



Animal Search and Rescue Team Self-Assessment Tool

Animal SAR

Based on FEMA's Resource Typing Library Tool (RTLTL)
and National Resource Typing Standards

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Specialty Response Team Assessment Program



Specialty Response Teams (SRT) Program Self-Assessment Tool



Overview of the Tool's Purpose

This Self-Assessment Tool is designed to support specialty response teams in evaluating their operational readiness, capabilities, and alignment with FEMA's National Incident Management System (NIMS) resource typing definitions. By following a structured, objective review of personnel qualifications, equipment inventories, deployment logistics, and operational standards, this tool enables teams to measure their current capacity against nationally recognized benchmarks for each team type (Type III – Type I).

The primary goal is to provide a realistic snapshot of each team's strengths, identify areas for growth, and guide targeted improvements through an administrative assessment. These assessments inform planning, enhance interagency coordination, and support requests for mutual aid or deployment by state and federal agencies.

Purpose of the Self-Assessment Report and Assessors' Report

Teams will utilize the self-assessment reporting tool to provide the assessors with a complete view of their capabilities, denoting what typing level the team aspires to be administratively recognized as by the Florida Division of Emergency Management. During the Assessment, Assessors will review your documentation, cache, and other supporting documentation against the RTLT and other standards to provide a typing based on observation and assessment within the Assessor's Report. While there is not a singular source for teams to build their cache off of, the University of Florida's Animal Technical Rescue Team has developed a common standard that any teams deploying can use to maintain a minimum equipment standard.¹ Note, this Assessment does not bar the Team from responding in their jurisdictions. The Assessment merely provides recognition or guidance based on administrative observations.

Assessment Presentation and Documentation

Teams will present their finished self-assessment during a scheduled evaluation session with assessors and peer reviewers. This session is intended to validate information, discuss discrepancies, and highlight best practices.

To support the assessment presentation:

Teams should have all supporting documentation readily available, including Position Task Books (PTBs) if available, training certificates, equipment inventories, deployment rosters, standard operating guidelines (SOGs), and mutual aid agreements.

Electronic or physical formats are acceptable, but documents should be clearly labeled and accessible to assessors.

Supporting materials help substantiate the team's claimed capabilities and ensure alignment with FEMA's typing and credentialing expectations. Supporting documents should be on hand for reference

¹ <https://responseteam.vetmed.ufl.edu/wordpress/files/2025/10/ATR-Minimum-Equipment-Cache-Specifications-2025.pdf>



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Section 1: Team Identification

This section provides foundational information about your team's identity, structure, and recent operational experience. Complete this section with clear and current data, as it establishes the context for your team's readiness and capabilities throughout the assessment. This information is critical for reviewers and assessors to validate alignment with FEMA Typing standards.

Please ensure that all information provided is accurate and current as of the date of the assessment. Supporting documentation, such as a current Typing Certificate (if issued by an authority), current or recent IAPs, or a clear Organizational Chart, is highly recommended for presentation during your assessment session.

Team Name: _____

Sponsoring Agency or Jurisdiction: _____

Team Point of Contact/Program Manager (Name, Title): _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Financial POC: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Is your agency willing to deploy your team? Yes No

If yes, are you willing to deploy: County Statewide EMAC (Out-of-State)

Federal

Animal Search & Rescue Team Typing Level (Select the highest level of Typing you are seeking to be recognized as):

Type III Type II Type I



Section 2: Deployment/Activation/Callout History

Instructions:

This section captures a detailed summary of a recent Animal Response Team deployment within the past 36 months (up to 3 deployments) that reflects the team's operational capabilities and alignment with FEMA's resource typing definitions. This information will help assessors evaluate the team's ability to mobilize, operate, and sustain animal rescue functions in a real-world incident environment.

Provide complete, verifiable details. Supporting documentation should be made available during the assessment (e.g., ICS 214 Unit Logs, deployment orders, mission rosters, After-Action Reports, or issued Mission Ready Package activations).

