



Specialty Response Team Self-Assessment Tool

Urban Search & Rescue Task Force

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

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Specialty Response Team
Assessment Program



Specialty Response Teams (SRT) Capability Assessment 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 IV – 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. 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

Special Note:

Please do not fill out the Self-Assessment Tool on your Mobile Device. Please only fill the Self-Assessment Tool on a computer or physical copy to be scanned and uploaded to ReadyOP.



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

US&R Team Typing Level (Select the highest level of Typing you are seeking to be recognized as):

Type IV Type III Type II Type I



Section 2: Deployment/Activation/Callout History

Instructions:

This section captures a detailed summary of a recent Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) 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 technical 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-204 Assignment List (Selected Operational Periods)
- ✓ ICS-214 Unit Logs (Selected Days)
- ✓ Deployment Roster
- ✓ ICS 201/202 or IAP Assignment Pages
- ✓ After Action Reports (AARs)
- ✓ 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 _____ Total Days Deployed: _____

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 (FEMA US&R/SUS&R)

Typing Level at Time of Deployment/Activation/Callout:

- Type IV Type III Type II Type I

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

- Structural Collapse Wide-Area Search Trench/Excavation
- Confined Space Flooded Structures Transportation Incident
- Wilderness Interface HAZMAT Defensive Ops CBRNE
- Urban Core Other: _____

Deployment/Activation/Callout Metrics

Total Team Members Deployed: _____

Disciplines Represented (Check all that applied):

- Search Rescue Medical Canine Planning
- Logistics Communications (COML/COMT) Safety Structural Specialist
- Liaison Technical Information Specialist Other: _____

Average Daily Operational Tempo:

- Single 12-hr Shift 24-hour Operations (Split Shifts) Surge Periods Only

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

Deployment/Activation/Callout Capabilities Delivered (Check all that apply):

- Structural Assessment Shoring Operations Live Victim Search
- Canine Search (Live/HR) Confined Space Entry Rope Rescue



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 Hazard Mitigation (Level C/B PPE) Task Force-Level ICS Integration
 Coordination with AHJ/EM Daily IAP Contribution Other: _____

Executive Summary (Suggested 3–6 sentences)

Summarize the deployment, clearly highlighting the team's core US&R 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 Task Force deployed for 10 days to assist with structural collapse operations following Hurricane Helena. As a Type II team operating under Florida SERT activation, we conducted 67 structural triages, 11 victim access missions, and 3 confined space entries with rope rigging. The 24-person team operated under Unified Command, submitted daily ICS-214s, and provided live data into the State US&R SitRep. Four canines were deployed for live-find sweeps, and coordination with local fire-rescue allowed rapid victim extrication."

Deployment/Activation/Callout Narrative:



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Deployment/Activation/Callout Report #2

Incident Name: _____

Deployment Dates: From _____ to _____ Total Days Deployed: _____

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 (FEMA US&R/SUS&R)

Typing Level at Time of Deployment/Activation/Callout:

- Type IV
- Type III
- Type II
- Type I

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

- Structural Collapse
- Wide-Area Search
- Trench/Excavation
- Confined Space
- Flooded Structures
- Transportation Incident
- Wilderness Interface
- HAZMAT Defensive Ops
- CBRNE
- Urban Core
- Other: _____

Deployment/Activation/Callout Metrics

Total Team Members Deployed: _____

Disciplines Represented (Check all that applied):

- Search
- Rescue
- Medical
- Canine
- Planning
- Logistics
- Communications (COML/COMT)
- Safety
- Structural Specialist
- Liaison
- Technical Information Specialist
- Other: _____

Average Daily Operational Tempo:

- Single 12-hr Shift
- 24-hour Operations (Split Shifts)
- Surge Periods Only

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

Deployment/Activation/Callout Capabilities Delivered (Check all that apply):

- Structural Assessment
- Shoring Operations
- Live Victim Search
- Canine Search (Live/HR)
- Confined Space Entry
- Rope Rescue



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Deployment/Activation/Callout Report #3

Incident Name: _____

Deployment Dates: From _____ to _____ Total Days Deployed: _____

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 (FEMA US&R/SUS&R)

Typing Level at Time of Deployment/Activation/Callout:

- Type IV
- Type III
- Type II
- Type I

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

- Structural Collapse
- Wide-Area Search
- Trench/Excavation
- Confined Space
- Flooded Structures
- Transportation Incident
- Wilderness Interface
- HAZMAT Defensive Ops
- CBRNE
- Urban Core
- Other: _____

