



Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and high-yield explosive Enhanced Response Force Package (CBRNE)

Highlights

Command and Control Element

- Deploys and directs the overall missions of the National Guard Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear Response Force Package
- Reports to the Homeland Response Force and on-scene Incident Commander

Search and Extraction Element

- Conducts indoor and outdoor 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 collapsed structure and prevents cave-ins

Decontamination Element

- Establishes mass casualty ambulatory/ non-ambulatory decontamination lanes
- Conducts casualty log-in 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 fatality recovery mission in CERFP area of operations
- Conducts incident site human remains recovery
- Transfers human remains through Incident Command System



Mission: When directed by proper authority and consent of the governor (s), provides immediate CBRN incident response capabilities within 3-6 hours of notification. Capabilities include: command and control (C2); search and extraction (S&E); decontamination (DECON); medical triage and stabilization (MEDEL); and fatality search and recovery (FSRT). The Joint Incident Site Communications Capability (JISCC) ensures that the CERFP can communicate with local, state, and federal partners.

Overview: The National Guard (NG) Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP) is comprised of five operational elements staffed by personnel from already established NG units. The command and control team directs the overall life-saving planning activities of the CERFP, and coordinates mission tasks with the Homeland Response Force and the Incident Commander. The C2, DECON, and S&E elements are assigned to an ARNG Chemical Company. The medical element is assigned to an ANG Medical Group, and the fatalities search and recovery team to an ANG Services Squadron.

Locations: There is at least one CERFP in each of the 10 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regions. As of 1 October 2012, all 17 NG CERFPs were Fully Operational Capable (FOC). The FOC CERFPs have completed the required 24-36 month External Evaluations (ExEval) and have been assessed FOC by their Adjutants General. Each CERFP consist of 208 Army and Air Service Members. CERFPs are in the following states: ME, PR, VA, WV, FL, AL, KY, LA, NE, MN, WI, IL, IN, CO, NV, HI, and OR