

Department of Defense Homeland Response Force (HRF) Fact Sheet

- DoD plans to establish 10 National Guard-sourced HRFs will be comprised of National Guard soldiers and airmen. Regionally oriented, each of the 10 HRFs will be hosted by one state in each of the FEMA regions.
- HRFs will increase the focus of DoD Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High explosive (CBRNE) Consequence Management Response forces on life-saving objectives and increase operational flexibility while recognizing the primary role that the governors play in controlling the response to CBRNE incidents that occur in their states.
- The first two HRFs are expected to be in place no later than the end of FY11 with the remaining eight HRFs expected to be in place no later than FY12.
- Eight HRFs (FEMA Regions Three - Ten) will be sourced from single states. The other two HRFs located in FEMA Regions One and Two will be sourced from multiple states within those regions. The state contributing the HRF command and control element will be considered the “host” state.
- As a key element of the new DoD CBRNE Consequence Management enterprise, HRFs will complement existing forces of about 18,000 personnel:
 - One Defense CBRNE Response Force (DCRF), formerly CCMRF 1;
 - Two Consequence Management Command & Control Elements (C2CREs);
 - 57 Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams (WMD-CSTs); &
 - 17 CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFPs).
- The HRFs will operate alongside other National Guard-sourced CBRNE Consequence Management forces like WMD-CSTs and CERFPs, as well as federal-controlled elements of the enterprise, including DCRF, C2CREs, and follow-on forces, when necessary.
- When not deployed for CBRNE consequence management operations, HRF personnel will focus on planning, training, and exercising at the regional level.

HRF Capabilities:

- Each HRF will be composed of ~570 personnel.
- HRFs will have a 6-12 hour response posture, similar to that of the existing CERFPs.

- HRFs will primarily be equipped to deploy via ground transport to CBRNE incident sites, but can be moved by air if necessary.
- The core of each HRF is CBRNE capability similar to that found in the existing 17 CERFPs, however HRFs will also have substantial command and control and security capability.

	Unit Size
Medical Team	45
Search & Extraction Team	50
Decontamination Team	75
Security Team	200
Command & Control	200
Total Personnel	570

HRF Employment:

- Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs), governing employment within and outside host states and FEMA regions, will be established with each host state
- EMAC remains mechanism for interstate employment - under state control.