Deployment/Activation/Callout Metrics:

Total Team Members Deployed: _____

Disciplines Represented (Check all that applied):

- Search
- Rescue
- Medical
- Canine
- Planning
- Logistics
- Communications (COML/COMT)
- Safety
- Structural Specialist
- Liaison
- Technical Information Specialist
- Other: _____

Average Daily Operational Tempo:

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- 24-hour Operations (Split Shifts)
- Surge Periods Only

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

Deployment/Activation/Callout Capabilities Delivered (Check all that apply):

- Structural Assessment
- Shoring Operations
- Live Victim Search
- Canine Search (Live/HR)
- Confined Space Entry
- Rope Rescue



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Section 2: Deployment AAR/Improvement Plan

The following table allows teams to self-identify any issues and corrective action activities during the team's deployments. If "Anticipated Completion Date" is unknown, please leave field blank.



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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 or Upload current MOUs and Certificate of Insurance)



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Policies and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

Does the team maintain written policies or SOPs related to the following items located in the table below? Space is provided to the Team to write in other examples that meet the item located in the table.

Area	Yes	No	In Progress
Program Governance and Succession Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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"/>
Deployment Operations Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mobilization Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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"/>
Records, Data, and Public Information Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
After-Action Review and Improvement Planning SOP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self-Assessment and Capability Evaluation Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Continuity and Concept of Operations Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Section 4: Personnel

Instructions:

This section is designed to help Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) teams evaluate their staffing levels against the FEMA/NIMS-typed minimum personnel requirements for Type IV through Type I Task Forces. 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 NIMS-typed roles required on US&R teams.
Type IV / III / II / I Columns	Indicate the minimum required personnel for each team type based on FEMA's US&R 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., Rescue Technicians, COMTs, HazMat Techs), 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, a Rescue Team Leader who is also a qualified HazMat Technician 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 IV through Type I). Use this to quickly confirm if your team meets baseline compliance or needs to build roster strength in specific areas.



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Position Title	Type IV	Type III	Types II & I	Rostered and assigned to your team
National Incident Management System (NIMS) US&R Task Force Leader (TFL)	1	1	2	
NIMS Communications Technician (COMT)	1	1	2	
Safety Officer	1	1	2	
Plans Team Manager	1	1	2	
Logistics Specialist	2	2	4	
NIMS Type 1 Structural Collapse Rescue Team Leader	2	3	6	
NIMS HazMat Technician	2	5	10	
NIMS Type 1 Structural Collapse Rescue Technician	10	10	20	
NIMS Paramedic, (Collapse compartment syndrome)	2	-	-	
Medical Specialist	-	2	4	
Heavy Equipment Rigging Specialist	-	1	2	
Logistics Team Manager	-	1	2	
Medical Team Manager	-	1	2	
NIMS Type 1 Structural Collapse Search Technician	-	1	2	
Structural Collapse Search Team Leader	-	1	2	
Structures Specialist	-	1	2	
Technical Information Specialist	-	1	2	
NIMS Type 1 Canine Search Specialist, Disaster/Structural Collapse Live	-	2	4	
Totals	22	35	70	

Team Narrative (Optional):



Section 5: Equipment and Cache Readiness

This section assesses the team's alignment with FEMA or SUS&R cache standards across core Mission Ready Packages (MRPs). Each MRP represents a standardized capability area expected for Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) task forces or specialty rescue teams. Self-score each area using the scale below and be prepared to reference inventory lists or cache photos 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.

Typing Level Requested: Type IV Type III Type II Type I

Section 5.1 MRP Evaluation, where applicable

Not every Team being assessed will have MRPs ready for review. If you are requesting to be reviewed as a Type III or better team, we encourage you to fill out this section.

MRP – Canine Search: Score: _____

Includes crates, cooling gear, first aid, rewards, deployment bags, and canine PPE. Supports deployment of live-find or HR canine teams with NIMS-typed handlers and readiness for sustained operations.

MRP – Communications (Comm): Score: _____

Includes radios, satellite/mesh communication, portable repeaters, and batteries consistent with NIFOG. Supports intra-team and interagency interoperable communications, including data and voice.

MRP – Command: Score: _____

Includes portable command post setup, tents, generators, whiteboards, satellite comms, status boards, laptops, printers, and IAP tools. Enables field-based ICS operations with Planning and Safety integration.



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MRP – Logistics: Score: _____

Includes cache transport capability, loading ramps, fueling/maintenance kits, water, shelter, food resupply, and resource tracking tools. Supports 72+ hours of team sustainment in austere conditions.

