

Handout 5-2: Federal Emergency Support Functions and Recovery Support Functions

Emergency Support Functions
ESF #1 – Transportation ESF Coordinator: Department of Transportation
<p>Key Response Core Capability: Critical Transportation</p> <p>Coordinates the support of management of transportation systems and infrastructure, the regulation of transportation, management of the Nation’s airspace, and ensuring the safety and security of the national transportation system. Functions include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation modes management and control • Transportation safety • Stabilization and reestablishment of transportation infrastructure • Movement restrictions • Damage and impact assessment
ESF #2 – Communications ESF Coordinator: DHS/Cybersecurity and Communications
<p>Key Response Core Capability: Operational Communications, Infrastructure Systems</p> <p>Coordinates government and industry efforts for the reestablishment and provision of critical communications infrastructure, facilitates the stabilization of systems and applications from malicious cyber activity, and coordinates communications support to response efforts. Functions include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination with telecommunications and information technology industries • Coordination of the reestablishment and provision of critical communications infrastructure • Protection, reestablishment, and sustainment of national cyber and information technology resources • Oversight of communications within the Federal response structures • Facilitation of the stabilization of systems and applications from cyber events
ESF #3 – Public Works and Engineering ESF Coordinator: DOD/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Emergency Support Functions
<p>Key Response Core Capabilities: Infrastructure Systems, Critical Transportation, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Environmental Response/Health and Safety, Fatality Management, Mass Care Services, Mass Search and Rescue Operations</p> <p>Coordinates the capabilities and resources to facilitate the delivery of services, technical assistance, engineering expertise, construction management, and other support to prepare for, respond to, and/or recover from a disaster or an incident. Functions include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure protection and emergency repair • Critical infrastructure reestablishment • Engineering services and construction management • Emergency contracting support for lifesaving and life-sustaining services
<p>ESF #4 – Firefighting ESF Coordinator: USDA/U.S. Forest Service and DHS/FEMA/U.S. Fire Administration</p>
<p>Key Response Core Capabilities: Operational Communications Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Infrastructure Systems On-Scene Security, Protection, and Law Enforcement Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services, Fire Management and Suppression, Situational Assessment</p> <p>Coordinates the support for the detection and suppression of fires. Functions include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to wildland, rural, and urban firefighting operations
<p>ESF #5 – Information and Planning ESF Coordinator: DHS/FEMA</p>
<p>Key Response Core Capabilities: Situational Assessment, Planning, Public Information and Warning</p> <p>Supports and facilitates multiagency planning and coordination for operations involving incidents requiring Federal coordination. Functions include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incident action planning • Information collection, analysis, and dissemination
<p>ESF #6 – Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Housing and Human Services ESF Coordinator: DHS/FEMA</p>

Emergency Support Functions
<p>Key Response Core Capabilities: Mass Care Services, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services, Critical Transportation, Fatality Management Services</p> <p>Coordinates the delivery of mass care and emergency assistance. Functions include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass care • Emergency assistance • Temporary housing • Human services
<p>ESF #7 – Logistics ESF Coordinator: General Services Administration and DHS/FEMA</p>
<p>Key Response Core Capabilities: Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Mass Care Services, Critical Transportation, Infrastructure Systems, Operational Communications</p> <p>Coordinates comprehensive incident resource planning, management, and sustainment capability to meet the needs of disaster survivors and responders. Functions include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive, national incident logistics planning, management, and sustainment capability • Resource support (e.g., facility space, office equipment and supplies, contracting services)
<p>ESF #8 – Public Health and Medical Services ESF Coordinator: Department of Health and Human Services</p>
<p>Key Response Core Capabilities: Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services, Fatality Management Services, Mass Care Services, Critical Transportation, Public Information and Warning, Environmental Response/Health and Safety, Logistics and Supply Chain Management</p> <p>Coordinates the mechanisms for assistance in response to an actual or potential public health and medical disaster or incident. Functions include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public health • Medical surge support including patient movement • Behavioral health services • Mass fatality management
<p>ESF #9 – Search and Rescue ESF Coordinator: DHS/FEMA</p>

