

Terrorism Annex to the Federal Response Plan

Purpose

The purpose of the Terrorism Incident Annex is to describe the Federal concept of operations to implement Presidential Decision Directive 39 (PDD-39), “United States Policy on Counterterrorism,” when necessary, to respond to terrorist incidents within the United States. The Annex describes Crisis Management, defines Consequence Management, which uses Federal Response Plan (FRP) structures, supplemented as necessary by structures that are normally activated through other Federal plans, and defines the policies and structures to coordinate Crisis Management with Consequence Management.

Responsibilities

Under the Terrorism Annex, the Department of Justice has delegated authority to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as the Lead Federal Agency for Crisis Management, while FEMA is identified as the lead federal agency for Consequence Management. FEMA, with the support of all agencies in the FRP, shall act in support of the FBI on the scene of the crisis and in Washington, D.C, until such time as the Attorney General shall transfer the Lead Agency role to FEMA. The Department of Defense, Department of Energy, Department of Health and Human Services, and the Environmental Protection Agency serve as supporting agencies in activating agency-specific response capabilities to support the Federal response to threats or acts of Nuclear, Biological, Chemical/Weapons of Mass Destruction (NBC/WMD) terrorism.

Scope

The Terrorism Annex applies to all threats or acts of terrorism within the United States that the White House determines require a Federal response, and builds upon Federal Response Plan (FRP) concepts and procedures by addressing unique policies, assumptions, structures, responsibilities, and actions that will be applied for consequence management as necessary.

The annex operations will be activated under the following conditions:

- A general concern or credible threat of an act of terrorism occurring at or during a special event within the United States may cause the President to direct Federal agencies to implement precautionary measures;
- A credible threat or act of terrorism may cause the FBI to respond to and implement a crisis management response; or
- The occurrence of an incident without warning that produces major consequences involving NBC/WMD may cause the President to direct FEMA to implement a consequence management response.