MRP – Search: Score: _____

Includes search cameras, listening devices, breaching tools, GPS units, tagging kits, and marking supplies. Supports wide-area search and confined-space victim location under debris or structural collapse.

MRP – Structures: Score: _____

Includes engineering evaluation tools, laser range finders, plumb bobs, levels, and shoring analysis support materials. Enables trained structural specialists to assess building stability and hazard risk.

MRP – Technical Rescue (Tech Rescue): Score: _____

Includes rope rescue kits, confined space and trench rescue equipment, mechanical advantage systems, edge protection, patient packaging systems, and rigging tools. Supports complex rescue operations.

MRP – Tunnel Rescue: Score: _____

Includes specialized atmospheric monitoring, rescue struts, confined space PPE, air supply, and tunneling entry support. Enables access and rescue in subterranean, utility, or tunnel environments.

MRP – Water Rescue: Score: _____

Includes PFDs, throw bags, inflatable boats, dry suits, rope kits, decontamination supplies, and flood deployment packs. Supports flood/swift water or boat-based search and rescue operations in dynamic environments.

Team Narrative (Optional):



Section 5.2 Cache Evaluation

Teams should provide a self-score for the following cache, aligning with the rating of the Typing Level you are requesting to be assessed at. The RTLT document represents the minimum standard you are requesting to be reviewed at. Teams should provide a narrative on how they exceed the minimum standards.

Scoring Key

- 3 – Fully meets standard – mission ready
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- 0 – Not Capable
- X – Not Applicable (NA)

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

Typing Level Requested: Type IV Type III Type II Type I

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) per Team Member: Score: _____

Includes helmets, gloves, hearing and respiratory protection, dry suits or coveralls, eye protection, PFDs (where applicable), headlamps, IFAKs, and deployment-ready field gear. Supports safe operation across collapse, flood, hazmat, trench, and confined space environments.

Communications Capability per Team: Score: _____

Includes handheld radios, spare batteries, chargers, satellite or mesh radios, Wi-Fi boosters, and ground-to-air interoperability. Enables voice and data communication within the team and with external command elements under the NIFOG guidance.

Technical Equipment: Score: _____

Includes search cameras, listening devices, victim locator systems, thermal imagers, mapping software or GPS devices, and digital tagging tools. Supports the identification and location of victims within structural collapse or debris fields.

Rescue Equipment: Score: _____

Includes saws, rigging gear, extrication tools, ropes, airbags, hand tools (e.g., Halligan, sledge, hammers), and patient movement systems. Supports heavy and light technical rescue across multiple hazard types.



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Medical Capability per Team: Score: _____

Includes trauma kits, AEDs, airway equipment, splints, field medications, and packaging systems (e.g., litters or backboards). Supports care for both team members and survivors during operations.

Hazmat Equipment: Score: _____

Includes Level B or C suits, respiratory protection, air monitors (PID, multi-gas), decontamination kits, containment supplies, and reference tools. Enables basic to defensive-level operations in contaminated or IDLH environments.

Safety Equipment: Score: _____

Includes scene lighting, lockout/tagout kits, gas detectors, dry chemical extinguishers, signage/marking materials, and current inspection logs. Supports safety officer functions and overall team hazard mitigation.

Team Narrative (Optional):



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Equipment Gap Identification

The following chart allows Team members to identify gaps in equipment needs and forecast costs associated with the need.



Section 6: Operational and Support Capabilities

Use the scale below to evaluate your team's capability to perform core US&R 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)

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Wide-Area Search Capability: Score: _____

Capability: Conduct large-scale area sweeps in urban and rural environments using grid or GPS-coordinated patterns.

Standard: FEMA US&R Field Operations Guide (FOG), ASTM F2890

Equipment: GPS units, marking kits, handheld radios, search vests, maps, headlamps, canines (Live Find/Human Remains)

Structural Collapse (Light to Heavy) Operations: Score: _____

Capability: Conduct assessment, stabilization, entry, and rescue in light, medium, and heavy frame buildings.

Standard: NFPA 1670 (Operations Level), FEMA US&R Equipment Cache Lists (Type I–IV)

Equipment: Shoring systems, breach/cut tools, saws, torches, hydraulic tools, lifting bags, struts, cribbing, PPE

Technical Rope Rescue (Including Highlines): Score: _____

Capability: Execute rope access, rigging, lowering, and raising systems, including highline operations.

