The Incident Management Systems Division Releases Updated Bomb Squad and SWAT/Tactical Team Resource Typing Definitions

As part of our Nation's efforts to strengthen catastrophic response capabilities in line with the National Incident Management System (NIMS), FEMA's Incident Management Systems Division has released updated resource typing definitions for Bomb Squad and SWAT resources to be deployed in mutual aid.

A Law Enforcement working group comprised of Subject Matter Experts identified equipment, personnel (to include needed training), and vehicles anticipated to be most commonly requested during an interstate mutual aid response. The resource typing definitions identify the components and metrics that clarify the minimum capabilities and type classifications.

After review of comments following a 30 day feedback period, the Bomb Squad and SWAT/Tactical Team resource typing definitions are now final. These definitions are a part of the Tier 1 NIMS Resource Typing. For a guide to Tier 1 and Tier 2 resource typing definitions, please reference NIMS Guide 0001: National Resource Typing Criteria (*NG* 0001) located online at http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/rm/guide.shtm.

The FEMA 508-6 Law Enforcement resource typing definitions are located at:

http://fema.gov/emergency/nims/rm/rt.shtm.