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Strike Teams and their Potential Responsibilities

Facilities & Security Response Team

The Facilities & Security Response Team is responsible for:

- Locating all utilities and turning them off, if necessary.
- Notifying and briefing appropriate officials of Fire / HazMat / Law Enforcement.
- Conducting perimeter control.

Search & Rescue Team

Search & Rescue Teams search the entire school facility, entering only after they have checked the outside for signs of structural damage and determined that it is safe to enter. Search & Rescue Teams are responsible for ensuring that all students and staff evacuate the building (or, if it is unsafe to move the persons, that their locations are documented so that professional responders can locate them easily and extricate them).

Search & Rescue Teams are also responsible for:

- Identifying and marking unsafe areas.
- Conducting initial damage assessment.
- Obtaining injury and missing student reports from teachers.

First Aid Team

First Aid Teams provide triage, treatment, and psychological first aid services.

First Aid Teams are responsible for:

- Setting up first aid area for students.
- Assessing and treating injuries.
- Completing master injury report.

Note: The Operations Section First Aid Team is dedicated to students or other disaster victims.

Evacuation/ Shelter/Care Team

Evacuation, shelter, and student care in an emergency are among the most important tasks faced by schools. These tasks include student accounting, protection from weather, providing for sanitation needs, and providing for food and water.

The Evacuation/Shelter/Care Team is responsible for:

- Accounting for the whereabouts of all students, staff, and volunteers.
- Setting up a secure assembly area.
- Managing sheltering and sanitation operations.
- Managing student feeding and hydration.
- Coordinating with the Student Release Team.
- Coordinating with the Logistics Section to secure the needed space and supplies.

Student Release Team

Reunification refers to getting students reunited with their parents or guardians in an efficient and orderly manner. Reunification can be an enormous challenge and takes a lot of planning.

The Student Release Team is responsible for:

- Setting up a secure reunion area.
- Checking student emergency cards for authorized releases.
- Completing release logs.
- Coordinating with the Public Information Officer on external messages.

Crisis Intervention Team

The Crisis Intervention Team is responsible for:

- Assessing need for onsite mental health support.
- Determining need for outside agency assistance.
- Providing onsite intervention/counseling.
- Monitoring well-being of school emergency team, staff, and students.
- Reporting all findings to the Operations Section Chief.