



Homeland Response Force (HRF)

Highlights

- When directed by the SECDEF, coordinated by the CNGB, and upon consent of the Governor(s) during major or catastrophic CBRN incidents, the HRF alerts, recalls, and deploys critical C2 and lifesaving capabilities within 612 hours. On order, HRF and CERFP deploy and conduct C2, search and extraction, mass casualty decontamination, and medical stabilization to save lives and mitigate human suffering. On order, the HRFs and CERFPs redeploy.
- Can operate at regional and national level
- HAZMAT Awareness and Operations level certified
- Total of 10 HRF's; one per FEMA Region
- Capable of managing additional NG response units involved in a catastrophic CBRN incident or DSCA event
- Bridges coordination between NG response and Federal capabilities
- CBRN Assistance Support Element (CASE) provides
 - Multifaceted section
 - Provide Force Protection (from disruptive victims / Incident stragglers)
 - General site security
 - Litter bearers
 - NGQRF



A broad range of capabilities at a moment's notice

Mission: When directed by proper authority and consent of the governor(s), the HRF alerts and assembles within 6-12 hours; on order, deploys and conducts Command and Control (C2); Search and Extraction (S&E); Decontamination (DECON); CBRN assistance (CASE); Medical Triage and Stabilization (MEDEL); and Fatality Search and Recovery (FSRT) to save lives and mitigate human suffering. The Joint Incident Site Communications Capability (JISCC) ensures that the CBRN Task Force can communicate with local, state, and federal partners. On order, transitions operations to civil authorities and redeployes.

Overview: The Adjutant General may employ the HRF to support the state response under the direction of the governor or to support another state's response under a supported governor.

- There are 10 National Guard (NG) HRFs. Regionally oriented, HRFs are hosted by one state in each of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regions. HRF's are hosted in WA, CA, UT, TX, MO, GA, OH, NY, MA, and WV. In Region I, II, and III HRF units are stationed in multiple states. Region I (MA, RI, and NH). In Region II (NY and NJ). In Region III (WV, DE, and D.C.)
- Each HRF is comprised of 574 Army and Air NG personnel. The core of each HRF is Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) response capability like that found in the existing 17 CBRN Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFPs), HRFs have a substantial command and control and security capability.
- The HRFs operate alongside other NG-sourced CBRNE Consequence Management forces that include Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams (WMDCSTs) and CERFPs. The federalcontrolled elements include Defense CBRNE Response Force (DCRF). The state and federal responses make up the CBRN Response Enterprise (CRE) consisting of almost 20,000 Service Members.
- Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) remains the mechanism for interstate employment – under state control.