

## PEDESTRIAN POINT OF DISTRIBUTION TEAM

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	A Pedestrian Point of Distribution (POD) Team establishes a location that disaster survivors can access on foot to obtain critical emergency supplies during and after an emergency. Pedestrian POD Teams service high-population-density areas, areas with damaged transportation infrastructure, or areas where Drive-Through POD sites are impractical. Government agencies, Nongovernmental Organizations (NGO), private sector organizations, and combinations of these groups can establish and operate these sites.		
<b>RESOURCE CATEGORY</b>	Mass Care Services	<b>RESOURCE KIND</b>	Team
<b>OVERALL FUNCTION</b>	A Pedestrian POD team: 1. Establishes pedestrian distribution operations at a site, as specified by the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) 2. Works closely with the Distribution of Emergency Supplies (DES) Task Force to regulate the flow of supplies and to notify the public of locations and hours of operation 3. Distributes supplies in an orderly, efficient, and safe manner 4. Maintains accurate records of items distributed 5. Restocks supplies at the site	<b>COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS</b>	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. This team supports pre-disaster planning and post-disaster supply distribution to meet survivors' immediate needs 4. The number of pedestrian POD sites varies depending on the incident type, size, scale, and duration 5. The condition of the transportation infrastructure may obstruct access to a POD site or affect resupply operations 6. A Pedestrian POD may operate for extended hours to give the public maximum access 7. The requestor determines the amount and type of security to prevent theft and provide traffic control

RESOURCE TYPES			TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NO TYPE 3	NO TYPE 4
COMPONENT	METRIC/ MEASURE	CAPABILITY				
Personnel	Per Team	Minimum	28	18	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			<b>NOTES:</b> Not Specified			
Personnel	Per Team	Management and Oversight	Same as Type 2, PLUS: 2 - NIMS Type 1 DES Team Leader	2 - National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 2 DES Team Leader	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			<b>NOTES:</b> Not Specified			
Personnel	Per Team	Operations and Support	Same as Type 2, PLUS: 1 - Forklift Operator 7 - NIMS Type 1 Mass Care Specialist	1 - Forklift Operator 15 - NIMS Type 1 Mass Care Specialist	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			<b>NOTES:</b> 1. All forklift operators have training and certification in accordance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements. Forklift operators also have Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) authorization to operate assigned equipment. 2. The forklift operator is not a NIMS typed position.			

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COMPONENT	METRIC/ MEASURE	CAPABILITY				
Site	Per Team	Size	125' x 150' to accommodate four pedestrian lanes and six loading points	75' x 150' to accommodate two pedestrian lanes and three loading points	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			<b>NOTES:</b> The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Local Distribution Point Planning for Commodities document provides the basis for this size estimate.			
Team	Per Team	Throughput	841 to 1,680	1 to 840	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			<b>NOTES:</b> 1. Throughput is the estimated number of people the Pedestrian Point of Distribution (POD) Team serves per hour. The number of people served varies based on available personnel, number of load stations, and item packaging. 2. The USACE Local Distribution Point Planning for Commodities document provides the basis for this throughput estimate.			
Equipment	Per Team	Operations	Same as Type 2	Equipment includes the following: 1. Forklifts 2. Pallet jacks 3. Hand trucks 4. Lighting 5. Large trash containers 6. Traffic control devices 7. Portable toilets 8. Tents or canopies	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			<b>NOTES:</b> The Distribution of Emergency Supplies (DES) Team Leader orders equipment to supplement what the requestor provides, based on the FEMA and USACE Guide to Points of Distribution.			

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RESOURCE TYPES			TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NO TYPE 3	NO TYPE 4
COMPONENT	METRIC/ MEASURE	CAPABILITY				
Equipment	Per Team	Electronics	Same as Type 2	Cellular Phone (one per team member) Laptop computer (one per team member) Handheld two-way radio (one per team member) 1 - GPS unit 1 - Handheld public address horn or system 1 - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather alert radio 1 - Directional sign	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
<b>NOTES:</b> 1. The DES Team Leader communicates depletion rates and operational changes to the Logistics Staging Area (LSA), the Distribution of Emergency Supplies Task Force, and the Logistics Chief. 2. The Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) determines the number of directional signs after completing a risk assessment. 3. Select and program two-way radios based on AHJ requirements. 4. Consider alternate forms of communication, such as satellite phones, based on the mission assignment and team needs.						

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## COMMENTS

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1. To ensure safety, Point of Distribution (POD) staff restocks supplies only when the site is closed or in areas without public access.
2. Security considerations typically include a minimum of one security person at each gate for traffic control during operational periods and at least one roaming guard at night.
3. Designate the site as a restricted access area during resupplying operations, limiting facility access to those with Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) authorization.
4. Sites comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which includes reasonable accommodation for individuals with functional needs.
5. Distribution strategies allow teams to combine Drive-Through POD and Pedestrian POD sites.

## REFERENCES

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1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Distribution of Emergency Supplies 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: Mobile 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

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

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