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours, and is deployable up to 14 days 3. Requestor provides work space, transportation/vehicles, communication capability, equipment, and supplies |

| RESOURCE TYPES | | | TYPE 1 | NO TYPE 2 | NO TYPE 3 | NO TYPE 4 |
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| COMPONENT | METRIC/ MEASURE | CAPABILITY | | | | |
| Personnel | Per Team | Minimum | 6 | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable |
| NOTES: Not Specified | | | | | | |
| Personnel | Per Team | Management and Oversight | 1 - National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 1 DES Task Force Leader 3 - NIMS Type 1 Mass Care Specialist | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable |
| NOTES: Not Specified | | | | | | |

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| COMPONENT | METRIC/ MEASURE | CAPABILITY | | | | |
| Personnel | Per Team | Operations and Support | 1 - Public Information Officer (PIO) Liaison 1 - Logistics Section Liaison | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable |
| | | | NOTES: 1. The PIO Liaison and Logistics Section Liaison are not NIMS typed positions. 2. Liaisons are either members of the DES Task Force or members of the Logistics Section. 3. Request additional staff as necessary. | | | |
| Equipment | Per Team | Electronics and Communications | 1. GPS unit 2. Cellular phone (one per team member) 3. Laptop computer (one per team member) | Not Applicable | Not Applicable | Not Applicable |
| | | | NOTES: Consider alternate forms of communication, such as satellite phones, based on the mission assignment and task force needs. | | | |

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COMMENTS

1. Points of Distribution (POD) can be mobile, drive-through, pedestrian, or any combination of these.
2. This team normally works near the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and reports to the Mass Care Group Supervisor.
3. This team can include staff of Nongovernmental Organizations (NGO) that distribute emergency supplies.

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 509: Distribution of Emergency Supplies Task Force Leader
2. FEMA, NIMS 509: Distribution of Emergency Supplies Team Leader
3. FEMA, NIMS 508: Donated Goods Warehouse Management Team
4. FEMA, NIMS 509: Donated Goods Warehouse Management Team Leader
5. FEMA, NIMS 508: Donations Coordination Task Force
6. FEMA, NIMS 509: Donations Coordination Task Force Leader
7. FEMA, NIMS 509: Donations Specialist
8. FEMA, NIMS 508: Drive-Through Point of Distribution Team
9. FEMA, NIMS 509: Mass Care Specialist
10. FEMA, NIMS 508: Mobile Distribution Team
11. FEMA, NIMS 508: Pedestrian Point of Distribution Team
12. FEMA, NIMS 509: Public Information Officer
13. FEMA, NIMS 509: State Mass Care Coordinator
14. FEMA, NIMS 509: Volunteer Agency Liaison
15. FEMA and United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Guide to Points of Distribution, January 2009
16. American Red Cross, Bulk Distribution Handbook, 2013
17. USACE, Local Distribution Point Planning for Commodities, June 2005

NOTES

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

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