



ESF #3 Mission Overview



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Mission and Scope

The purpose of the ESF #3 Support Team provides support to an impacted district with operational and functional assistance following one or more disaster events. The team provides the impacted district with functional assistance through augmentation of its emergency management, administrative, and technical staff as required to “jump-start” the response effort, initially in Resource Management and recruitment activities; and/or to serve as an Advance Party in establishing a Division Forward Office (DFO) or a Recovery Field Office (RFO). Catastrophic events without FEMA assigned missions to ESF #3 could include a pandemic flu affecting significant numbers of district personnel or other forcible enactments of a district’s Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) in which additional personnel would be needed to continue normal operations.

Stafford Act Mission Assignments are provided to the USACE as the primary agency for ESF #3, Public Works and Engineering. These typical assignments require the supported district to quickly 1) establish several reimbursable funding accounts, 2) recruit personnel, 3) fund personnel travel expenses and labor, 4) receive personnel for Planning and Response Teams (PRTs) from various organizations throughout the nation using ENGLink Interactive personnel taskers, 5) procure and account for supplies and services, and 6) facilitate property leasing. The expectation of our customers and the public require immediate allocation of resources to accomplish a wide variety of tasks that are necessary, but time consuming. A supported district must ramp up to a 24/7 operation, but can quickly become overwhelmed and fall behind in this process if sufficient resources are not applied in the initial stages of the response. Currently, there is no Pre-scripted Mission Assignment (PSMA) for this mission; however it may be expected to set the stage for incoming PRTs and other personnel on behalf of FEMA PSMA’s.

The ESF #3 Support Team will provide personnel to the supported district to assist in one or more of the following including the Management Cell, the Advance Party, and additional team members as needed for the establishment of a RFO. The supported district can request all or part of the groups listed above to provide the appropriate mix of resources required for the event(s) they face, however the Management Cell composes the least required number of personnel that will deploy. The team will provide appropriate personnel to: 1) support the local EOC operations, 2) staff leadership and technical/functional roles to support PRTs, 3) manage volunteer and tasked responders to support each mission, and 4) assist with the establishment of a RFO. The intent is for the supported district to provide replacements from within their organic resources to allow the team resources to return to home station as soon as practicable and possibly only for as little as two weeks, if there is no Presidential Declaration, but within 30 days after the RFO is up and running and in the local district’s hands. For instances when FEMA has not issued a Mission Assignment (i.e., funding and mission), the resources to support an impacted district may come from the impacted district’s overhead or via special fund requests (e.g. FCCE Code 210) to the HQ Office of Homeland Security with situational reporting provided via ENGLink to the UOC. The ESF #3 Support Team’s mission is activated and declared complete by HQ.

The mission will work in Operational Phases, which are Planning, Disaster Pre-Strike (Management Cell Deployment), Advance Party Deployment, RFO Establishment (and additional deployments), and Handover to RFO and Redeployment.



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Responsibilities

Lead Division: North Atlantic Division (EOC - 718-765-7141)

During the preparedness phase, the Lead Division will provide leadership and mentoring to the designated Districts. There are none at the present time since there is only one team at NAD. The Lead Division is also responsible for the overall readiness of the PRT. Weekly readiness assessments will be made and updates will be provided to the Lead Division Commander and HQ-UOC. The Lead Division coordinates all training and approves funding in coordination with the Readiness Support Center (RSC).

Mission Capabilities

The mission is capable of providing functional support to a Supported District at its Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Division Forward Office, or other division, district, or USACE field office as requested by the Supported Division, and approved and funded by HQ through FCCE Code 200 funds or through a FEMA Mission Assignment in the form of Regional Activation. Functional support is comprised of, but not limited to, EOC management, reporting, communications, financial management, ENGLink and CEFMS support, work safety surveillance, administrative, and other duties needed to supplement an activated EOC. Additional RSO&I, IM and Contracting support will be provided by separate USACE national assets as directed by HQ.

