

DISTRIBUTION OF EMERGENCY SUPPLIES (DES) TASK FORCE

DESCRIPTION	The Distribution of Emergency Supplies (DES) Task Force coordinates distribution of critical commodities to the public during and after an emergency. The DES Task Force supports all fixed-site and mobile distribution efforts to ensure coordination among emergency supplies providers
RESOURCE CATEGORY	Mass Care Services
RESOURCE KIND	Task Force
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 task force, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation and meals, prior to deployment 2. Requestor provides work space, transportation/vehicles, communication capability, equipment and supplies

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
MINIMUM PERSONNEL PER TEAM	6	Not Specified
MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT PERSONNEL PER TEAM	1 - National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 1 DES Task Force Leader 3 - NIMS Type 1 Mass Care Specialist	Not Specified
SUPPORT PERSONNEL PER TEAM	1 - Public Information Officer (PIO) Liaison 1 - Logistics Section Liaison	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) EQUIPMENT PER TEAM MEMBER	Not Specified	PPE is mission specific and may vary by working environment; it includes protective footwear, protective clothing for skin exposure, eye and ear protection, respirators, gloves and masks

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ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. GPS unit2. Cellular phone (one per team member)3. Laptop computer (one per team member)	Consider alternate forms of communication, such as satellite phones, based on the mission assignment and task force needs.

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NOTES

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

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 509: Distribution of Emergency Supplies (DES) Task Force Leader
2. FEMA, NIMS 509: Distribution of Emergency Supplies (DES) 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, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
16. FEMA and United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Guide to Points of Distribution, January 2009
17. American Red Cross, Bulk Distribution Handbook, 2013
18. USACE, Local Distribution Point Planning for Commodities, June 2005

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