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Emergency Management Unleashed – National Emergency Response Strike Team Overview

Emergencies and disasters can strike anywhere and at any time, requiring immediate response to ensure the health and safety of the nation. In response, a national emergency response team was developed within the United States to answer the call. The response team is composed of a small, highly skilled, select cadre of full-time active duty United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps officers who receive training so they are prepared and ready to immediately respond in an emergency. They assess the clinical requirements in situations such as health outbreaks, domestic events, and natural disasters. The emergency response team ensures the emergency response arm of the federal government has resources to meet its mission for regional, national, and global public health emergency responses and ensures the Corps can rapidly respond to urgent and emergent public health operations with highly trained professional staff. The team provides reduced response time, minimizes stress on the system, and allows officers to get ahead of the disaster.

Emergency management response demands have expanded considerably in recent years. One of the highest deployments of the Corps was in support

of COVID-19. As the United States and other countries continue to experience natural disasters and other public health emergencies and risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and other threats, they will continue to look to the emergency teams and best practices to engage in new strategies to better protect their nation.

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