

CNCS Disaster Protocol Issues						
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II: Issues Limiting Operational Capacity						
A. Liability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Develop system to insure liability of deployed members based on differing state laws ◆ Investigate use of state Emergency Management Assistance Compacts (EMACs) for liability (Note: Some States including FL and CA already use EMACs for volunteers) ◆ Investigate liability coverage available under FEMA mission assignments ◆ Research CNCS possibilities to assume liability for deployment directly 						
B. Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Investigate waiving of local match requirements when members are deployed to a disaster ◆ Investigate establishment of a CNCS Disaster Fund to cover the upfront costs of deployment ◆ Research annual contract negotiation with FEMA to provide upfront costs based on probabilities for disaster for coming year which could be deducted from actual mission assignments ◆ Determine if language in sponsor agreements allows for (a) use of their funds for teams deployed in state and (b) more limited use when deployed out of state ◆ Clarify protocols for local and state government agency reimbursement requests for expenses incurred relating to national service program support 						
C. Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Develop standard system/procedure for tracking and accounting for members time when deployed at a disaster 						

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Develop approach for accounting for/recognizing 24/7 time commitment that occurs during deployment and exceed their required time in service ◆ Determine procedure for addressing shortfalls in meeting program goals and performance measures for programs with deployed members ◆ Develop standard procedure for accessing National Program resources – in state and across state lines. ◆ Clarify request process for accessing national service resources – from local level to state level to federal level (to CNCS and/or FEMA) ◆ Institutionalize use of national service resources and include them in local and state emergency operations plans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Define resources available ○ Develop necessary protocols ○ Educate government officials ○ Educate program directors ◆ Develop ways to provide post-disaster support/counseling for team members after they return home 						