



MRP for MRC: Understanding Mission Ready Packages for MRCs

Introduction to the Mission Ready Package (MRP)

Mission Ready Packages (MRPs) are specially created asset bundles used in disaster recovery and response. Mission Ready Packages are defined as “specific response and recovery capabilities that are organized, developed, trained and exercised prior to an emergency or disaster” (Emergency Management Assistance Compact, 2014). The use of MRPs is a major component of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). Using the EMAC system, states can request or deploy equipment, personnel (including volunteers) and other resources through MRPs to assist in disaster recovery efforts.

To develop MRPs, National Incident Management System (NIMS) resource typing is conducted by potential providers. Resource typing is the categorization of any resources requested or deployed listed by category. These categories are based on the capabilities and performance levels of each resource. (Federal Emergency Management Agency, 2014). Under EMAC, potential resources can be classified under one of the following categories:

- Animal Health
- Emergency medical services
- Human Services
- Fire & Hazardous Materials
- Incident Management
- Law Enforcement
- Mass Care
- Medical & Public Health
- Public Works
- Search & Rescue
- National Guard
- Telecommunicator Emergency Response

Each state’s Emergency Management agency oversees the development of potential MRPs that fit these categories or meet specific capabilities. In addition, each MRP includes additional information on the costs, limitations, space requirements and more associated with the deployment and subsequent use of the MRP. This information allows requesting states to select the MRP that best fits their budgets, needs and limitations.

Using MRC resources to create MRPs

The MRC and its network of volunteers, partnerships and specialty units can provide valuable resources in increasing a state’s repository of available MRPs, specifically those related to Medical & Public Health, Animal Health, Mass Care and more. MRC units can assist in the development and expansion of MRPs through a number of activities including:

- Review the Intro to MRP model [video](#).
- Take a [course](#) related to Resource Management.
- Begin resource typing unit resources following NIMS structure.

- Meet with your State Emergency Management agency to learn what MRPs related to public health and medical, animal health, and mass care have traditionally been requested through EMAC. If there are areas in which requests have been made but could not be filled, work to create a MRP that could be used.
- Work to incorporate existing specialty MRC units into existing MRPs. For example, a specialty unit with expertise in treating chronic health conditions could be used in an existing Mass Care MRP to provide care to those with chronic conditions in a shelter.

For more information on Mission Ready Packages (MRPs) and the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), visit www.emacweb.org.

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