

Vigilant Guard 2015 Fact Sheet



**Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear
Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP)**

WHAT IT IS

A regional Response Force Package with the capabilities to extract victims from a contaminated environment, perform patient / casualty decontamination, medical triage and treatment, and the recovery of fatalities in support of an incident commander, and civil or military authorities. The CERFP contains a command and control element, a search and extraction element, a decontamination element, a medical element and a fatalities search and recovery team.

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

The CERFP is capable of providing high quality and timely (within 6 hours of initial callout) assets in the form of search and extraction, decontamination, medical stabilization, and command and control.

UNIT COMPOSITION

The search and extraction element is staffed with engineers from the 682nd Engineer Battalion. The decontamination element is staffed by members of the 434th Chemical Company in Northfield and Red Wing. The medical element is staffed by members of the Air National Guard Medical Groups from the 133rd Airlift Wing in St Paul and the Fatality Search and Rescue Team is staffed by members of the 148th Fighter Wing in Duluth. The 84th Troop Command provides the command and control element for the CERFP.

http://www.minnesotanationalguard.org/units/unit_template.php?unit=7MDAA.

LOCATIONS

There is at least one National Guard CERFP in each of the 10 FEMA regions. As of 1 October 2012, there are 17 organized, trained and Fully Operational Capable National Guard CERFPs.

REQUEST PROCEDURE

Requests for the MN CERFP are made through the State Duty Officer to the State Emergency Operations Center and passed to the Minnesota National Guard Joint Operations Center.



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