

General Disaster and Deployment Process for Urban Forest Strike Teams

1. In anticipation of need for disaster response, UFST Advisory Committee notifies state U&CF Coordinators of UFST capabilities:
 - a. Debris Estimation
 - b. Risk Assessment
 - i. FEMA Debris Contracts
2. State U&CF Coordinator functions as community liaison:
 - a. Contact local communities with history of agency cooperation (pre-disaster contacts), or where warranted by scale of the disaster
 - b. Determine appropriateness of deployment
 - i. Coordinate with UFST Advisory Committee or UFS as needed
 - c. Implement “Coordinator Checklist” process
 - i. Disaster area contacts
 - ii. Begin data acquisition (base map); see GIS layers for support document
 - iii. Gets disaster boundaries
3. State Forester and U&CF Coordinator determine need, applicability, and prioritization
4. UFST Reconnaissance initiated (UFST Team Leader Level III)
 - a. Develops response plan (spatial extent, crew resources, timeline)
5. UFST Advisory Committee (or “regional UFST coordinator”)
 - a. Notify Urban Forestry South of intent to deploy crews(s)
 - i. Regional equipment cache
6. “Regional UFST Coordinator” locates Team Leaders and Task Specialists through UFST Advisory Committee (or more formally through ROSS)
 - a. Coordinate with UFS as needed
7. Reporting day & time determined in conjunction with local communities
 - a. Team Leader(s) and U&CF Coordinator report to “Incident Command Center”; This is “day 1” of the response.
 - b. Team Leader “checklists” used as appropriate
 - c. Determine availability of local assistance for crews (i.e. familiarity with community)
8. UFST crews report for on-site training (2 hours) and work assignments
9. Disaster response begins
 - a. Team Leaders work with U&CF Coordinator, GIS Specialist, and UFS
 - i. “Checklist” and “procedures” modifications
 - ii. GIS and map production
 - iii. Community reports
10. Crew debriefing and demobilization
 - a. Record crew time & materials
 - b. GIS Specialist and UFS QC activities