

Domestic Emergency Support Team
Executive Fact Sheet

The DEST is an interagency group of subject matter experts that deploy in support of the Federal Bureau of Investigations during threat situations. FEMA is the program manager for the DEST and leads the team's consequence management planning efforts and provides liaison to State and local responders in the event something happens.

FEMA manages the DEST program during steady state. In the field, the FEMA DEST Consequence Management Team Leader leads the Consequence Management Cell within the FBI JOC.

A standard DEST package will include:

- FBI – 16 personnel
- FEMA – 7 personnel
- DOD – 9 personnel
- DHHS – 2 personnel
- EPA – 2 personnel
- DOE – 6 personnel

DEST Capabilities:

- ☐ interagency crisis management
- ☐ information management support
- ☐ enhanced communications capability
- ☐ contingency planning in support of response, recovery and mitigation
- ☐ explosive devices and their components
- ☐ chemical, biological, and/or nuclear weapons/devices and their components or radiological dispersion devices
- ☐ technical expertise and equipment to operate in a contaminated environment for the purpose of conducting threat sampling, technical measurements, tactical intelligence collection, evidence collection, defensive actions, and
- ☐ follow-on response assets and capabilities.

The FEMA DEST Support Element will be comprised of:

- FEMA DEST Consequence Management Team Lead (FEMA CMTL) (x1)
- Deputy FEMA CMTL (x1)
- Mobile Emergency Response Support (MERS) Representative (x1)
- DEST Operations/Logistics Coordinator (x1)
- IMAT Consequence Management Planners (x2)
- Regional Consequence Management Planner (x1)

Once activated the FBI and FEMA, in consultation with supporting Federal agencies, will determine the composition of the DEST. Depending on the threat or incident, the DEST will include nuclear, radiological, biological, or chemical response components.

The DEST is supported by dedicated air airlift from the Department of Defense.