

TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCY RESPONSE FACTSHEET

USDOT National Response Program

National Response Program

The National Response Program (NRP), located in the Office of Intelligence, Security, and Emergency Response (S-60), is responsible for coordinating the Department's preparedness, response, and recovery activities in all-hazard incidents and to support the Secretary's responsibilities under the National Response Framework (NRF), Emergency Support Function-1 (ESF-1) Transportation.

The NRP has a team of over 150 members nationwide to carry out the ESF-1 functions. The team includes a National Program Manager, Deputy Manager, Operational Planner, 7 Regional Emergency Transportation Coordinators (RETCOs), 10 Regional Emergency Transportation Representatives (RETREPs), and numerous Regional Emergency Transportation Cadre (RET-C) members representing all DOT Operating Administrations. In each region, the RETCO is designated as the Secretary's executive-level representative to ensure preparedness, response, and recovery activities are effectively carried out. RETREPs handle day-to-day program issues and coordinate disaster and special events planning efforts between DOT and Federal, State, local, Tribal and Territorial, and private sector emergency planners. During incident and event responses, RETREPs lead DOT transportation operations in FEMA's various operation centers in the affected regions. In addition, the NRP is supported by a diverse group of RET-C representing all USDOT Operating Administrations. RET-C members are trained to a minimum all-hazards, all modes standard and may be activated during an incident or event.



National Response Framework

The National Response Framework (NRF) is a guide to how the Nation conducts all-hazards response. It is built upon scalable, flexible, and adaptable coordinating structures to align key roles and responsibilities across the Nation, linking all levels of government, nongovernmental organizations, and the private sector. Under the NRF, Emergency Support Functions (ESF) provides the structure for coordinating Federal interagency support for a Federal response to an incident. The Department of Transportation is the lead and primary coordinating agency for ESF-1 with the support of 10 partner agencies.

The five mission areas for ESF-1 under the NRF include:

- Monitor and report status of and damage to the transportation system and infrastructure
- Identify temporary alternative transportation solutions that can be implemented by others
- Perform activities conducted under the direct authority of DOT elements
- Coordinate the restoration and recovery of the transportation system and infrastructure
- Coordinate and support prevention, preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities among transportation stakeholders



