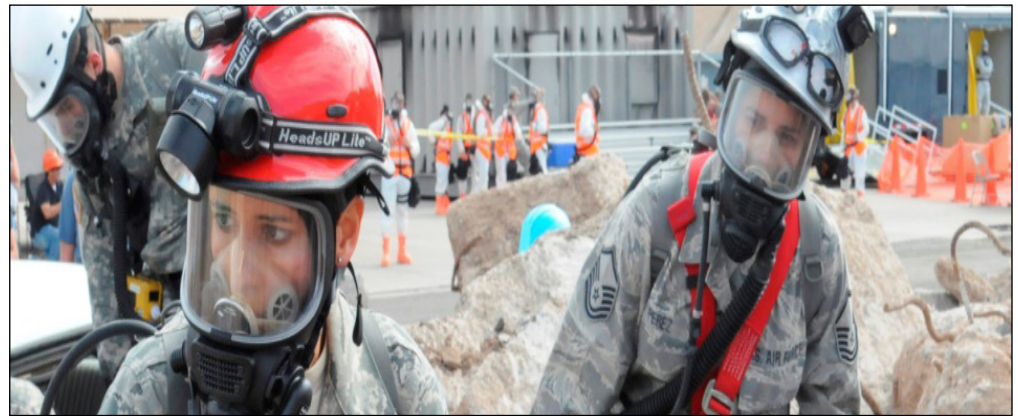




Homeland Response Force (HRF)

Highlights

- Operates under the control of the Governor
- Deploys and conducts command and control; works alongside first responders in: casualty assistance; search and extraction; decontamination; and medical triage and stabilization
- Can operate both in a regional and national level
- HAZMAT Awareness or Operations level certified
- Total of 10 HRF's; one per FEMA Region
- Capable of managing a catastrophic event involving additional Consequence Management units in the area
- Bridges coordination between NG response and Federal capabilities
- Casualty assistance and Support Element (CASE)
 - Multi faceted section
 - General site security
 - Litter bearers



A broad range of capabilities at a moment's notice

Mission: When directed by proper authority and upon consent of the governor(s), the HRF alerts and assembles within 6-12 hours; on order, deploys and conducts command and control; casualty assistance; search and extraction; decontamination; medical triage and stabilization, fatality search and recovery to save lives and mitigate human suffering. On order, transitions operations to civil authorities and redeploys.

Overview: The Adjutant General may employ the HRF to support the state response under the direction of the governor or to support another state's response under a supported governor.

- There are 10 National Guard (NG)-sourced HRFs. Regionally oriented, eight of the 10 HRFs will be hosted by one state in each of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regions. HRF's are hosted in WA, CA, UT, TX, MO, GA, OH, and PA. In the remaining two, HRF assets are distributed across multiple states. In Region I, HRF units are stationed in VT and MA Region II elements are shared between NY and NJ.
- Each HRF is comprised of around 583 NG personnel. The core of each HRF is Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) response capability similar to that found in the existing 17 CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFPs), HRFs have substantial command and control and security capability.
- The HRFs operate alongside other NG-sourced CBRNE Consequence Management forces like Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams (WMD-CSTs) and CERFPs, as well as federal-controlled elements of the enterprise, including Defense CBRN Response Force Command and Control CBRNE Response Elements, and follow-on forces, when necessary.
- Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) remains the mechanism for interstate employment – under state control.