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# Fact Sheet

## **EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM – NATIONAL (ERT-N)**

The ERT-N is composed of a small number of highly qualified and experienced professionals who serve as the initial disaster management team providing assistance to an impacted Region to coordinate the full range of Federal response and recovery operations in large, complex events, WMD/terrorist events, or incidents of national significance. Currently there are two ERT-Ns that are deployed at the discretion of the Response Division Director in coordination with the Regional Director of the impacted Region. Each ERT-N team consists of 32 members.

The ERT-N establishes operations at the Joint Field Office (JFO). Regional personnel are integrated with the ERT-N to form one unified ERT. The major organizational elements of the ERT include:

- The FCO Support Staff provides support in the areas of management, legal counsel, equal rights, emergency information, media affairs, congressional affairs, community relations, occupational safety, environmental liaison, financial management, and mitigation.
- The Operations Section directs the delivery of Federal major disaster assistance programs and services, including emergency assistance, human services assistance, and infrastructure support assistance to supplement State and local government efforts.
- The Planning Section collects, processes, and disseminates information about a potential or actual disaster or emergency to facilitate the overall activities of the Federal government in providing response and recovery assistance to an affected State.
- The Logistics Section plans, organizes, and directs logistical operations that relate to the accountability and control of supplies and equipment; resource ordering; the delivery of supplies, equipment, and services to the DFO and other field activities; facility location, set-up, space management, building services, and general facility operations; transportation coordination and fleet management services; information technology system services; administrative services such as mail management and reproduction services; and customer assistance.
- The Finance and Administration Section provides support in the areas of personnel management, administration, and employee services.

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