

1	RESOURCE: PATHFINDERS TASK FORCE (PTF)	TYPE: III	TIER: 1										
CATEGORY: MASS CARE – 250 – 500,000 population		KIND: INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM (IMT)											
a.	<p>TASK & PURPOSE:</p> <p>The IMT specializes in managing a Pathfinders’ Task Force (PTF). The role of the IMT is to assist a local Emergency Operations Center, acting like a deputy to ESF 6 and/or 15.</p> <p>The IMT focuses on outreach missions to any disaster’s <u>homebound</u> survivors, especially seniors and persons with disabilities. The IMT specializes in merging ESF functions into a local/state/federal Unified Command which can combine National Guard, civilians, and volunteers into a self-supporting PTF.</p> <p>The PTF uses a GPS tracking and information system which can document, and collate electronic data for street address mapping of a host of rapid damage assessments and special needs. The PTF also delivers door to door relief with 5 Strike Teams with 7 crews each and fulfills special needs with 7 other crews. In an area of 500+ sq. miles, PTF can deliver services to 100,000+ survivors who are unable to travel to relief centers.</p>	b.	<p>MISSION:</p> <p><u>OPERATIONS:</u> Use all resources, relief workers, and equipment for deployment in to affected areas to conduct short term, immediate relief operations, while mapping & tracking movement of units and resources, including CERT damage assessment data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assemble/Organize into coherent units/forces. - Receive, Store, & deliver Relief Supplies -Collect & collate detailed electronic data for analysis/response - Supply daily Mass Care data reports to the Local EOC <p><u>MANAGEMENT:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Temp. Coordination of 500 - 750 personnel - In-Processing/Accounting for Personnel and Equipment - IMT can criminal background check, train, and ID volunteers <p><u>INTEGRATION:</u> Merge out-of-state EMAC units and civilian relief workers into an on-site, Unified Command of an EMAC commander and a Task Force Leader, <u>under</u> the local EOC.</p>										
c.	ESF 1, 2, 6, 8, 11, 13, and 15.	d.	<p>LIMITATIONS: For full capacity, dependent on local unaffiliated volunteer personnel for value added capability & out-of-state military support for fleet capability & door-to-door security.</p>										
e.	<p>PERSONNEL: The IMT is composed of 19 officers & 16 staff, (35 members – 19 paid, 16 volunteer). The team has bilingual capabilities with several fluent English/Hispanic staff. The IMT is criminal background checked by FDLE & credentialed. An Advanced (“A”) Team is Air mobile and rapidly deployable.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 20px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Task Force Leader</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Volunteer Manager</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Operations Chief</td> <td>Planning Chief</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Finance Chief</td> <td>Communications/Technology</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Logistics Chief</td> <td>Security/Safety</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Military Liaison</td> <td>Special Need Group Supervisor</td> </tr> </table>	Task Force Leader	Volunteer Manager	Operations Chief	Planning Chief	Finance Chief	Communications/Technology	Logistics Chief	Security/Safety	Military Liaison	Special Need Group Supervisor	f.	<p>EQUIPMENT: Command trailer, IP trailer with 1056 KB x 1056 KB bandwidth (DSL) and Wi Fi network with VOIP, 5 box trucks w/ lift gate (10-ton, 26 ft,) 2 dump trucks (5-ton), 2 transports, 1 equip. trailer, Refrigerated trailer, portable kitchen (4-6K meals per day), computers, 100+ GPS/cell phones, 30+ GPS/UHF units, portable repeater and tower with 11 UHF radios, a custom software mapping system, Volunteer ID hardware and tracking software, 3 Sun Servers, 550 (2) & 300 (2) gal. fuel tanks, 300 gal. potable water tank, 65 KW, 25 KW, 12KW & 7.5 KW gen., chain saws, skid steers, 60' x 120' circus tents with cooling units, (over \$1,550,000 in equip).</p>
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g.	<p>STATE SUPPORT: - 2 personnel authorized for FCIC and NCIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fuel must be provided by DOT in State Active Duty Status - Secure 25-50 acre base camp location, preferably a school, for Mess, Billeting, Latrine/showers, etc., depending on size of force - Day 3+ - fuel, food, water – re-supply required 	h.	<p>WORKS WITH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-governmental Organizations, Citizen Corps, MRC, CERT, etc. - Unaffiliated Volunteers - Out of state NG forces under Title 32 EMAC deployment, including especially with a PLFP <u>and</u> PTF packages 										
i.	<p>D - HOUR SEQUENCE:</p> <p>D - 2 - Task Advanced team of IMT (4 from personnel above)</p> <p>D - 2 – Warning Order to Civil and EMAC PTF</p> <p>D - 1 - Task Civil Incident Management Team (PTF)</p> <p>D - 1 - Order to Show to EMAC & civilian PTF</p> <p>D + 1 - Operations begin with CERT damage assessments</p>	j.	<p>SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not to exceed costs based on minimum 15 day deployment - <u>Unlimited</u> web access included - 1st fuel is 2,000± gal. in storage tanks x current rate - 150+ trained volunteers can be deployed w/ 48 hours notice - Mileage included for 150 vehicles (varies) @ 50 miles per day 										

PRIOR TASK FORCE EXPERIENCE:

The first use of this now technology-heavy, Task Force was in 1999 in the Bahamas with an extremely complex, joint Civil/Mil operation covering a 110-mile island chain, with 20,000+ residents, following Cat 5 Hurricane Floyd. The Bahamian Prime Minister appointed the Task Force Leader to be the Incident Commander for the entire international operation for the Command's first 14 days. That Command involved both airlift and seaboard relief supplies on a massive scale. A number of smaller-scale hurricanes since provided more variations and tests for the team. Hurricane Katrina perfected the model.

In Gulfport & Biloxi, ESF 8, 11, 13, and 15 assigned the resources, including the formation of a Civil/Mil, Unified Command with 900+ members of the National Guard and 600+ mostly unaffiliated volunteers, along with a host of public employees, who focused on the homebound survivors, with an emphasis on the special needs of senior citizens and persons with disabilities (including thousands of vaccinations administered via ESF 8 co-tasked units). PTF also provided daily staffing and support for 20 different government distribution centers. Finally, in Katrina, the PTF staffed large, debris clearing teams to aid in first-pass, public facility clean up.

PTF IMT Package personnel in this Type III team are criminal background checked by Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). IMT General Staff officers are credentialed and trained in disaster operations, including a minimum of ICS 100, 300, 400, 700, and 800B certifications. They also have operational training in unique, GPS mapping and tracking mission work which follows a grid search program focused on a solution for serving both the known and unknown special needs population following any disaster.

Pathfinders Task Force Leader

Certifications: CEM, FPEM, ICS 100, 200, 300, 400, 700, & 800B, CERT, MRC, Vol. Administrator, Haz Mat Tech, 1992-present, National Fire Academy - Fire Command Operations, 1991, Fire Apparatus DE, 1989-present, EVOC, 1988-present, S-130 & S-190 U.S. Forest Service, 1990, 1992, Vol. Instructor-Basic Firefighting, 1984-98, Advanced Vol. Cert. - State Fire College, 1985, 1991, EMT, 1976- 2000, CPR, 1975-present.

Experience: prior IC, TF Leader, Volunteer Coordinator, Donations Management Coordinator, & Strike Team Leader in complex, post-disaster operations, 32 years in the vol. fire and emergency management, Cert. teacher (20 years), small business owner (31 years), Pres. – The Eagles Wings Foundation, B.A. Duke University, M.Ed. Florida Atlantic Univ.

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