Unit 7: Course Summary
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Topic: Unit Introduction

Visual Description: Unit Introduction

Key Points

Unit 7 summarizes the course material and describes additional resources that are available.
Visual Description:  Unit Objectives

Key Points

The purposes of this lesson are to:

- Introduce you to the additional resources available to support the implementation of the NRF.
- Summarize the key points presented in this course.
NRF Components

The National Response Framework is comprised of:

- The core document
- Emergency Support Function (ESF) Annexes
- Support Annexes
- Incident Annexes
- Partner Guides

All of the Framework components may be accessed at the NRF Resource Center, www.fema.gov/nrf.

The FEMA Emergency Management Institute offers additional training on the ESF, Support, and Incident Annexes. More information about training opportunities can be found at www.training.fema.gov.
The core document presents:

- An Introduction to the doctrine that guides our national response.
- **Roles and Responsibilities** including who is involved with emergency management activities at the local, tribal, State, and Federal levels and with the private sector and nongovernmental organizations.
- **Response Actions** that describe what we as a Nation collectively do to respond to incidents.
- **Response Organization** specifying how we as a Nation are organized to implement response actions.
- **Planning** requirements to achieve an effective national response to any incident that occurs.
Annexes to the NRF include:

- **Emergency Support Function Annexes**, which group Federal resources and capabilities into functional areas that are most frequently needed in a national response (e.g., Transportation, Firefighting, Mass Care).

- **Support Annexes**, which describe essential supporting aspects that are common to all incidents. The actions described in the Support Annexes are not limited to particular types of events, but are overarching in nature and applicable to nearly every type of incident. In addition, they may support several ESFs.

- **Incident Annexes**, which address the unique aspects of how we respond to seven broad incident categories.
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Partner Guides and Overview

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**Visual Description:** Partner Guides and Overview

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Visual Description: NRF Resource Center

Key Points

The NRF Resource Center includes:

- Authorities
- Overviews of Federal Assistance
- Glossary/Acronyms
- Additional Resources
- Briefings and Training

The Resource Center may be accessed at www.fema.gov/NRF.
Visual Description: Overarching Concept: Partnership

Key Points

The National Response Framework:

- Presents the guiding principles that enable all response partners to prepare for and provide a unified national response to disasters and emergencies – from the smallest incident to the largest catastrophe.
- Defines the key principles, roles, and structures that organize the way we respond as a Nation.
- Describes how communities, tribes, States, the Federal Government, and private-sector and nongovernmental partners apply these principles for a coordinated, effective national response.
Visual Description:  NRF Emphasizes Partnerships

Key Points

The visual reviews the different types of partnerships that support effective response.
The response doctrine defines basic roles, responsibilities, and operational concepts for response across all levels of government and with the private sector and nongovernmental organizations.

The five key principles of operations that support the Nation’s response mission include:

- **Engaged partnership**: Leaders at all levels must communicate and actively support engaged partnerships to develop shared goals and align capabilities so that none allows the other to be overwhelmed in times of crisis.

- **Tiered response**: Incidents must be managed at the lowest possible jurisdictional level and supported by additional response capabilities when needed.

- **Scalable, flexible, and adaptable operational capabilities**: As incidents change in size, scope, and complexity, the response must adapt to meet requirements.

- **Unity of effort through unified command**: Response is a team effort. Effective unified command is indispensable to all response activities and requires clear understanding of the roles and responsibilities of each participating organization.

- **Readiness to act**: Effective incident response requires readiness to act balanced with an understanding of risk. From individuals, families, and communities to local, State, and Federal agencies, national response depends on the instinct and ability to act.
Visual Description: Review: Preparedness Cycle

Key Points

The stages of the preparedness cycle include:

- Plan
- Organize, Train & Equip
- Exercise
- Evaluate & Improve
Visual Description: Review: Response Activities

Key Points

The four key actions that typically occur in support of a response include:

- Gain and maintain situational awareness;
- Activate and deploy key resources and capabilities;
- Coordinate response actions; and
- Demobilize.
Visual Description: Review: Command & Coordination

Key Points

Command and coordination:
Visual Description: Review: Federal Response Structures

Key Points

The Federal response structures:

- National Policy Level
- National Coordination
- Regional Coordination
- Field Operations
Visual Description: Review: JFO Organization Chart

Key Points

The field-level response structures and partnerships:
Visual Description: Taking the Exam

Key Points

1. Take a few moments to review your Student Manual and identify any questions.
2. Make sure that you get all of your questions answered prior to beginning the final test.
3. When taking the test . . .
   - Read each item carefully.
   - Circle your answer on the test.
   - Check your work and transfer your answers to the computer-scan (bubble) answer sheet or take the test online.

Note: You may refer to your Student Manual when completing this test.
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