Recommended Supporting Documentation for Assessment Presentation:

- ✓ ICS 201/202 or IAP Assignment Pages
- ✓ ICS-204 Assignment List (Selected Operational Periods)
- ✓ ICS-214 Unit Logs (Selected Days)
- ✓ Deployment Roster/
- ✓ Mission Ready Package Activation (if applicable)
- ✓ Photos or Maps of Operations Area (Optional)

Recommended for the Presentation at Assessment Session:

- ✓ Organizational Chart (reflecting current team structure)
- ✓ Typing Certificate (if issued by state or federal authority)



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Deployment/Activation/Callout Report #1

Incident Name: _____

Deployment Dates: From _____ to _____ or

Total Operational Periods or Days: _____

Team Leader Name: _____

Jurisdiction or Region Supported:

City/County: _____ State: _____

Sponsoring or Tasking Agency: _____

Deployment/Activation/Callout Activation Type:

- Local Mutual Aid
- Regional (Intrastate)
- State Activation (SERT/FDEM/ESF-17)
- Federal

Typing Level at Time of Deployment/Activation/Callout:

- Type III
- Type II
- Type I

Deployment/Activation/Callout Type (Check all that apply):

- Laboratory
- Wildlife
- Captive Wildlife or Zoo
- Companion Animals
- Livestock
- Other: _____

Disciplines Represented (Check all that applied):

- Technical
- Special Operations
- Other: _____

Deployment/Activation/Callout Metrics

Total Team Members Deployed: _____

Average Daily Operational Tempo:

- Deployment timelines: Single 12-hr Shift
- 24-hour Operations (including Split Shifts)
- Surge Periods Only

Callout timelines: 1-4 hrs. 4-8 hrs. 8-12 hrs. beyond 12 hrs.

If surge, what is the Longest Continuous Operational Period: _____ hours



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Executive Summary (Suggested 3–6 sentences)

Summarize the deployment, clearly highlighting the team’s core Animal Response Team functions, interagency coordination, ICS structure participation, and any significant outcomes. This should reflect the team’s actual performance and readiness in a mission environment consistent with its typing.

Example:

“In September 2023, the Central County University received a mission to locate and recover 3 head of cattle that had gotten loose after the recent Category 2 hurricane that made landfall on the Northwest coast of the state.”

Deployment/Activation/Callout Narrative (Required):



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Deployment/Activation/Callout Report #2

Incident Name: _____

Deployment Dates: From _____ to _____ or Total Operational Periods: _____

Team Leader Name: _____

Jurisdiction or Region Supported:

City/County: _____ State: _____

Sponsoring or Tasking Agency: _____

Deployment/Activation/Callout Activation Type:

- Local Mutual Aid
- Regional (Intrastate)
- State Activation (SERT/FDEM)
- Federal

Typing Level at Time of Deployment/Activation/Callout:

- Type III
- Type II
- Type I

Deployment/Activation/Callout Type (Check all that apply):

- Laboratory
- Wildlife
- Captive Wildlife or Zoo
- Companion Animals
- Livestock
- Other: _____

Deployment/Activation/Callout Metrics

Total Team Members Deployed: _____

Disciplines Represented (Check all that applied):

- Technical
- Special Operations
- Other: _____

Average Daily Operational Tempo:

- Deployment timelines: Single 12-hr Shift
- 24-hour Operations (including Split Shifts)
- Surge Periods Only

Callout timelines: 1-4 hrs. 4-8 hrs. 8-12 hrs. beyond 12 hrs.

