Unit 7. Federal Assistance for Mass Fatalities Incidents
Unit Objective

Identify the resources that are available at the Federal level during a mass fatalities incident.
Federal Resources

- National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)
- National Disaster Medical System (NDMS):
  - Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Teams (DMORTs):
    - DMORT Disaster Portable Morgue Unit
  - Family Assistance Center
  - DMORT WMD Team
Family Assistance Plan for Aviation Disasters

- Assigns airline and Federal responsibilities
- Describes airline and Federal response
Family Assistance Plan Resources

- The American Red Cross
- Department of State
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
Family Assistance Plan Resources

- Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Department of Defense (DOD)
- Non-FBI Department of Justice (DOJ) agencies
Victim Support Tasks (VSTs)

- NTSB tasks
- Airline, bus, rail, and cruise ship tasks
- Family care and mental health
- Victim identification, forensic, and medical services
Victim Support Tasks (VSTs)

- Assisting Families of Foreign Victims
- Communications
- Assisting Victims of Crime
NDMS in Emergencies and Disasters

- Natural disasters
- Technological disasters
- Major transportation accidents
- Acts of terrorism, including events involving weapons of mass destruction (WMDs)
NDMS Components

- Medical response
- Patient movement
- Definitive medical care
Identification and Mortuary Services

- Temporary morgue resources
- Victim identification
- Forensic dental pathology
- Forensic anthropology methods
Identification and Mortuary Services

- Processing
- Preparation
- Disposition of remains
DMORT Professionals

- Funeral directors
- Coroners/Medical examiners
- Pathologists
- Forensic anthropologists
- Medical records technicians and transcribers
DMORT Professionals

- Fingerprint specialists
- Forensic odontologists
- Dental assistants
- X-ray technicians
- Mental health specialists
- Investigative personnel
DMORT Core Groups

- Family Assistance
- Weapons of Mass Destruction
DPMU Equipment

- Pathology equipment
- Anthropology equipment
- Radiology equipment
- Photography/Personal effects equipment
- Wheeled exam tables
- Support equipment
Assets Under the NRF

- Urban Search and Rescue Teams
- The American Red Cross
- Centers for Disease Control
  - Department of Health and Human Services
- Office of Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response (OTPER)
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Department of Energy and Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) Participants

- FEMA
- Task Forces
- Incident Support Teams
US&R Task Force Capabilities

- Conduct physical search and rescue
- Provide emergency medical care
- Employ search and rescue dogs
- Assess and control utility and HazMat issues
- Evacuate and stabilize damaged structures
Mass Care

- Shelter
- Feeding
- Emergency first aid
- Disaster welfare information
- Bulk distribution of emergency relief items
EPRB Response

- **Within 10 minutes**: Regional Emergency Response Coordinator contacts the person initiating the request.
- **Within 20 minutes**: Preliminary assessment team is available by phone for consultation.
- **Within 8 hours**: Emergency response coordinator and other team members can be onsite.
EPA Assistance

- Agent identification, detection, and reduction
- Environmental monitoring
- Sample and forensic evidence collection/analysis
- Feasibility assessment and cleanup
- Onsite safety, protection, prevention, decontamination, and restoration
National Guard Civil Support Teams (CSTs)

- Support civil authorities at domestic Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives (CBRNE) incidents
- Facilitate the arrival of follow-on military forces during CBRNE incidents

CRTs complement but do not duplicate State CBRNE response capabilities.
USMC CBIRF

The U.S. Marine Corps Chemical Biological Incident Response Force (CBIRF) provides capabilities to:

- Detect and identify agents.
- Perform casualty search, rescue, and personnel decontamination.
- Provide emergency medical care and stabilization of contaminated personnel.
FRERP Response

- Onsite management
- Radiological monitoring and assessment
- Development of Federal protective action recommendations
- Provision of information on the radiological response to the public
Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)

- Supplements State and local agencies when a nuclear threat exists or when a nuclear incident occurs.
- May be called on to identify and deploy resources from outside the affected area.
- May be deployed in the absence of a Federal disaster declaration.
Following a mass fatality incident, Federal resources are available to help.

DMORTs provide critical services in identifying remains and personal effects.

Other Federal agencies can assist when called to respond.