CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL, NUCLEAR AND HIGH-YIELD EXPLOSIVE ENHANCED RESPONSE FORCE PACKAGE

Highlights

Command and Control Element

- Deploys and directs the overall missions of the National Guard Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and high-yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package
- Reports to the Joint Task Force-State and Incident Commander

Search and Extraction Element

- Conducts casualty search and extraction (rescue) operations
- Extracts non-ambulatory victims
- Lifts and moves structural debris and heavy items using chains, ropes, and specialized jacks
- Uses mission equipment and lumber materials to build shoring to support the sides of a collapse structure and prevent cave-ins

Decontamination Element

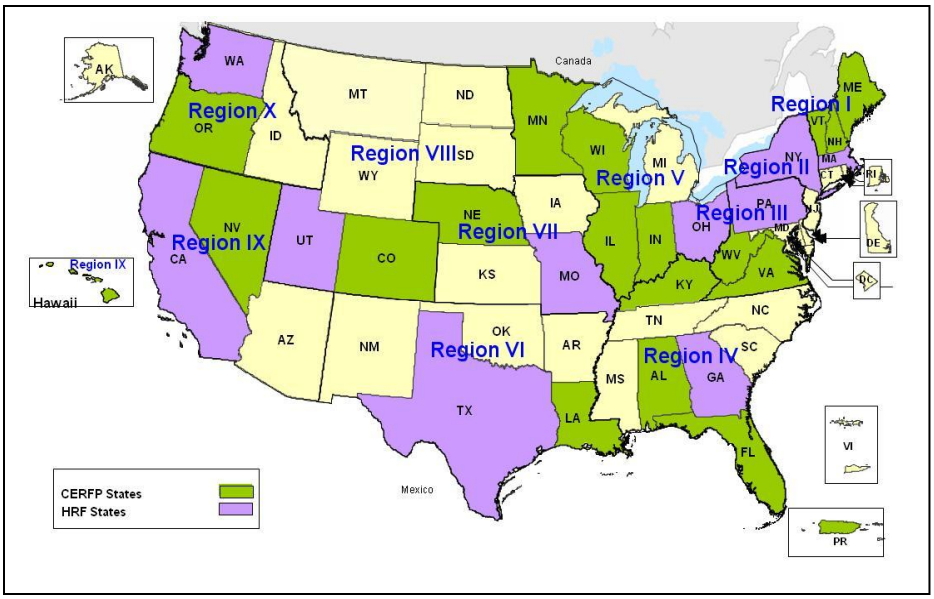
- Establishes mass casualty ambulatory/non-ambulatory decontamination lanes
- Conducts casualty log-in and log-out procedures
- Monitors operations for: undress and redress, casualty wash/rinse operations
- Conducts post-wash/rinse hazard monitoring

Medical Element

- Performs medical triage
- Provides Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) member on search and extraction teams for injury assessment/treatment
- Coordinates patient tracking and injured civilians or responder evacuation to the Incident Commander
- Provides medical support for all CERFP members

Fatalities Search and Recovery Team

- Plans the CERFP incident remains recovery operations
- Conducts remains recovery
- Transfers the remains to Incident Command System



Mission: To provide immediate CBRN incident response capabilities to the governor including: incident site search of collapsed buildings and structures, conducting rescue tasks to extract trapped casualties, providing mass decontamination, performing medical triage and initial treatment to stabilize patients for transport to medical facilities by the Incident Commander, and the recovery of CBRN incident fatalities.

Overview: The CERFP is comprised of five operational elements staffed by personnel from already established National Guard units. Elements include: ***search and extraction, mass decontamination, medical, fatalities recovery, and command and control.*** The command and control team directs the overall life saving planning activities of the CERFP, and coordinates mission tasks with the Joint Task Force–State (JTF-State) and the Incident Commander. The search and extraction mission is assigned to an Army National Guard Engineering Company or Air National Guard Red Horse Engineering Squadron, the mass decontamination element is assigned to an Army National Guard Chemical Company, the medical element is assigned to an Air National Guard Medical Group, and the fatalities search and recovery team is assigned to an Air National Guard Services Squadron. Within the CERFP area of responsibility, upon request or assignment force protection and casualty assistance tasks are accomplished by the Casualty Assistance and Support element (CASE) of the NG Homeland Response Force (HRF).

Locations: There is at least one National Guard Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and high-yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package (NG CERFP) in each of the 10 FEMA regions. As of 1 October 2012, there are 17 organized, trained and Fully Operational Capable (FOC) NG CERFPs. The FOC CERFPs have completed their required 24-36 month External Evaluations (ExEval) and have been assessed FOC by their Adjutants General.

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