If surge, what is the Longest Continuous Operational Period: _____ hours



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Deployment/Activation/Callout Narrative (Required):



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Deployment/Activation/Callout Report #3

Incident Name: _____

Deployment Dates: From _____ to _____ or Total Operational Periods: _____

Team Leader Name: _____

Jurisdiction or Region Supported:

City/County: _____ State: _____

Sponsoring or Tasking Agency: _____

Deployment/Activation/Callout Type:

- Local Mutual Aid Regional (Intrastate) State Activation (SERT/FDEM)
- Federal

Typing Level at Time of Deployment/Activation/Callout:

- Type III Type II Type I

Deployment/Activation/Callout Environment (Check all that apply):

- Laboratory Wildlife Captive Wildlife or Zoo Companion Animals
- Livestock Other: _____

Deployment/Activation/Callout Metrics

Total Team Members Deployed: _____

Disciplines Represented (Check all that applied):

- Technical Special Operations Other: _____

Average Daily Operational Tempo:

- Deployment timelines: Single 12-hr Shift 24-hour Operations (including Split Shifts)
- Surge Periods Only

Callout timelines: 1-4 hrs. 4-8 hrs. 8-12 hrs. beyond 12 hrs.

If surge, what is the Longest Continuous Operational Period: _____ hours



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Deployment/Activation/Callout Narrative (Required):



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Section 3: Administrative Compliance

This section verifies the administrative foundation necessary for your team’s deployment readiness, legal authorization, and grant eligibility (if applicable). Strong administrative compliance ensures that the team can be deployed swiftly and legally within the framework of mutual aid systems, while also maintaining alignment with ICS/NIMS standards and risk management practices.

All information should be supported by up-to-date documentation (See Section 1 for examples) and should reflect the team’s current organizational status. During the scheduled assessment, teams should be prepared to present supporting information as indicated.

Mutual Aid Agreements / Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs)

Does your team have signed mutual aid agreements or MOUs in place with neighboring jurisdictions, regional partners, or state agencies?

- Yes No In Progress

If yes, list the primary partners with whom agreements are active:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Date of Most Recent MOU Review or Renewal: _____

Insurance Coverage and Legal Readiness

Does the team or sponsoring agency maintain insurance coverage for deployments?

- Yes No Unknown

Types of Coverage (Check all that apply):

- General Liability Workers’ Compensation Auto/Vehicle
 Professional Liability Volunteer Liability Other: _____

Carrier Name (if known or mark self-insured): _____

 (Attach current Certificate of Insurance)



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Policies and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

Please add what SOPs your agency utilizes to operate against in the following table. For instance, does the team maintain written policies or SOPs? Space is provided for the Team to write in other examples that meet the item located in the table. Teams should enter information into the blank spaces and only fill in the spaces where they have a similar or like SOP in use.

| Area | Yes | No | In Progress |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Program Governance and Succession Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Document title</i> | | | |
| Credentialing, Identification, and Personnel Management | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | |
| Training, PTB (where applicable), and Exercise Management Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Deployment Operations Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Mobilization Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Cache and Equipment Readiness Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | |
| Finance and Grant Compliance Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | |
| Communications and Technology Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Records, Data, and Public Information Management | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| After-Action Review and Improvement Planning SOP | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Self-Assessment and Capability Evaluation Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Continuity and Concept of Operations Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



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| Mutual Aid and Stakeholder Coordination Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Annual Program Reporting Framework | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Section 4: Personnel

Instructions:

This section is designed to help Animal Response Teams evaluate their staffing levels against the FEMA/NIMS-typed minimum personnel requirements for Type III through Type I teams. The table provides a structured method to document your team’s capabilities and identify gaps or surpluses.

How to Use the Table

| Column | Description |
|--|--|
| Position | Lists nationally recognized RTLT-typed roles required on Animal Search and Rescue Teams. A link to the RTLT can be found here . |
| Type III / II / I Columns | Indicate the minimum required personnel for each team type based on FEMA’s RTLT resource typing definitions. |
| Number of qualified personnel primarily assigned and rostered in this position | Enter the actual number of individuals on your current roster who are assigned and ready to serve in that position. Individuals must be deployable and not double-counted. |

Staffing Strategy and Recommendations

- Teams aiming for reliable deployment coverage should strive for **2 to 3 times the minimum requirement** listed in the table for each position.
- This depth allows for personnel rotations, shift coverage during long operations, leave/vacancy coverage, and backup deployment capabilities.
- For high-demand roles (e.g., Animal Care and Handling Specialist), deeper staffing is highly encouraged.

