Consequence Management Coordination Unit and Domestic Emergency Support Team

Who We Serve
During a Weapon of Mass Destruction (WMD) incident or credible threat, the Domestic Emergency Support Team (DEST) provides expert advice, guidance and support to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Assistant Director in Charge (ADIC) or Special Agent in Charge (SAC). The Consequence Management Coordination Unit (CMCU) is a national level incident support element responsible for strategic consequence management decision support to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Administrator, the FBI WMD Strategic Group (SG), and provides reach back support to the DEST.

Services at a Glance

CMCU
Consequence management assessment. Performs consequence management assessment, including pre-incident consequence management planning, initiating requests for modeling and technical analysis, and analyzing potential risks and operational impacts.

Decision support. The CMCU home team provides decision support for the FEMA Administrator and other senior leadership.

Incident support. The CMCU home team provides incident support to deployed personnel at the FBI Headquarters and in the field.

Planning expertise. The CMCU develops Information Analysis Briefings to inform senior leaders of the situation, additional problem sets, and desired end state.

Situational awareness. Facilitates interagency coordination and situational awareness between ongoing crisis management focused operations and consequence management planning.

DEST
Decision making. Enhances U.S. Government decision making during an incident or event by drawing on the experience and subject matter expertise of its personnel.

Contingency planning and technical support. Supports the FBI through contingency planning in support of response, recovery, and mitigation, and provides technical support to facilitate interagency crisis management.

Pre-incident consequence management. Assists the FBI Director in Charge or Special Agent in Charge by developing Pre-Incident Consequence Management course of action analysis and related data resource development within the ‘in-house’ Interagency team.

State and local engagement. Serves as a liaison to State and local government officials for information sharing and information management.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) / FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
DHS/FEMA provides guidance on the potential impacts of tactical operations on the general populace and critical infrastructure, considerations for responder and employee safety, as well as logistical support.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) / FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DOJ/FBI is the Operational Lead and is responsible for Crisis Management Operations, utilizing a broad set of capabilities that vary depending on the nature of the threat.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS) / OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE (ASPR)
HHS/ASPR provides public health and medical decision support and coordinates deployment of those assets, assists with public messaging, supports modeling efforts for biological incidents.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)
EPA supports the interpretation of data collection results and provides guidance for personnel protection actions during a chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) incident.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) / NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (NNSA)
DOE/NNSA provides technical expertise and modeling support for radiological and nuclear incidents. Additionally, they maintain specialized assets and teams that can be deployed down-range in direct support of tactical operations.

CMCU: Calamitates praevenire, To Prevent Calamity
FEMA CBRN: Preparing our nation to respond to chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear catastrophes.

For more information about the DEST or CMCU contact DEST@fema.dhs.gov