

**Office of Fire Prevention and Control  
State Fire Mobilization and Mutual Aid**

**Hurricane and Major Storm Preparedness  
Resource Management and Deployment Plan  
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**Assumptions**

- Primary authority for deployment of fire service resources within New York State will be the New York State Fire Mobilization and Mutual Aid Plan. Interstate deployments will utilize the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) as the deployment authority.
- Resources deployed into the City of New York will meet the requirements outlined in the City of New York Fire Mutual Aid Plan
- OFPC Resource Tracking System will be utilized for all deployed resources
- Fire Service resources deployed to affected areas will generally perform:
  - Search and rescue activities (intact and damaged buildings, flooded areas, remote locations);
  - Firefighting activities;
  - Emergency Debris Clearance;
  - Electrical Power to support life safety missions on an emergency basis;
  - Welfare Checks;
  - Relief of firefighters in affected areas.
- Resource deployment will incorporate NIMS Resource Typing Systems where practical.
- Resource deployment will utilize Task Force and/or Strike Team Groups instead of single resources if possible.
- Personnel deployed intrastate will generally be assigned for a continuous 120 hour (5 day) period. This does not include travel to and from the affected area.
- Personnel deployed interstate will generally be deployed for 14 days. This does not include travel to and from the affected area.
- All deployed personnel will need to be 100% self sufficient for at least 72 hours. Items should include: food, water, clothing, sleeping bags and other personal needs.
- OFPC Staff will deploy to affected areas to assure proper coordination of deployed fire service resources and provide technical assistance to command personnel in affected areas. Staff will assist Regional Fire Administrators in management of outside resources deployed to affected areas.
- With the exception of Personnel Strike Teams, all intrastate transportation will be via ground transportation with vehicles provided by the responding agency.
- Transportation of Personnel Strike Teams may be via ground or air
- Resource pre-deployment may occur based on anticipated need and prior to an actual request. Pre-deployment will occur after activation of the State Fire Mobilization and Mutual Aid Plan.
- Unit leaders will be required to complete Unit Logs (ICS 214) and should be familiar with this document.

## **Resource Groupings**

Defines the preferred groupings that will be utilized for requesting and deploying resources to affected area. Specific resources deployed will be incident dependent. Pre-deployment of resources will be based on historical response experience. Counties and local fire departments are encouraged to predetermine these resource groupings and their relative availability in order to minimize deployment time.

- **Disaster Response Task Force** - Designed to augment local fire service activities by performing basic search and rescue, firefighting, welfare checks, emergency debris clearance, control of utilities, short term emergency power for life support, and personnel relief.

Task Force includes:

- 1- Type I Engine with 3 firefighters and 1 officer
- 1- Light Duty Rescue Vehicle (3 firefighters and 1 officer, capable of traditional fire department search and rescue activities including vehicle extrication)
- 2- Storm Emergency Fire Units (1 firefighter and 1 officer per unit, Unit description attached)
- 1- Task Force Support Vehicle (1 firefighter and Task Force Leader, Utility or SUV type 4 wheel drive vehicle to support TF activities and serve as TF command unit)

Task Force communications shall be fully interoperable between units

### Additional Qualifications

- Personnel designated as firefighters within a Disaster Response Task Force shall be an active member of a fire department and meet the following requirements
    - successful completion Firefighter I training or equivalent
    - qualified to utilize SCBA
    - able to operate all equipment on assigned vehicle
  - Personnel designated as an officer within a Disaster Response Task Force shall meet the requirements required of firefighters and qualified to serve as a first line supervisor by their home department
  - Personnel designated as Task Force Leader within a Disaster Response Task Force shall meet the requirements required of officers plus complete Fire Officer I training or equivalent
- **Water Rescue Task Forces** - grouping designed to perform water rescues in flooded disaster areas. Activities may include: boat operations, helicopter operations, underwater operations,

etc. Teams are designed for rescue activities, not recovery. Groupings will be requested utilizing the NIMS Resource Typing Standards (copy attached). Entities that are providing the resources shall evaluate the resource to determine type available.

