



FEMA's Role in Terrorism Preparedness and Response



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FEMA's Mission

"Lead America to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from disasters."



FEMA Responsibilities In Disaster Response

- **Assist State and local governments to:**
 - **Lessen or avert threat of catastrophe**
 - **Save lives and protect property, health and safety**
 - **Alleviate damage, loss, hardship, suffering**
- **Appoint Federal Coordinating Officer to:**
 - **Assess needs, define priorities**
 - **Establish interagency teams and field offices**
 - **Assist citizens and public officials in obtaining assistance**



Federal Response Plan Emergency Support Functions (ESFs)



1. Transportation
Department of Transportation



2. Communications
National Communications System



3. Public Works and Engineering
Department of Defense
Army Corps of Engineers



4. Firefighting
Department of Agriculture



5. Information and Planning
Federal Emergency Management Agency



6. Mass Care
American Red Cross



7. Resource Support
General Services Administration



8. Health and Medical Services
Department of Health and Human Services



9. Urban Search and Rescue
Federal Emergency Management Agency



10. Hazardous Materials
Environmental Protection Agency



11. Food
Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Service



12. Energy
Department of Energy



Terrorism Event What Makes It Different ?

- **Incident scene is also a crime scene (FBI)**
- **Time critical response needed to save lives**
- **Increased psychological, emotional, fear effects**
- **Potential for greater chaos**
- **Intensity of media coverage**
- **Nuclear/biological/chemical contamination issues**
- **Greater threat to responders**



Terrorism Preparedness Approach

- **Build on existing all-hazards Federal, State, local plans, capabilities & systems**
- **Focus on preparing State and local emergency managers and first responders through planning, training, exercises, and grants**
- **Sustain initial efforts with follow-on planning, training, exercise, and equipment support**
- **Integrate all levels of government**



Federal Terrorism Planning and Response Guidance

FEMA and other Federal Departments and Agencies have worked in close partnership to develop:

- United States Government Interagency Domestic Terrorism Concept of Operations Plan (CONPLAN) (January 2001)
 - Describes operational interface between crisis and consequence management
- Federal Response Plan Terrorism Incident Annex (April 1999)
 - Describes coordination between crisis and consequence management responses



National Capital Region Terrorism Planning



National Capital Region WMD Incident Contingency Plan

- Federal-DC-VA-MD plan that addresses joint operations in event of a WMD attack

District of Columbia Emergency Response Plan

- Developed by Mayor's Domestic Preparedness Task Force and DC Emergency Management Agency, with assistance from FEMA



Terrorism Preparedness Training

**Emergency Management Institute
Training for State and Local Emergency
Management Officials**

**National Fire Academy
Training for First Responders
and the Fire Community**





Terrorism Preparedness Exercises

- **Local, State, and Federally-sponsored tabletop, functional and full field exercises**
- **Support other exercises focusing on crisis and consequence management interface**
- **Top Officials Exercises (TOPOFF)**





Special Events

- **A significant event representing a potential target for a terrorist attack.**
- **Examples of Criteria:**
 - High-level government participation
 - Previous terrorist interest
 - Media attention
 - Current levels of terrorist activity
 - Symbolic or historical significance



Preparation for Special Events

**Y2K Preparation
1999**



**NATO 50th
Anniversary
Celebration
1999**



**World Trade
Organization
1999**



**OPSAIL
2000**



**Presidential Inauguration
2001**



**Olympic Games
Salt Lake City
2002**





Response to Terrorism

Rapid Deployment of Critical Response Resources

Pre-staged "Push Packages" ready to deploy within 4 hours



**Supplies
Equipment**



Arriving on scene within 12 hours of notification



Specialized Teams



Joint Terrorism Preparedness Activities

- **Numerous task forces at all levels of Government**
- **Capability Assessment for Readiness (CAR)**
- **Joint Assessment of Preparedness Capabilities**
 - Assessment of 56 entities (States, DC & Territories)
 - FEMA survey supported by other Federal Departments and Agencies
 - Assessment highlights priorities and shortfalls
 - Results provided to Office of Homeland Security



Terrorism Response Lessons Learned

- **Improve Medical Response Capabilities**
- **Enhance Pharmaceutical Stockpiles**
- **Improve Information Collection**
- **Create Comprehensive Resource Packages**
- **Improve Communications Capabilities (Interoperability)**
- **Increase Funding for Equipment and Training**





Terrorism Response Lessons Learned (continued)

- **Evacuation coordination**
- **Quickly establish joint operating priorities and information flow with FBI**
- **First responder health/safety**
- **Manage volunteers**
- **Manage donations**
- **Mutual aid planning**





FEMA's Office of National Preparedness

- Build and sustain national preparedness
- Support planning, training, exercises and equipment needs
- Lead President's First Responder Initiative
- Oversee Citizen Corps, part of Freedom Corps



FEMA's Office of National Preparedness Priorities

- **Strengthen state and local capabilities**
 - Update emergency operations plans and procedures to address:
 - EMD response procedures
 - inventory of critical assets
 - mutual aid agreements/resource typing
 - community and family preparedness
 - Interoperable functional plans
 - Update emergency operations centers
 - Coordinate/Integrate national exercise programs
 - Remedial/Corrective actions program
- **Coordinate federal terrorism preparedness programs**



FEMA's Response and Recovery Directorate

- Lead all-hazards approach to emergency management
 - Coordinate activities of 27 federal departments & agencies
 - Support recovery efforts (Public Assistance and Individuals & Households Programs)
- Enhance planning for responding to catastrophic disasters



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"Let the eye of vigilance never be closed."

Thomas Jefferson, 1821