



CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL, NUCLEAR AND HIGH-YIELD EXPLOSIVE ENHANCED RESPONSE FORCE PACKAGE

Elements

Command and Control Team

- Deploys and directs the overall missions of the NG CERFP
- Reports to the JTF-State and the Incident Commander

Search and Extraction Team

- Conducts casualty search and rescue operations
- Extracts victims
- Lifts and moves debris and heavy items using ropes, chains or cranes
- Uses mission equipment and lumber materials to build shoring to support the sides of a collapse structure and prevent cave-ins

Decontamination Team

- Establishes ambulatory and non-ambulatory decontamination lanes
- Conducts casualty log-in and log-out procedures
- Monitors undress and redress operations
- Monitors casualty wash/rinse operations
- Conducts post wash/rinse hazard monitoring

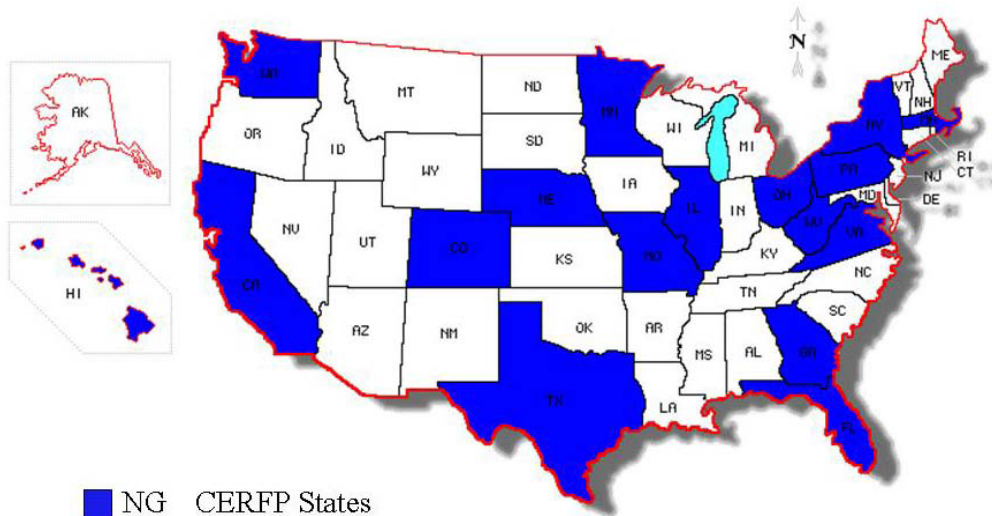
Medical Team

- Performs medical triage and initial treatment
- Provides emergency medical treatment
- Plans for injured civilians or responder evacuation to the Incident Commander
- Provides medical support to patient decontamination and search and extraction

Fatalities Search and Recovery Team

- Plans the CERFP remain recovery operations
- Conducts remains recovery
- Transfers the remains to Incident Command System

NG CERFP Locations



Locations: The initial establishment of CERFP placed at least one in each of the 10 FEMA regions. As of July 2008, there are currently 17 validated CERFPs. Alabama and Indiana will train and standup a CERFP during FY-11 to replace the Ohio and Washington state CERFPs as they transition to Homeland Response Forces (HRFs). Puerto Rico and six (6) other states will standup CERFPs during FY-12.

Mission: To provide immediate response capability to the governor including: incident site search capability of damaged buildings, rescuing trapped casualties, providing decontamination, performing medical triage and initial treatment to stabilize patients for transport to medical facilities, and remains recovery.

Overview: The CERFP is comprised of five elements staffed by personnel from already established National Guard units. Elements include: *search and extraction, decontamination, medical, remains recovery, and command and control*. The command and control team directs the overall life saving activities of the CERFP, and coordinates mission tasks with the Joint Task Force-State (JTF-State) and the Incident Commander. The search and extraction element is assigned to an Army National Guard Engineering Company or Air National Guard Red Horse Engineering Squadron, the decontamination element is assigned to an Army National Guard Chemical Company, the medical element is assigned to an Air National Guard Medical Group, and the fatalities search and recovery team is assigned to an Air National Guard Services Squadron. Security duties for the incident site and the five CERFP elements are performed by the state National Guard Response Force.