



# Emergency Support Function (ESF) #13 - FEMA Region III FACT SHEET



## PURPOSE

To explain to the FEMA Region, the State EMAs and ESF #13 partners how the DOJ/ATF has restructured to better support FEMA, State ESF #13 Agencies and other ESF Partners.

## SCOPE

This fact sheet is specifically created for FEMA Region III (Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia).

## ESF #13 MISSION

Provide Federal Public Safety and Security assistance to Federal, State, Local, Territorial, and Tribal (FSLTT) organizations **overwhelmed** by an actual or anticipated disaster or an Act of Terrorism (AOT).

Assistance to overwhelmed FSLTT Law Enforcement Departments/Agencies:

- Safety/Security (Force Protection) for other ESFs.
- Personnel Security – DMAT, DMORT, MASH Hospitals, US&R, Fuel Escorts, Sheltering Operations, Distribution Centers, Etc.
- Physical Security – Critical Infrastructures, Evacuated Areas, Etc.

## BACKGROUND

Following the “*The Federal Response to Hurricane Katrina: Lessons Learned*” report (February 2006), DOJ was designated the sole ESF #13 coordinating Department.

- Subsequently, ATF was assigned as the lead coordinating agency for DOJ (October 2008).
- All aspects of ESF #13 administration and operations are framed in the ESF #13 Concept of Operations (CONOPS) Plan.

## STRUCTURE

### ESF #13 National Management:

**ATF National Coordinator** - Jim Allison (ESF #13 Branch Chief).

### ESF #13 National Staff (Interagency DOJ) -

Operations/Planning, Logistics, Legal, Project Management, Administration.

### ESF #13 Advisory Board (DOJ membership) -

Representatives from DOJ D/As - assists in determination of ESF #13 policies, procedures, protocols, and best practices.

**ESF #13 Stakeholders Committee** - Interagency group (approximately 85 D/As) - supports ESF #13 and reviews and provides input regarding ESF #13 policies, procedures, protocols, and best practices.

### ESF #13 Field Management:

#### Regional Law Enforcement Coordinator (RLEC) -

Each FEMA Region will have an assigned RLEC.

- Five of the RLECs are ATF Special Agents and five are from the other DOJ law enforcement D/As (FBI, DEA, USMS, and BOP) - also provide personnel for the National ESF #13 staff.

**Field Coordinator (FC)** - Each RLEC is supported by a contractor FC.

- FCs have extensive background in law enforcement and emergency management.
- Located in FEMA Regional Office or nearby ATF Field Office.
- Responsible for liaison, planning, and coordination with the FEMA Region and all States within the Region.

**Field Support Teams (FSTs)** - Activated to develop public safety and security situational awareness and assist with the ARF/MA process.

- Deployed only after authorized by FEMA and approved by the affected States.
- Consists of RLECs/FCs, interagency reps, communications personnel, and others as needed.
- Deployed either to the RRCC, affected State EOC or an ESF #13 Field Operations Center.
- Work closely with State EOCs and State ESF #13 Coordinators.

## AVAILABLE FEDERAL RESOURCES

Tactical Teams, Crisis Negotiators, Investigators, Limited Uniformed Officers, Arson/Fire Investigators, Mobile Command Posts, Intelligence Analysts, Aviation Assets, Waterborne Assets, Communications Specialists, Explosives Expertise, Medics, and Forensic Scientists.

## ESF #13 AND TERRORISM

The FBI is the Lead Federal Agency during the nation’s response to terrorism.

- ESF #13’s mission, in addition to providing Federal law enforcement assistance to FSLTT D/As overwhelmed by the incident, is to provide assistance to the FBI as requested by the SFLEO.
- During a terrorism response the SFLEO will always be an FBI official.

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