Disclaimer on Double Counting

Important: Each responder may only be counted **once** in the **"Assigned and Rostered"** column, even if they hold multiple certifications or fulfill several roles.

For example, an Animal Care and Handling Specialist who is also a qualified Animal Emergency Response Team Leader should only be recorded once in their **primary assigned role**.

Minimum Totals by Team Type

At the bottom of the table, a **Totals Row** reflects the **minimum required number of personnel** for each Task Force type (Type III through Type I). Use this to quickly confirm if your team meets baseline compliance or needs to build roster strength in specific areas. The RTLT document notes that 1) A NIMS Type 2 Animal Care and Handling Specialist or NIMS Type 1 Animal



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Control/Humane Officer can replace a NIMS Type 3 Animal Search and Rescue Technician only on a Type 3 team, and 2) Type 1 teams typically split into four subordinate teams. The Type 2 Animal Care and Handling Specialist and the Type 1 Animal Control/Humane Officer have been placed on the chart in italicized font, noting that this is not a requirement of the RTL, but if a Team is operating a Type 3 team under these circumstances, they can make the appropriate notation.

| Position Title | Type III | Type II | Type I | Number of qualified personnel primarily assigned and rostered in this position |
|---|----------|----------|-----------|--|
| National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 1 Animal Emergency Response Team Leader who is also a certified NIMS Type 3 Animal Search and Rescue Technician | NA | 1 | 5 | |
| NIMS Type 3 Animal Search and Rescue Technician | 1 | 7 | 5 | |
| NIMS Type 2 Animal Care and Handling Specialist | 3 | NA | 15 | |
| NIMS Type 3 Animal Search and Rescue Technician | 1 | NA | NA | |
| NIMS Type 1 Animal Control/Humane Officer | 1 | NA | NA | |
| NIMS Type 2 Veterinarian | NA | NA | 1 | |
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| Totals | 4 | 8 | 26 | |

Team Narrative (Optional):



Section 5: Equipment and Cache Readiness

This section assesses the team's alignment with FEMA's RTLT standards across the core equipment listed within the standard. Self-score each area using the scale below, and be prepared to reference inventory lists, cache photos, or live presentations during the assessment.

Scoring Key

- 3 – Fully meets standard – mission ready
- 2 – Substantially meets standard – minor gaps
- 1 – Partially meets – major gaps or dependencies
- 0 – Not Capable
- X – Not Applicable (NA)

Teams should use NA if an area being assessed does not apply to their Team's Assessment.

Equipment – Electronics. Type III: Score: ____

Includes digital cameras.

Equipment – Electronics. Type II: Score: ____

Includes Type 3 PLUS Global Positioning System (GPS).

Equipment – Electronics. Type III: Score: ____

Includes Type II PLUS Systems to input and transmit animal data to the Animal Evacuation, Transport, and Re-Entry Team and Animal Sheltering Teams.

Equipment – Animal Handling. Type III-I: Score: ____

Includes animal capture and handling equipment specific to the population served; it includes livestock panels/corral systems, companion animal kennels and cages, nets, leashes, muzzles, halters, and lead ropes.

Equipment – Animal Movement and Manipulation. Type III-I: Score: ____

Includes animal movement and manipulation equipment; it includes appropriate overhead anchor system, animal rope rescue systems, animal head and eye protection, mud rescue equipment, rescue glide and packaging equipment, extended reach tools, animal sling systems, and animal manipulation webbing.



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Equipment – Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Type III-I: Score: ____

Included PPE is mission specific and may vary by working environment; it includes gloves, Class C helmets with chinstraps, protective footwear, protective clothing or gear for skin exposure including for zoonotic or infectious diseases, eye and ear protection, respirators, and masks

Equipment – Communications. Type III-I: Score: ____

Includes two-way portable radios and cell phones

Team Narrative (Optional):



Section 6: Operational and Support Capabilities Self-Assessment

Use the scale below to evaluate your team's capability to perform core Animal SAR Team functions across technical disciplines. Assessors will use these responses, along with documentation and observation, to verify mission readiness. Base your self-assessment on actual equipment, personnel, and validated training.

