

MOBILE DISTRIBUTION TEAM

DESCRIPTION	The 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.
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 working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment 2. The number and type of Mobile Distribution Teams vary based on the event type, size, scale, and duration 3. The condition of the transportation infrastructure may obstruct access to impacted areas and may affect resupply operations 4. Requestor orders vehicles based on local conditions 5. All Mobile Distribution Team members have distribution experience or training 6. 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 7. Requestor determines the amount and type of security

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	NOTES
MINIMUM PERSONNEL PER TEAM	8	5	Not Specified
MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT PERSONNEL PER TEAM	1 - NIMS Type 1 DES Team Leader	1 - National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 2 DES Team Leader	Not Specified
SUPPORT PERSONNEL PER TEAM	Same as Type 2, PLUS: 3 - NIMS Type 1 Mass Care Specialist	4 - NIMS Type 1 Mass Care Specialist	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
VEHICLE TYPE CAPACITY PER TEAM	Larger than 24-foot delivery-style truck or trailer	Up to 24-foot delivery-style truck or trailer (or equivalent-capacity vehicle)	Not Specified

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NOTES

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

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, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
11. FEMA and United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Guide to Points of Distribution, January 2009
12. American Red Cross, Bulk Distribution Handbook, 2013
13. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.178(l): Powered Industrial Trucks, latest edition adopted
14. USACE, Local Distribution Point Planning for Commodities, June 2005

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