



FEMA

Fact Sheet

Domestic Emergency Support Team

The Domestic Emergency Support Team is a specialized, rapidly deployable interagency team tasked with providing expert guidance to the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding crisis and consequence management capabilities during a credible threat of national significance. The Domestic Emergency Support Team encompasses personnel from FEMA, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Defense, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Energy, and the Environmental Protection Agency. The team consists of 46 total personnel, but the composition of the team may vary depending on the circumstances of the incident and the request.

The deployment of the team is authorized by the FEMA Administrator and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Director, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation retains operational control of the team once deployed, in coordination with FEMA.

The Domestic Emergency Support Team draws on the experience and subject matter expertise of its personnel to enhance U.S. Government decision making during an incident or event. Specifically, the team can support the Federal Bureau of Investigation in:

- Contingency planning in support of response, recovery and mitigation
- Technical support to facilitate interagency crisis management
- Impacts to crisis management regarding:
 - Nuclear weapons/devices and their components
 - Radiological dispersion devices and their components
 - Chemical or Biological dispersion devices
- Follow-on response assets and capabilities

These capabilities will assist the Federal Bureau of Investigation Assistant Director in Charge or Special Agent in Charge by developing:



“FEMA’s mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.”

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- Pre-Incident Consequence Management course of action analysis and related data resource development within the 'in-house' Interagency team
- Situational awareness and common-operating-picture support to concept of operations development in the event of a transition to consequence management
- Assistance to local, regional, and national-level decision making regarding Consequence Management through course of action recommendations
Situational awareness regarding State and Local planning efforts for CBRNE incident response
- Knowledge of weapons of mass destruction authorities/capabilities/protocols and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear & Explosive hazards/effects/damage mitigation strategies
- Specialized technical resources relating to Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear & Explosive incidents