Scoring Key

- 3 – Fully meets standard – mission ready
- 2 – Substantially meets standard – minor gaps
- 1 – Partially meets – major gaps or dependencies
- 0 – Not Capable
- X – Not Applicable (NA)

Teams should use NA if an area being assessed does not apply to their Team's Assessment.

Type III

Land-Based Search and Rescue Only: Score: ____

Capability: To implement search and rescue on terrain.

Standard: National Alliance of State Animal and Agricultural Emergency Programs (NASAAEP)
Best Practices for Animal Search and Rescue Training, latest published edition

Response Time: Score: ____

Capability: Responds to a single jurisdiction, manages a single area, and manages approximately 12 animals per 12-hour shift

Standard: National Alliance of State Animal and Agricultural Emergency Programs (NASAAEP)
Best Practices for Animal Search and Rescue Training, latest published edition

Type II

Search and Rescue: Score: ____

Capability: Same as Type 3, PLUS, Can perform water-based rescue and can use land- and water-based navigation technology to locate and georeferenced displaced animals.

Standard: National Alliance of State Animal and Agricultural Emergency Programs (NASAAEP)
Best Practices for Animal Search and Rescue Training, latest published edition



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Response Time: Score: ____

Capability: Responds to a single jurisdiction with multiple geographic areas (or a single large, complex site) and manages approximately 24 animals per 12-hour shift

Standard: National Alliance of State Animal and Agricultural Emergency Programs (NASAAEP) Best Practices for Animal Search and Rescue Training, latest published edition

Type I

Search and Rescue: Score: ____

Capability: Same as Type 2 PLUS Can execute advanced rescue operations, such as high- and low-angle and swiftwater rescue

Standard: National Alliance of State Animal and Agricultural Emergency Programs (NASAAEP) Best Practices for Animal Search and Rescue Training, latest published edition; NFPA 2500 Standard for Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents and Life Safety Rope and Equipment for Emergency Services, latest published edition

Response Time: Score: ____

Capability: Responds to multiple jurisdictions, with multiple geographic areas, and manages approximately 50 companion animals or 25 livestock per 12-hour shift, and may provide overall management and coordination remotely

Standard: National Alliance of State Animal and Agricultural Emergency Programs (NASAAEP) Best Practices for Animal Search and Rescue Training, latest published edition

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Section 7: Training

This section is to be utilized to review and validate the Team's current and historic training credentials. Use the scale below to evaluate your team's training credentials to assess your mission readiness.

ICS/NIMS Training Compliance

Has the team documented completion of the required ICS/NIMS training for all deployable members?

- Yes No Partial/In Progress

Is there a training matrix, tracker, or internal record that can be provided upon request? If yes, what tool?

- Yes No If Yes, what platform _____

Check all levels of ICS/NIMS training tracked across the team:

- IS-100 IS-200 IS-700 IS-800
 ICS-300 ICS-400 Position-Specific (FEMA NIMS 509)
 Other (specify): _____

Animal Search and Rescue Team Specific Training Compliance

Has the team documented completion of the required ICS/NIMS training for all deployable members?

- Yes No Partial/In Progress

Is there a training matrix, tracker, or internal record that can be provided upon request? If yes, what tool?

- Yes No If Yes, what platform _____

Check all levels of Animal Search and Rescue Team-specific training tracked across the team:

- Animal Technical Rescue (24 hours) _
 Chemical Immobilization Certification (16 hours)
 Livestock Education and Certification for Agriculture Law Enforcement
 HAZWOPER (if applicable)
 Other:



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Instructions for the Training Improvement Plan Table

In the chart below, enter your expectations for how much training time by position you are forecasting for each of the positions below for the next thirty-six (36) months. Use the notes column to explain any gaps, upcoming training, or special considerations.

| Position Title | Training Goal 36 months | Notes | Cost |
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Section 8: Exercises Evaluation

This section captures the team’s recent operational testing through exercises, focusing on those that were evaluated and resulted in actionable improvement plans. It supports readiness validation for all team types and encourages continuous improvement through After-Action Review (AAR) processes.