Standard: NFPA 1983, NFPA 2500 (formerly 1006 & 1670)

Equipment: Rope rescue kits, pulleys, edge protection, litters, patient packaging systems, anchor kits, harnesses



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Confined Space Search and Rescue: Score: _____

Capability: Rescue victims from permit-required confined spaces (non-mine, non-cave).

Standard: OSHA 1910.146, NFPA 1670

Equipment: Air monitoring devices (4-gas), SCBA or SAR systems, retrieval tripod, ventilation fans, comms systems

Trench and Excavation Rescue: Score: _____

Capability: Conduct rescue from trench collapse or unstable soil environments.

Standard: NFPA 1670, OSHA 1926 Subpart P

Equipment: Trench panels, shores, struts, ladder access, spoil pile management, atmospheric monitoring

Mass Transportation Vehicle Rescue: Score: _____

Capability: Rescue from buses, subways, and rail environments including multi-casualty scenarios.

Standard: FEMA US&R FOG, NFPA 1670

Equipment: Stabilization struts, extrication tools, glass management kits, backboards, triage tags, lighting kits

Companion Animal Support: Score: _____

Capability: Provide transport support for pets or service animals accompanying rescued individuals.

Standard: PETS Act compliance, FEMA DAP-9525.6

Equipment: Animal carriers, leashes, animal triage supplies, food/water kits, transport logs

All-Hazards Search and Rescue Coordination: Score: _____

Capability: Manage, coordinate, and execute search and rescue operations across all hazards and environments.

Standard: FEMA NIMS, ICS integration, NFPA 1026

Equipment: Incident command kits, situational reporting tools (ICS forms), maps, UAS (if authorized), common operating picture software

Austere Operations / Limited Infrastructure Environments: Score: _____

Capability: Sustain mission operations in compromised environments (e.g., no power, limited shelter, water, or roads).

Standard: FEMA US&R Ops Manual, NFPA 1600

Equipment: Generators, base camp support systems, water purification kits, portable shelter, food caches (72-hr sustainment)



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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): _____



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Instructions for the Training Improvement Plan Table

Enter the number of team members who are currently trained and ready for each position, followed by the additional number you plan to have trained in the next thirty-six (36) months. Use the notes column to explain any gaps, upcoming training, or special considerations. This helps identify current strengths and where additional training may be needed.

Position Title	Training Goal 36 months	Notes	Cost
National Incident Management System (NIMS) US&R Task Force Leader (TFL)			
NIMS Communications Technician (COMT)			
Safety Officer			
Plans Team Manager			
Logistics Specialist			
NIMS Type 1 Structural Collapse Rescue Team Leader			
NIMS HazMat Technician			
NIMS Paramedic, trained in collapse compartment syndrome			
NIMS Type 1 Structural Collapse Rescue Technician			
Heavy Equipment Rigging Specialist			
Logistics Team Manager			
Medical Team Manager			
NIMS Type 1 Structural Collapse Search Technician			
Structural Collapse Search Team Leader			
Structures Specialist			
Technical Information Specialist			
Medical Specialist			
NIMS Type 1 Canine Search Specialist, Disaster/Structural Collapse Live			



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Section 8: Exercises

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	

Team Narrative (Optional):



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Exercise After Action/Improvement Plan Table

The following table allows teams to self-identify any issues and corrective action activities for the team's exercises. If "Anticipated Completion Date" is unknown, please leave field blank.



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/RTLT typing or provide your team with added mission flexibility.

Examples include having specialized canine searchers for structural collapses.

Estimated Daily Deployment Cost

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

Type III: Estimated Daily Cost: \$_____

Team Size this Estimate Reflects: _____ personnel

Type II: Estimated Daily Cost: \$_____

Team Size this Estimate Reflects: _____ personnel

Type I: Estimated Daily Cost: \$_____

Team Size this Estimate Reflects: _____ personnel



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Notes or Cost Assumptions:

Mission Ready Package (MRP) Documentation

If the team has a completed MRP for any specialty function, list below and be prepared to share copies.

Include team configuration, resource typing, deployment duration, support needs, and mobilization timeline.

MRP Title(s):

Date Last Updated: _____

Documentation Provided: Yes No

Team Narrative (Optional):



Section 10: Improvement Plan Roll-Up

The assessed team should roll up any noted items in Sections 2, 5, 7, 8, and any associated costs for review. If "Anticipated Completion Date" is unknown, please leave field blank.



Section 11: Certification Statement

This section must be completed by the Agency Administrator, Fire Chief, Program Manager, or Task Force Leader. 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, Fire Chief, Program Manager, or Task Force Leader

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: _____