

MOBILE DISTRIBUTION TEAM

| DESCRIPTION | A Mobile Distribution Team distributes supplies to the public during and after an emergency. This resource is useful when survivors cannot access fixed Points of Distribution (POD) or other distribution sites, or when it is more efficient to distribute supplies from a vehicle or other mobile platform. | | |
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| RESOURCE CATEGORY | Mass Care Services | RESOURCE KIND | Team |
| OVERALL FUNCTION | <p>The Mobile Distribution Team:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Loads delivery vehicles and distributes emergency supplies and donated goods to disaster survivors 2. Uses assigned distribution routes and established drop-off locations, such as a high-rise building, residence, or parking lot 3. Tracks and records the distribution of emergency supplies and donated goods 4. Coordinates operations with the Distribution of Emergency Supplies (DES) Task Force and the Donations Coordination Task Force 5. Adheres to all safety guidelines the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) specifies | 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. The number and type of Mobile Distribution Teams vary based on the event type, size, scale, and duration 4. The condition of the transportation infrastructure may obstruct access to impacted areas and may affect resupply operations 5. Requestor orders vehicles based on local conditions 6. All Mobile Distribution Team members have distribution experience or training 7. Requestor orders supplies—such as hand trucks, ropes, tie-down straps, work gloves, drinking water, flashlights, local street maps, GPS capability, traffic cones, banner tape, mobile phones, and land mobile radios—based on incident needs 8. Requestor determines the amount and type of security |

| RESOURCE TYPES | | | TYPE 1 | TYPE 2 | NO TYPE 3 | NO TYPE 4 |
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| COMPONENT | METRIC/ MEASURE | CAPABILITY | | | | |
| Personnel | Per Team | Minimum | 8 | 5 | Not Applicable | Not Applicable |
| | | | NOTES: Not Specified | | | |
| Personnel | Per Team | Management and Oversight | 1 - NIMS Type 1 DES Team Leader | 1 - National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 2 DES Team Leader | Not Applicable | Not Applicable |
| | | | NOTES: Not Specified | | | |
| Personnel | Per Team | Operations and Support | Same as Type 2, PLUS: 3 - NIMS Type 1 Mass Care Specialist | 4 - NIMS Type 1 Mass Care Specialist | Not Applicable | Not Applicable |
| | | | NOTES: 1. This team includes at least one person with a license and authorization to drive the designated vehicle. 2. If a vehicle does not safely accommodate the entire team, an additional vehicle transports the remaining personnel. | | | |



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| COMPONENT | METRIC/ MEASURE | CAPABILITY | | | | |
| Capacity | Per Team | Vehicle Type | Larger than 24-foot delivery-style truck or trailer | Up to 24-foot delivery-style truck or trailer (or equivalent-capacity vehicle) | Not Applicable | Not Applicable |
| | | | NOTES: Not Specified | | | |

Superseded

COMMENTS

1. This team's staff recommends areas within the jurisdiction for mobile distribution to augment fixed-site distribution.
2. Mobile delivery routes are based on population density, geography, distance between affected populations, delivery vehicle availability, staff availability, and vehicle load capacity. Prioritizing the needs of survivors and balancing these needs with available resources are the keys to route planning.

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Distribution of Emergency Supplies Management Task Force
2. FEMA, NIMS 509: Distribution of Emergency Supplies Team Leader
3. FEMA, NIMS 508: Donated Goods Warehouse Management Team
4. FEMA, NIMS 508: Donations Coordination Task Force
5. FEMA, NIMS 509: Donations Specialist
6. FEMA, NIMS 508: Drive-Through Point of Distribution Team
7. FEMA, NIMS 509: Mass Care Specialist
8. FEMA, NIMS 508: Pedestrian Point of Distribution Team
9. FEMA, NIMS 509: Volunteer Agency Liaison
10. FEMA and United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Guide to Points of Distribution, January 2009
11. American Red Cross, Bulk Distribution Handbook, 2013
12. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.178(l): Powered Industrial Trucks, latest edition adopted
13. 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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