Teams should report activities from the past 36 months and be prepared to present documentation if requested during the assessment.

Self-Assessment Metrics

| Engagement Type | Count (Past 3 Years) | Evaluated? | AAR/IP Completed? | Notes or Key Lessons Applied |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---|---|------------------------------|
| Full-Scale Exercises (FSE) | | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | |
| Functional Exercises (FE) | | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | |
| Tabletop Exercises (TTX) | | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | |
| Drill | | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | |
| Seminar | | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | |
| Workshop | | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | |
| Games | | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | |

Team Narrative (Optional):



Section 9: Supplemental Information

This section provides an opportunity for the team to highlight additional capabilities, cost factors, and surge resources not captured elsewhere in the assessment. It supports strategic planning, funding justification, and deployment readiness documentation for local, state, or federal missions.

Please complete each subsection below. Supporting materials may be attached or referenced.

Recommended for the Presentation at Assessment Session

- ✓ Capability letters or team highlight one-pagers
- ✓ Cost estimate worksheet or assumptions summary
- ✓ Copies of MRPs (if developed)
- ✓ Photos or short summaries of surge assets
- ✓ Supporting MOUs or specialty team agreements

Unique Capabilities or Surge Resources

Describe any specialized assets, personnel, or configurations that extend beyond standard FEMA's RLT typing or give your team added mission flexibility.

Examples include a deployable Animal Search and Rescue Command Vehicle.

Estimated Average Callout Cost

Provide the estimated average cost to deploy and sustain the team per day for deployments or the average callout cost. This estimate may include personnel, lodging, meals, equipment use, vehicle costs, contracted services, and support trailers.

Average Callout Cost: \$ _____

Type III: Average Daily Deployment Cost: \$ _____

Team Size this Estimate Reflects: _____ personnel

Type II: Average Daily Deployment Cost: \$ _____

Team Size this Estimate Reflects: _____ personnel

Type I: Average Daily Deployment Cost: \$ _____

Team Size this Estimate Reflects: _____ personnel



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Team Narrative (Optional):



Section 11: Certification Statement

This section must be completed by the Agency Administrator, Executive Director, or Program Manager. The purpose of this statement is to affirm the accuracy and completeness of the responses provided throughout the assessment.

The certification reflects that the team has conducted a fair and honest review of its capabilities, readiness, and administrative standing, and that the information submitted may be used by oversight authorities to support planning, funding, or mutual aid coordination.

Recommended for the Presentation at Assessment Session

- ✓ Signed certification statement on agency letterhead (digital or printed)
- ✓ Original may be submitted as a scanned PDF or attached to the assessment package
- ✓ Authorized signatory must be a designated Agency Administrator, Executive Director, or Program Manager

Certification Statement

I hereby certify that the information provided in this assessment is accurate to the best of my knowledge and reflects the current operational status of the team identified herein. I acknowledge that this self-assessment will be used as part of a formal review process and may be referenced during planning, coordination, and deployment activities.

Team Name: _____

Sponsoring Agency: _____

Name of Certifying Official: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



Section 12: Annex

This section is provided to the Team as resource documents that, while not required by the RTL standard, are considered best practice and provide Teams with generally accepted lists of cache, training, or otherwise.

- ✓ [Animal Technical Rescue Team Minimum Equipment Cache Specifications](#)
- ✓ [National Alliance of State Animal and Agricultural Emergency Programs \(NASAAEP\) Best Practices for Animal Search and Rescue Training](#)
- ✓ [NFPA 2500 Standard for Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents and Life Safety Rope and Equipment for Emergency Services, latest published edition](#)