

Commonly Used Acronyms:

APHIS – Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (Previously part of the Agriculture Department, now part of BTS)
ARC – American Red Cross
BTS – Border and Transportation Security (Branch of DHS)
CAT – Crisis Action Team (located at DHS headquarters)
CBP – Customer and Border Protection (part of DHS)
CDRG – Catastrophic Disaster Response Group
CIAO -- Critical Infrastructure Assurance Office (Previously part of the Commerce Department, now part of IAIP)
COG – Continuity of Government
CONPLAN – U.S. Government Interagency Domestic Terrorism Concept of Operations Plan
COOP – Continuity of Operations
DAE -- Disaster Assistance Employee (also called SAE for Stafford Act Employee)
DEST – Domestic Emergency Support Team (specialized interagency team with crisis and consequence management components)
DFO – Disaster Field Office
DHS – Department of Homeland Security
DISC – Disaster Information Systems Clearinghouse
DMAT – Disaster Medical Assistance Team; now part of FEMA
DMORT – Disaster Mortuary Assistant Team; now part of FEMA
DRC – Disaster Recovery Center
EA -- Office of Energy Assurance (Previously part of the Energy Department, now part of IAIP)
EMI – Emergency Management Institute (in Emmitsburg, Md.)
EMS – Emergency Medical Service
EOC – Emergency Operations Center
EP&R – Emergency Preparedness and Response (FEMA; Branch of DHS)
ERT – Emergency Response Team (sent to disasters)
ESF – Emergency Support Function (located in the EST; includes staff members of Federal Response Plan participants)
EST – Emergency Support Team (located in FEMA headquarters)
FCO – Federal Coordinating Officer
FedCIRC – Federal Computer Incident Response Center (Previously part of GSA, now part of IAIP)
FLETC – Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (Previously part of the Treasury Department, now part of BTS)
FOUO – For Official Use Only
FPS – Federal Protective Service (Previously part of GSA, now part of BTS)
FRMAC – Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Center (part of NIRT; focuses on radiological consequence management)
FRN – FEMA Radio Network

FRP – Federal Response Plan (Plan that includes multiple federal agencies under FEMA’s oversight to respond to presidentially declared disasters; now called the NRP)

GPS – Global Positioning System

HMGP – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

HLT – Hurricane Liaison Team (FEMA staff who join with NOAA staff and others during hurricane events)

HSC – Homeland Security Council

HSPD – Homeland Security Presidential Directive

IA – Individual Assistance (federal disaster aid to individuals and families)

IAIP – Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection (Branch of DHS)

IC – Incident Commander

ICAP – Incident Communications Action Plan

ICE – Immigration and Customs Enforcement (part of DHS)

IMT – Incident Management Team (designed to operate within the National Incident Management System)

IOF – Interim Operating Facility

IST – Incident Support Team

JIC – Joint Information Center

JIS – Joint Information System

JOC – Joint Operations Center (An FBI resource at a disaster site)

IPFO – Interim Principle Federal Official

LCAT – Logistics Closeout Assistance Teams

LFA – Lead Federal Agency

MATTS – Mobile Air Transportable Telecommunications System (deployed to disaster sites to re-establish emergency communications)

MERS – Mobile Emergency Response System (deployed to disaster sites to provide on-site management of disaster response activities)

NAC – Nebraska Avenue Complex (location of DHS headquarters)

NCS – National Communications System (Previously part of the Defense Department, now part of IAIP)

NECC – National Emergency Coordination Center (located at Emmittsburg, Md.)

NEST – Nuclear Emergency Support Team (umbrella term that covers four different NIRT teams)

NFIP – National Flood Insurance Program (overseen by FEMA)

NIEOC – Located on the mezzanine level of FEMA headquarters; includes the EST and other disaster activities

NIMS -- National Incident Management System (a nationwide approach for federal, state, and local governments to work together to prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity)

NIRT – Nuclear Incident Response Team (operationally controlled by DHS; resides in the Department of Energy)

NRP – National Response Plan (replaces the FRP)

NTAC – United States Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center

NVOAD – National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (includes the American Red Cross and Salvation Army)

MWEOC – Mount Weather Emergency Operations Center (FEMA asset in Virginia)

ODP – Office of Domestic Preparedness (Previously part of the Department of Justice, now part of BTS)

OIA – Office of International Affairs (part of DHS)

ODP – Office of Domestic Preparedness (part of DHS)

OLA – Office of Legislative Affairs

OPSEC – Operational Security

OSC – On-Scene Coordinator

PA – Public Assistance (federal disaster assistance to governments)

PAO – Public Affairs Officer

PDA – Preliminary Damage Assessments (done by FEMA as a preliminary step in the disaster declaration process)

PFO – Principal Federal Official

PPE – Personal Protective Equipment

RAP – Radiological Assistance Program (part of NIRT; provides first response capability)

RDD – Radiological Dispersal Device

RSS – Remote Storage Sites (located in the Caribbean and Pacific to ensure readiness and “just in time” logistics for disaster responders; TLCs are in the continental U.S.)

ROC – Regional Operations Center

S&T – Science and Technology Directorate (Branch of DHS)

SAC – Special Agency in Charge

SAE – Stafford Act Employee (also known as DAE)

SBA – Small Business Administration (provides disaster assistance along with FEMA)

SIOC – Strategic Information and Operations Center (an FBI resource)

SITREP – Situation Report

SNS – Strategic National Stockpile (pharmaceuticals and medical supplies ready for deployment)

TLC – Territory Logistics Centers – located in continental U.S. to ensure readiness and “just in time” logistics for disaster responders; RSSs are in the Caribbean and Pacific

TSA – Transportation Security Administration (Previously part of the Department of Transportation, now part of the BTS)

USCG – United States Coast Guard

USFA – U.S. Fire Administration (part of FEMA)

US&R – Urban Search and Rescue

USSS – United States Secret Service

WMD – Weapon of Mass Destruction