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<p>Key Response Core Capability: Mass Search and Rescue Operations</p> <p>Coordinates the rapid deployment of search and rescue resources to provide specialized lifesaving assistance. Functions include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structural collapse (urban) search and rescue • Maritime/coastal/waterborne search and rescue • Land search and rescue.
<p>ESF #10 – Oil and Hazardous Materials Response ESF Coordinator: Environmental Protection Agency</p>
<p>Key Response Core Capabilities: Environmental Response/Health and Safety, Critical Transportation, Infrastructure Systems, Public Information and Warning</p> <p>Coordinates support in response to an actual or potential discharge and/or release of oil or hazardous materials. Functions include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental assessment of the nature and extent of oil and hazardous materials contamination • Environmental decontamination and cleanup, including buildings/structures and management of contaminated waste.
<p>ESF #11 – Agriculture and Natural Resources ESF Coordinator: Department of Agriculture</p>
<p>Key Response Core Capabilities: Mass Care Services, Critical Transportation, Logistics and Supply Chain Management</p> <p>Coordinates a variety of functions designed to protect the Nation's food supply, respond to plant and animal pest and disease outbreaks, and protect natural and cultural resources. Functions include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition assistance • Animal and agricultural health issue response • Technical expertise, coordination, and support of animal and agricultural emergency management • Meat, poultry, and processed egg products safety and defense • Natural and cultural resources and historic properties protection.
<p>ESF #12 – Energy ESF Coordinator: Department of Energy</p>

Emergency Support Functions
<p>Key Response Core Capabilities: Infrastructure Systems, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Situational Assessment</p> <p>Facilitates the reestablishment of damaged energy systems and components and provides technical expertise during an incident involving radiological/nuclear materials. Functions include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy infrastructure assessment, repair, and reestablishment • Energy industry utilities coordination • Energy forecast.
<p>ESF #13 – Public Safety and Security ESF Coordinator: Department of Justice/Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives</p> <p>Key Response Core Capability: On-Scene Security, Protection, and Law Enforcement</p> <p>Coordinates the integration of public safety and security capabilities and resources to support the full range of incident management activities. Functions include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facility and resource security • Security planning and technical resource assistance • Public safety and security support • Support to access, traffic, and crowd control
<p>ESF #14 – Superseded by the National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF)</p>
<p>ESF #15 – External Affairs ESF Coordinator: DHS</p> <p>Key Response Core Capability: Public Information and Warning</p> <p>Coordinates the release of accurate, coordinated, timely, and accessible public information to affected audiences, including the government, media, NGOs, and the private sector. Works closely with state and local officials to ensure outreach to the whole community. Functions include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public affairs and the Joint Information Center • Intergovernmental (local, state, tribal, and territorial) affairs • Congressional affairs • Private sector outreach • All Hazards Emergency Response Operations Tribal

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Recovery Support Functions
<p>Community Planning and Capacity Building</p> <p>The Community Planning and Capacity Building RSF unifies and coordinates expertise and assistance programs from across the Federal Government as well as nongovernment partners to aid local and tribal governments in building their local capabilities to effectively plan for and manage recovery and engage the whole community in the recovery planning process.</p> <p>Coordinating Agency: Department of Homeland Security/FEMA</p>
<p>Economic Recovery</p> <p>Economic Recovery is the ability to return economic and business activities (including agricultural) to a state of health and develop new economic opportunities that result in a sustainable and economically viable community. The Economic Recovery RSF integrates the expertise of the Federal Government to help local, regional/metropolitan, state, tribal, territorial, and insular area governments and the private sector sustain and/or rebuild businesses and employment and develop economic opportunities that result in sustainable and economically resilient communities after an incident.</p> <p>Coordinating Agency: Department of Commerce</p>
<p>Health and Social Services</p> <p>Healthcare is an economic driver in many communities, which if damaged make this sector critical to most communities' disaster recovery. Social Services have a major impact on the ability of a community to recover. The support of social services programs for at-risk and vulnerable children, individuals, and families affected by a disaster can promote a more effective and rapid recovery. The Health and Social Services RSF outlines the Federal framework to support locally led recovery efforts to address public health, health care facilities and coalitions, and essential social service needs. Displaced individuals in need of housing will also need health and social services support.</p> <p>Coordinating Agency: Department of Health and Human Services</p>
<p>Housing</p>

Recovery Support Functions

The Housing RSF coordinates and facilitates the delivery of Federal resources to implement housing solutions that effectively support the needs of the whole community and contribute to its sustainability and resilience. Housing is a critical and often challenging component of disaster recovery, but must be adequate, affordable, and accessible to make a difference for the whole community.

Coordinating Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development

Infrastructure Systems

The Infrastructure Systems RSF works to efficiently facilitate the restoration of infrastructure systems and services to support a viable, sustainable community and improves resilience to and protection from future hazards.

Coordinating Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Natural and Cultural Resources

The NCR RSF facilitates the integration of capabilities of the Federal Government to support the protection of natural and cultural resources and historic properties through appropriate response and recovery actions to preserve, conserve, rehabilitate, and restore them consistent with post-disaster community priorities and in compliance with applicable environmental and historical preservation laws and Executive orders.

Coordinating Agency: Department of the Interior