Types include:

- Type I -Swiftwater/Flood Search and Dive Rescue Team
- Type II-Swiftwater/Flood Search and Dive Rescue Team
- Type III-Swiftwater/Flood Search and Dive Rescue Team
- Type IV-Swiftwater/Flood Search and Dive Rescue Team

NOTE: Teams that do not have dive or helicopter support capabilities should still compile availability as it is anticipated that teams without these capabilities may still be deployed.

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- **Collapse Search and Rescue Task Forces** - designed to perform search and rescue and technical rescue activities in excess of those normally performed by traditional fire department rescue activities. Activities may include: search and rescue of collapsed structures; high angle rope rescues; rescues from confined spaces; other rescues requiring specialized equipment. Groupings will be requested utilizing the NIMS Resource Typing Standards (copy attached). Entities that are providing the resources shall evaluate the resource to determine type available.

Types include:

- Type I - Urban Search and Rescue Task Force
- Type II- Urban Search and Rescue Task Force
- Type I - Collapse Search and Rescue Team
- Type II - Collapse Search and Rescue Team
- Type III - Collapse Search and Rescue Team
- Type IV - Collapse Search and Rescue Team

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- **Other Specialty Teams** - Teams identified as dictated by incident. Utilization of NIMS Typing will be incorporated where practical

- **Personnel Strike Teams** - Groupings of fire department personnel only. Identified personnel will provide their own personal protective equipment. Grouping numbers will vary based on need, however groupings will provide for unity of command and corresponding supervisory personnel will be included.

Strike team uses include:

- Augmentation of fire service personnel in affected areas;

- relief of fire service personnel in affected areas

#### Additional Qualifications

- Personnel designated as firefighters within a Personnel Strike Team shall be an active member of a fire department and meet the following requirements
    - successful completion Firefighter I training or equivalent
    - qualified to utilize SCBA
    - able to operate all equipment on assigned vehicle
  - Personnel designated as an officer within a Personnel Strike Team shall meet the requirements required of firefighters and qualified to serve as a first line supervisor by their home department
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- **Single Resources** - Traditional fire service single resources.  
Examples include:
    - Storm Emergency Fire Units
    - Traditional Fire Service Units
  - **Management Personnel** - Trained and qualified personnel to provide management and command assistance to affected areas.  
Examples include:
    - OFPC Staff
    - Regional Fire Administrators
    - Fire Service Command personnel trained to function within Incident Management Assistance Teams (IMAT)- training through ICS I-400 or equivalent

### **Logistical Items**

Coordination of multi-agency logistical needs such as: MRE and other food supplies; fuel; general responder transportation; establishment and maintenance of staging areas; etc. are not yet clarified. As an interim step, OFPC will coordinate these needs for deployed fire service resources only until such time as an inter agency process is in place.

# **New York State Fire Mobilization and Mutual Aid**

## **Storm Emergency Fire Unit Specifications**

- **2 firefighters with personal protective equipment & SCBA with spare cylinders**
- **4 wheel drive pickup or similar size vehicle (should be fire department owned)**
- **Portable pump**
- **Hard suction w/ strainer**
- **200' of discharge hose**
- **necessary fittings, adapters, etc.**
- **Portable generator**
- **Electric adapters to adapt to household type receptacles**
- **Portable lighting for night operations**
- **fuel can for pump and generator**
- **Chain saw**
- **fuel and oil for chain saw**
- **two shovels**
- **Carbon Monoxide Detector**
- **2 ½ gallon Pressurized Water Extinguisher**
- **Minimum 10 pound CO2 or Dry Chemical Extinguisher**

**NOTE: Personnel responding with a SEFU should be self sufficient for a minimum period of 72 hours. This should include food provisions and water.**