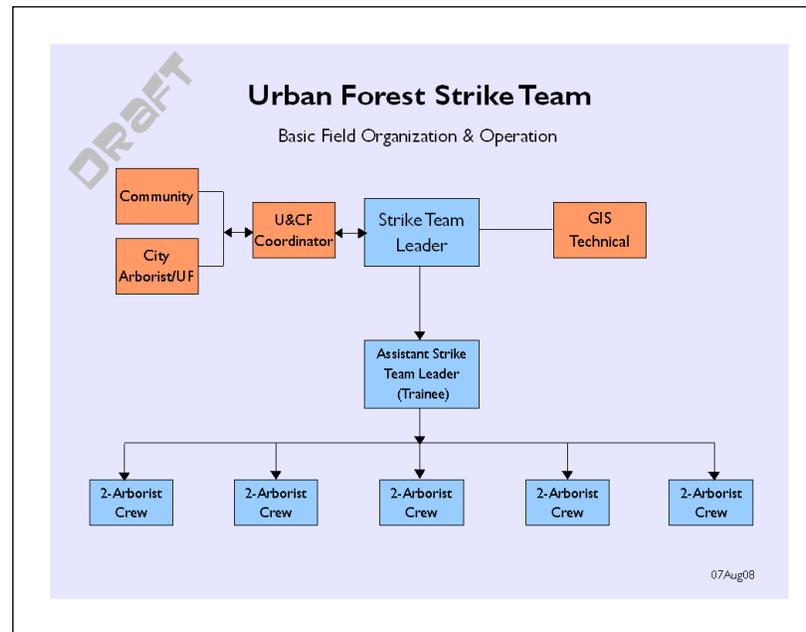


UFST Storm Response Introduction

Urban Forest Strike Team(s) are designed to operate within the Incident Command System (ICS) and therefore much of the organizational structure and function will be dictated by that system. However, the role of the state forestry agency and particularly the state U&CF Coordinator is unique to this ICS specialty and implementation.

Proposed Organizational Chart (Team)¹:



The U&CF Coordinator plays an active role in UFST response in several capacities:

1. Is the first, local (regional) contact with affected communities relative to protection and assessment of urban forest resources.
2. Determines whether UFST mobilization is appropriate for a community.
3. Makes the initial assessment of disaster scale (spatial extent and severity).
4. Communicates that assessment through the State Forester and state Emergency Management to the UFST operational network.
5. Works with UFST Reconnaissance to determine specific resources (type and quantity).

¹ See UFST Glossary for detailed descriptions and explanations of terms used.

6. Works with the community to request needed resources through appropriate channels (FEMA ARF with USDA FS. EMAC, State EM).
7. Directly notifies other state U&CF Coordinators of need & ICS requests.
8. Coordinates with Team Leader(s) when UFST is mobilized.
9. Functions as the UFST community liaison throughout the incident response.

As the state U&CF Coordinator makes these contacts and assessments a "Contact List" should be created for each community where UFSTs will be working. This is critical information that will be used by the State Coordinator, Team Leader, and other support personnel during the response.