

Resource Type: CASPER Strike Team (Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response*)

Category: Health & Medical (ESF # 8)

Kind: CASPER Strike Team (Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response)

Mission: Conduct community assessments (household surveys) of disaster affected areas for public health response.

Minimum Capabilities:	Type I	Type II	Type III
Overall Function (local area requests expertise)	Full versatile and experienced field team to conduct community (household) surveys in a defined geographical area to rapidly assess public health needs.		
Team Member Subject Area Composition	Skills in field epidemiology, GIS, sampling, interviewing, data entry and analysis. <i>(Positions include Epidemiologists, Research Specialists, Public Health Technicians, Public Health Nurses, Program Specialists, etc.)</i>		
Personnel Standard	The strike team is scalable and flexible depending on local/regional assets, but will generally include between 10 – 20 individuals.		
Equipment and Supplies	CASPER Go – Kit Personal Kit Vehicle Kit Communications Kit		

COMMENTS:

- *Community assessment for public health emergency response (CASPER) team assesses community-level public health needs following a public health emergency/disaster. It involves a set of tools designed to provide valid population-based public health information about communities. It involves interviewing people in sampled households about their public health needs. The assessment helps define the scope and magnitude of specific public health needs. Teams are not deployed until conditions are safe, usually 3 – 7 days after the disaster occurs. Local and regional health officials use the results to identify health and service needs and hazards and target relief efforts to the people who need them most.
- Regarding equipment and supplies, it is determined by number of personnel deployed with team.
- There is only one type of CASPER Team. Variations may exist and/or specialists may be added according to the type of disaster.
- Supplies: All vehicles must be SUVs or passenger vans. All logistical support for personnel will be provided through ESF # 8 Logistics.

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